1. Rapid expansion of the mining industry in the Bowen Basin and associated population growth has had significant impact on local communities in the area as well as the coastal communities of Mackay, Rockhampton and Gladstone. Key issues emerging from this rapid growth include the need for better communication and coordination between local governments and the State Government and pressure on community infrastructure such as housing, health and roads.
2. The Sustainable Resource Communities Policy brings together a range of initiatives around the core themes of:
* Strengthening the State Government’s coordination role.
* Improving links between social impact assessments, undertaken as part of existing Environmental Impact Assessments, and strategic regional planning.
* Developing partnerships with governments, industry and community.
* Improving the regulatory environment for social impact assessments.
1. Cabinet approved the release of the Sustainable Resource Communities policy.
2. *Attachments*
* [Sustainable Resource Communities Policy](Attachments/sustainable%20resource%20communities.pdf)