1. The Fair Work Commission (FWC) conducts the Annual Wage Review (AWR) to review the National Minimum Wage (NMW) and national system award wages.
2. The Queensland Government submission to the FWC 2018–19 AWR proposes a Queensland Government position that supports an increase of no less than 3.5% to the NMW and a fair and reasonable increase to minimum modern award rates of pay on the basis that this will reward productivity gains and improve the value of real wages and living standards for the low paid. This position is considered to be economically responsible while providing adequate protection for the low paid.
3. Approximately 22.4% of the Queensland workforce are directly reliant on the AWR for their wage outcomes.
4. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government submission to the Fair Work Commission’s Annual Wage Review 2018–19 (AWR) and for the Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations to lodge the submission to the AWR 2018-19.
5. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Government submission to the Fair Work Commission’s Annual Wage Review 2018–19](Attachments/Submission.pdf)