1. Queensland has some unique ecosystems that support a range of species, almost half of which are found nowhere else in the world. Hosting such a wealth of natural diversity creates a responsibility to conserve this natural heritage for the sake of generations to come.
2. Queensland’s biodiversity also helps to support the state’s economy with tourism, commercial fishing and a range of recreational activities dependent on having a healthy natural environment.
3. Queensland’s Draft Biodiversity Strategy has been prepared that establishes policy directions for conserving the state’s biodiversity, and covers the marine, freshwater and terrestrial environments. It makes biodiversity the central focus of the state’s conservation efforts, and fulfils the requirement of section 5 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* for an integrated and comprehensive conservation strategy for the whole of the state.
4. The draft Strategy — Building Nature’s Resilience: A draft Biodiversity Strategy for Queensland — is focused on conserving biodiversity through a whole-of-landscape approach. The concept of ecological resilience — the ability of a species or ecosystem to recover from the impacts of stressors and threats like climate change — is central to this theme. The draft Strategy builds on established condition and trend science, and on the solid framework contained in existing programs, legislation and policies.
5. Cabinet approved the release of the Queensland’s Draft Biodiversity Strategy for public consultation.
6. *Attachments*
* [Queensland’s Draft Biodiversity Strategy](Attachments/biostrategy%5B1%5D.pdf)