1. QANTAS reported that on Monday 10 April 2017 at around 9pm, 22,000 litres of firefighting foam were released from a failed deluge system within an airport hangar at Brisbane Airport. Between 66% and 75% of the released foam was captured within the concrete bunded system within the hangar. However, the remainder of the released foam escaped and entered the drain system that feeds to several airport pump stations and the sewer.
2. Foam and dead fish were identified in an airport stormwater channel that flows to Boggy Creek and then the Brisbane River.
3. The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection worked closely with Queensland Health, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, and SafeFood Production Queensland to communicate to the public and commercial and recreational fishers about the spill and the recommendation to avoid fishing in the area.
4. Cabinet noted that the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection was conducting a joint investigation with the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development into a spill of firefighting foam containing per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) chemicals, including perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), which occurred on 10 April 2017 at the Brisbane Airport.
5. *Attachments*
* Nil.