1. In July 2016, the Queensland Government appointed the Koala Expert Panel to provide recommendations to Government on the most appropriate and realistic actions to address the decline in koala population densities in South East Queensland.
2. The Panel has presented its final report, including recommendations, to Government.
3. The Queensland Government response to the Koala Expert Panel’s final report accepts all six of its recommendations. Actions that were identified by the Panel to support their recommendations are supported either fully or in-principle.
4. Key steps within the Government response include:
* developing options for enhancing and strengthening existing investment in koala management and planning to align with the Panel’s recommendations;
* appointing a Koala Advisory Council that includes representatives from relevant state and local governments, community, NGOs and industry; and
* developing a SEQ Koala Conservation Strategy which establishes targets for koala conservation, maps a network of priority areas for conservation efforts and details actions and a monitoring program that measures progress against targets.
1. Cabinet approved the public release of the Queensland Koala Expert Panel’s report titled *Queensland Koala Expert Panel: A new direction for the conservation of koalas in Queensland.*
2. Cabinet approved the public release of the *Queensland Government Response to the Queensland Koala Expert Panel: A new direction for the conservation of koalas in Queensland.*
3. Cabinet approved commencement of development of a revised South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy.
4. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Koala Expert Panel: A new direction for the conservation of koalas in Queensland](Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Queensland Government Koala Conservation Response](Attachments/Response.PDF)