1. The North Queensland region includes the Burdekin, Charters Towers, Hinchinbrook, Palm Island and Townsville local government areas.
2. The North Queensland region is expected to face a number of challenges over the next 25 years. These include an ageing population, increasing urbanisation, and structural changes in the regional economy moving away from traditional strengths to a more knowledge-based economy.
3. The draft North Queensland Regional Plan provides a response to these challenges and will help position the region to capitalise on new economic opportunities.
4. The plan provides the North Queensland community with the opportunity to set a vision for the future that is reflective of their aspirations for lifestyle and economic growth.
5. The draft North Queensland Regional Plan has been prepared under the *Planning Act 2016* and with regard to the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014*.
6. Cabinet endorsed the draft North Queensland Regional Plan.
7. Cabinet endorsed the release of the draft North Queensland Regional Plan.
8. *Attachments*
   * [Draft North Queensland Regional Plan 2019](Attachments/DftPlan.PDF)