1. The Mary Basin Resource Operations Plan (the ROP) is a key tool guiding the allocation and management of water in the Mary Basin. The ROP will implement the *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Plan 2006* (the water resource plan) by specifying such things as the process for making additional water available for use and operating rules, including environmental release rules, for existing water infrastructure such as dams. The ROP will also make trading of water entitlements possible.
2. In summary the ROP will implement the water resource plan by:
* specifying operating rules and management arrangements for water supply schemes and other water infrastructure in the plan area;
* defining the processes for dealing with unallocated water held in the Town Water Supply Reserve;
* converting some 530 existing water entitlements into tradable water allocations, separate from land title;
* converting historical ‘Order in Council’ authorisations relating to existing urban water infrastructure dams in the Sunshine Coast area, to water licences;
* defining the processes for dealing with water licence applications;
* specifying rules for the trading of water allocations;
* specifying monitoring and reporting arrangements for the state and for water infrastructure operators; and
* identifying triggers and processes for contemplated ROP amendments.
1. Cabinet noted the release of the Mary Basin Draft Resource Operations Plan for public consultation.
2. *Attachments*
* [Mary Basin Draft Resource Operations Plan](Attachments/mary_draft_rop%5B1%5D.pdf)