1. The Torres Strait is a unique and sacred part of our State, and Thursday Island is one of 18 inhabited islands in the Torres Strait Island region in the State Electorate of Cook. Thursday Island, traditionally known as “Waiben”, is the land of the Kaurareg Aboriginal people.
2. Thursday Island acts as the administrative hub for the Torres Strait Islands, with state and federal government agencies being the main employment providers in the region. Latest data indicates the main employment industries for Thursday Island residents are healthcare and social assistance (23.3 per cent), public administration and safety (19.3 per cent) and education and training (14.9 per cent).
3. The Queensland Government engages closely with the Torres Shire Council, Torres Strait Island Regional Council, and Torres Strait Regional Authority to deliver key frontline services and support local communities on Thursday Island and across the Torres Strait region.
4. The Queensland Government is supporting Thursday Island through a range of initiatives to deliver good jobs, better services, and protect the Queensland lifestyle, including through: infrastructure and planning projects to support economic growth and job creation in the region; investment in education and health infrastructure; investment in coastal defences and support to embed climate risks in coastal hazard adaptation planning; and engagement with local government and community stakeholders.
5. In August 2022, the Queensland Government affirmed its commitment to Path to Treaty when the Premier and Minister for the Olympics signed the Statement of Commitment with First Nations leaders. The Queensland Government is committed to engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across the State as progress continues towards a shared goal of equality for all Queenslanders.
6. Cabinet noted the update on Queensland Government core achievements in the Thursday Island region.
7. *Attachments:*
	* Nil.