1. The economy of the Toowoomba region is dominated by: health care and social assistance; education and training, retail trade; agriculture, forestry and fishing and construction sectors.
2. To support regional economic growth, the Government is leading or helping facilitate progress on projects that include key transport and infrastructure upgrades, school and hospital upgrades, and initiatives aimed at increasing jobs, growth, revenue and environmental outcomes.
3. The 2017-18 State Budget includes a number of significant economic stimulus and job creation initiatives that will directly support up to 4300 jobs in the wider Darling Downs region, including a focus on supporting young people into training and employment. This includes $917.9 million for infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support about 3700 jobs, $903.4 million for the Darling Downs and South West Hospital and Health Services, and $27.9 million for maintenance and capital works projects for schools in the Darling Downs.
4. Cabinet noted an update on economic conditions and key achievements in the Toowoomba region.
5. *Attachments*
* Nil.