1. The Community Regional Forums provide a voice to government for regional and rural communities to enhance the economic development and sustainability of regions. The Forums have focused on building a strong business sector, increasing employment opportunities and supporting emerging industries. The Forums ensure that strategic government initiatives focus on needs and priorities of regional Queensland.
2. The first round of Forums was held across rural and regional Queensland on 28 October 2019. From the discussions at the first round, seven common themes emerged and were shaped into seven Strategic Priority Areas:
* Skills and Training
* Support for small businesses
* Emerging Industries
* Connected access to services
* Drought and water security
* Tourism and Indigenous tourism
* Promoting a positive narrative for regions
1. The second round was held on 24 February 2020 and the third round was held virtually between 22 and 29 June 2020.
2. The fourth and final round of forums in the series was conducted in person in regional locations on 3 August 2020. Highlights of government investment and local actions in the region that addressed the Strategic Priority Areas were showcased.
3. Cabinet noted the summaries from the fourth round of Regional Community Forums held on 3 August 2020.
4. *Attachments*
* Nil