1. Cabinet considered a suite of proposed reforms to policy governing the management and use of the stock route network in Queensland. The proposed reforms are based on recommendations developed by a panel of stock route network managers and users, with further input from the public, including conservation groups.
2. The proposed reforms are aimed at ensuring the stock route network continues to provide an alternative livestock transport network, as well as ensuring the network’s inherent biodiversity, cultural heritage and recreation values are protected. The reforms aim to achieve this by establishing a user-pays system with a focus on ensuring all uses of the network are captured, managed sustainably and charged according to the level of benefit gained. The policy reforms were released for public consultation in July 2008. The majority of submissions received by the Department of Environment and Resource Management showed there is majority support for the reforms.
3. Cabinet noted the release by the Department of Environment and Resource Management of a Regulatory Impact Statement.
4. *Attachments*
* [Regulatory Impact Statement – Stock Route Network Management Bill](Attachments/RIS.docx)