1. The Government is committed to providing increased ecotourism opportunities in national parks, an objective clearly articulated in the *Queensland Ecotourism Plan 2013-2020* and *Destination Success – The 20-year plan for Queensland tourism*.
2. The Queensland Eco and Sustainable Tourism (QuEST) policy enables the full commercial opportunity to be available in protected areas. QuEST is being implemented in a staged approach.
3. Cabinet approved two amendments to the Queensland Eco and Sustainable Tourism (QuEST) policy:
	* exempting existing authorised operators currently conducting commercial activities in QuEST areas from the first capacity review, scheduled to occur five years from the date of commencement of their long term commercial activity agreement in recognition of their historical investment in developing the tourism market in that particular location; and
	* allowing the chief executive to approve subcontracting of commercial activities on protected areas by accommodation and other ecotourism facility operators located on and directly adjacent to national parks and other protected areas in recognition that subcontracting services in surrounding protected areas will be essential for ecotourism facility providers.
4. *Attachments*
	* [Updated QuEST Information Booklet](Attachments/updated-booklet.pdf)