1. In July 2008 the Minister released the *Strategic Directions for Cooloola* Paper which outlined the Government's long-term vision to protect the Cooloola coast region’s unique ecosystem while maintaining public access to one of Queensland’s most popular recreation areas.
2. Among other things, the Strategic Directions Paper proposed an amendment to the Recreation Areas Management Regulation 2007 to create the Cooloola Recreation Area.
3. The Regulatory Impact Statement explores the options available for managing the Cooloola area including requirements for and costs of Vehicle Access Permits.  Revenue from the fees will be applied to managing visitor impacts, funding necessary visitor facilities, such as barbeques, showers, toilets and campgrounds and planning for foreseeable increases in visitor numbers.
4. Feedback from the public consultation of the Regulatory Impact Statement will be taken into consideration before a final management approach is decided.
5. Cooloola is being proposed as an extension to the existing Fraser Island World Heritage property. If consultation proceeds on the Cooloola Recreation Area proposal, in the near future, consultation on the proposed World Heritage nomination could occur at a time deemed appropriate by the Premier.
6. Cabinet endorsed the release of a Regulatory Impact Statement to declare Cooloola a recreation area and endorsed the consultation of the world heritage nomination process for the Cooloola Section of the Great Sandy National Park.
7. *Attachments*

* [Regulatory Impact Statement to amend the Recreation Areas Management Regulation 2007 and declare Cooloola a Recreation Area](Attachments/Reg%20Impact%20Statement%20for%20Cooloola-090720.pdf)
* [Strategic Directions for Cooloola Paper](Attachments/Strategic%20Directions%20for%20Cooloola_080717.pdf)