1. The Gasfields Commission, an independent statutory body, was established to manage and improve sustainable coexistence between rural landholders, regional communities and the onshore gas industry. The Commission was formally established on 1 July 2013, at a time of rapid development of the coal seam gas to liquefied natural gas industry.
2. In March 2016, the Queensland Government commissioned an independent review into the Gasfields Commission to determine whether the current model works effectively to manage disputes between resource companies and landholders. The report was finalised by the reviewer in July 2016. The report made 18 recommendations.
3. The majority of the recommendations in relation to the structure and operation of the Gasfields Commission were supported or supported in principle.
4. The majority of the recommendations in relation to dispute resolution have been supported or supported in principle. Targeted stakeholder consultation will be undertaken to identify any unforeseen issues or alternative models to efficiently achieve the objective of the recommendation.
5. Cabinet approved the public release of the report on the Independent Review of the Gasfields Commission Queensland and Associated Matters.
6. Cabinet approved the government response to the report.
7. *Attachments*
* [Report on the Independent Review of the Gasfields Commission Queensland and Associated Matters](Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Government response to the report on the Independent Review of the Gasfields Commission Queensland and Associated Matters](Attachments/Response.PDF)