1. Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) Regional Director Mr Jim Davidson briefed Cabinet on the Queensland summer weather forecast.
2. Mr Davidson said that Queensland could experience up to six cyclones over summer and well above average rainfalls.
3. Mr Davidson said that historically Queensland could expect an average of four cyclones a season in the Coral Sea. While the number could be potentially higher, the number of cyclones actually making landfall can be quite variable from season to season.
4. Mr Davidson said the prediction came because the state was in a La Nina climate phase - which he expects will remain the dominating influence through the spring and summer months – and which are usually associated with above normal rainfall across much of Queensland and enhanced tropical cyclone activity in the Coral Sea.
5. Cabinet noted the information provided by Mr Jim Davidson from the Bureau of Meteorology.
6. *Attachments*
* [Powerpoint Presentation to Cabinet](Attachments/premier%20-cabinet-briefing.ppt).