1. The Queensland Government is considering introducing and updating waterway health management provisions including a draft State Planning Policy (SPP) under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.
2. The proposed SPP would apply throughout the State of Queensland.
3. If the draft SPP were to become a State Planning Policy it will influence those land use planning and development decisions that may individually or collectively affect water quality objectives and waterway health.
4. Planning instruments will need to reflect the SPP’s provisions on water quality planning and development assessment. Until that time, the SPP will be applied in assessment of development applications including via development assessment codes. The SPP will therefore need to be applied and considered by State agencies, local government, and developers.
5. The feedback provided on the draft SPP will be used to inform the final instrument.
6. Cabinet endorsed the draft SPP Healthy Waters for public consultation via the Department of Environment and Resource Management and Department of Infrastructure and Planning web sites.
7. *Attachments*
* [Draft State Planning Policy Healthy Waters](Attachments/draft%20SPP%20Healthy%20Waters.docx)
* [Notice of a proposed State Planning Policy – call for submissions](Attachments/pub%20release%20draft%20SPP%20Healthy%20Waters%20guideline%2010sept09.docx)