1. Decentralisation is an opportunity for benefits including cost reductions, stimulation of urban and economic growth, reductions in traffic congestion and carbon emissions, workforce attraction and retention, and greater capability for disaster recovery.
2. A decentralisation initiative is proposed to be undertaken through a managed release of approximately 85,000m2 from the Brisbane Central Business District (CBD) with three government office precincts to be sought outside of the CBD across four stages.
3. The focus of each of the four stages will be the potential stimulus of urban development, including the creation of a transport precinct to the north, a water-infrastructure precinct to the west, and a health and eco-science precinct to the south.
4. Cabinet approved the implementation of the *Decentralisation Initiative* which will result in up to 85,000m2 of office accommodation being relocated from the CBD, (involving 55,000m2 over the next five years and a further 30,000m2 thereafter) noting this will involve the relocation of approximately 5,600 employees.
5. Cabinet noted that this represents approximately 20% of the State’s office accommodation currently in the CBD being relocated incrementally over a ten year period
6. Cabinet approved the *Decentralisation Initiative* occurring via a 4 stage process involving:
* Stage 1 – up to 20,000m2 to the north, accommodating the Department of Main Roads and Queensland Transport functions by 2011.
* Stage 2 – 15,000m2 to the west (Ipswich) accommodating water entities (such as the Bulk Water Authority) and potentially statutory authorities and other government functions by 2012.
* Stage 3 – 20,000m2 to the south, accommodating components of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Departments of Primary Industries and Fisheries, the Department of Natural Resources and Water, the Department of Mines and Energy and Queensland Health functions by 2013.
* Stage 4 – 30,000m2 of office accommodation to the north and west by 2017.
1. Cabinet noted that Stages 1 and 3 will decentralise office accommodation away from the Brisbane CBD along two transport corridors (with the northern corridor extending to Carseldine and the southern corridor extending to Runcorn).
2. Cabinet noted that the *Decentralisation Initiative* complements the Government’s South East Queensland Regional Plan as well as planned smaller satellite nodes at key locations.
3. *Attachments*
* Nil.