1. The Queensland Government is working to progress implementation of the Great Barrier Reef Water Science Taskforce (the Taskforce) recommendations to improve catchment water quality, which affects the health of the Great Barrier Reef.
2. The Queensland Government accepted all of the Taskforce’s recommendations in principle in August 2016. This included ‘to implement staged regulations to reduce water pollution throughout the Reef regions’ as part of a mix of tools and approaches, noting that further consultation was needed.
3. Cabinet endorsed the proposed regulatory options to accelerate the improvement of water quality from Reef catchments, including:
   1. Setting catchment pollution load limits for nutrient and sediment pollution for the 35 Reef catchments and linking the load limits to both administrative and legislative decision making frameworks to trigger additional mitigation requirements for high risk activities.
   2. Managing additional and cumulative water quality impacts from intensification and expansion of agricultural, urban and industrial industries through the introduction of water quality offsets.
   3. Establishing minimum standards across all agricultural industries to address sediment and nutrient pollution, including mandatory collection of data.
   4. Improving existing minimum regulated standards and compliance capacity for urban, stormwater and point sources over time.
4. *Attachments*

* Nil.