1. The economy of the Toowoomba region is supported by health, social, education services, and agricultural resources. The region is currently drought declared which is placing strain on the region’s primary producers and flow on businesses.
2. Since the current drought started in 2013, successive Queensland governments have provided over $670 million in statewide support, including $34.6 million in further support in 2018–19 for the wider Darling Downs region.
3. To support regional economic, social, and environmental outcomes across the Toowoomba region, the Queensland Government is leading or helping facilitate progress on projects that include critical upgrades to transport, infrastructure, schools, health and fire services, and initiatives aimed at improving jobs, growth, and the health of the environment.
4. The Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative is supporting the Toowoomba region, where $9.56 million has been invested to assist 1666 people since 2015.
5. The 2018-19 State Budget Regional Action Plan for the Darling Downs region details the Queensland Government’s commitment to restoring frontline services, showing that, in the three years to March 2018, 302 extra nurses, 68 extra doctors, 183 extra teachers, and 64 extra teacher aides have been employed.
6. Cabinet noted an update on economic conditions and key achievements in the Toowoomba region.
7. *Attachments*
* Nil.