1. The Surat Basin is one of Australia’s largest and relatively untouched energy resource areas covering approximately 109,640 square kilometres and includes the Local Government areas of Maranoa, Toowoomba, and the Western Downs regional Councils.
2. While the area has a strong and traditional agricultural foundation and has attracted investment toward the energy resource sector at various times over the last century, projections indicate the Surat Basin will encounter unprecedented resource sector growth leading to major changes in demands on the region’s infrastructure and services.
3. The Draft Surat Basin Regional Planning Framework is a non-statutory planning instrument that will be used to inform the review and preparation of existing and future statutory regional plans and planning policy, as well as the assessment of Environmental Impact Statements for major projects, the development of a state-wide infrastructure plan, and associated responses within the Surat Basin.
4. Cabinet approved the release of the Draft Surat Basin Regional Planning Framework and Settlement Pattern for consultation.
5. Attachments

* [Draft Surat Basin Regional Planning Framework and Settlement Pattern](Attachments/draft-planning-framework%5b1%5d.pdf)