1. The Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements (the RCNNDA) was established on 20 February 2020 in response to the extreme bushfire season of 2019–20 which resulted in loss of life, property and wildlife and environmental destruction.
2. The RCNNDA presented its Report (the Report) to the Australian Governor-General on
28 October 2020, making 80 recommendations.
3. The Report found that there were compelling reasons for State and Territory governments to retain primary responsibility for disaster response. However, because natural disasters are expected to become more complex, unpredictable and difficult to manage and to involve more compounding disasters on a national scale, the Report concluded that Australia needs a national approach to natural disasters.
4. Of the recommendations that are either directed at state and territory governments, or require involvement from state and territory governments, the Queensland Government either ‘supports’ or ‘supports in-principle’ most recommendations.
5. Already, 11 recommendations have been delivered as outlined in the Queensland Government Response.
6. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government Response to the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements and its public release.
7. Cabinet noted the Queensland Government Response be tabled in the Queensland Parliament.
8. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Government Response to the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements](Attachments/QG%20Response.PDF)