1. The formation of the Queensland Climate Change Centre of Excellence (the Centre) brought together climate science and policy functions from the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Natural Resources and Water.
2. The Centre is today an integral part of the Office of Climate Change within the portfolio of Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation. The Centre provides the scientific evidence base and information on climate variability and climate change to support the policy functions of the Office of Climate Change.
3. The Centre carries out scientific research under four themes:
* Climate systems research;
* Climate change impacts and applications;
* Information and knowledge systems; and
* Special projects.
1. The first three themes address science predictability and climate change, namely:
* Increasing our knowledge of how and why Queensland’s climate is changing (climate systems research);
* Applying science to understand how climate change will affect the natural resources and the environment upon which human life and prosperity depend, in order to manage the risks to human systems from climate variability and climate change (climate change impacts and applications); and
* Packaging and making accessible science-based tools to help end-users understand and respond to climate change and its associated risks (information and knowledge systems).
1. The fourth theme undertakes special projects and new climate change science research in response to emerging trends.
2. The report *Queensland Climate Change Centre of Excellence Key Projects and Achievements: March 2007 - June 2008* details the key projects and achievements of the Centre from March 2007 to June 2008.
3. Cabinet noted the key projects and achievements of the Queensland Climate Change Centre of Excellence from March 2007 to June 2008.
4. *Attachments*
* *[Queensland Climate Change Centre of Excellence Key Projects and Achievements: March 2007 - June 2008](Attachments/3164_QCCCE_achievements_WEB.pdf)*