1. Tropical Cyclone Debbie (TC Debbie) reached Category 4 severity and crossed the Queensland Coast at Hamilton Island and Airlie Beach on Tuesday 28 March 2017. After being downgraded to a tropical low, the weather system continued to deliver significant rainfall and destructive winds across South Queensland through Wednesday 29 March and Thursday 30 March 2017. Flooding higher than the levels experienced in 1974 occurred for Rockhampton and the Logan area.
2. In April 2017, the Inspector-General of Emergency Management was asked to review the effectiveness of disaster management arrangements regarding TC Debbie. The Office of the Inspector-General to work closely with a wide range of disaster management agencies including Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Queensland Police Service, local and district disaster management groups, councils and the Local Government Association of Queensland to ensure the review was thorough and comprehensive.
3. The review has 18 recommendations incorporating themes such as the need to provide timely and contextualised information, consistent and understandable public messaging and the continued need for addressing information sharing in disasters and how systems worked together.
4. Cabinet noted the review undertaken by the Inspector-General of Emergency Management on Tropical Cyclone Debbie response.
5. Cabinet accepted the recommendations in the review.
6. Cabinet approved the whole of government action plan to implement the recommendations made in the Review.
7. Cabinet approved the release of the review and whole of government action plan.
8. *Attachments*
* [Review by the Inspector-General of Emergency Management on Tropical Cyclone Debbie response](Attachments/Review.PDF)
* [Whole of government action plan](Attachments/Plan.PDF)