1. Quad bikes pose a significant safety issue for the Queensland community as they are associated with a growing number of injuries and fatalities in both work and recreational settings. This requires a whole of government approach with a suite of solutions to improve safety outcomes.
2. The Government has committed to improving quad bike safety through a whole of government approach and developed a three year State-wide plan for improving quad bike safety in Queensland (the State-wide plan). The aim of the State-wide plan is to create a better awareness of the risks of using quad bikes and implement initiatives to mitigate these risks. In particular, the plan focuses on the following key priorities:
* community education and awareness;
* improving quad bike operator skills and safety; and
* government leadership in promoting quad bike safety.
1. Quad bike safety has also been considered by Queensland’s Deputy State Coroner. Findings of inquest into nine quad bike-related deaths were released in August 2015 by the Coroner. The findings, among other things, recommend:
* mandating training, helmets, age restrictions for children and passenger prohibitions; and
* launching an ongoing public awareness campaign regarding the importance of training, wearing helmets, dangers of allowing children to ride adult-sized vehicles and only carrying passengers on quad bikes that are designed to do so.
1. Development of the State-wide plan was informed by the Coroner’s findings. Annual progress reports against the State-wide plan will be made publicly available.
2. Cabinet approved the public release of the *State-wide Plan for Improving Quad Bike Safety in Queensland 2016-2019*.
3. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government response to the coronial recommendations regarding quad bike safety.
4. Cabinet noted that annual progress reports against the *State-wide Plan for Improving Quad Bike Safety 2016-2019* would be made publicly available.
5. *Attachments*
* [*State-wide Plan for Improving Quad Bike Safety in Queensland 2016-2019*](Attachments/Plan.PDF)
* [Queensland Government response to findings of inquest into nine deaths caused by quad bike accidents](Attachments/Response.PDF)