1. The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (the RNA) promotes and encourages the development of Queensland’s agricultural, industrial, manufacturing and cultural resources.
2. The primary production sector (including agriculture, fisheries and forestry) contributes significantly to the Queensland economy. For 2016-17, the total value of Queensland’s primary industry commodities is forecast to be $19.95 billion, which is 20% greater than the average for the past five years.
3. To improve agricultural productivity and foster more prosperous communities, the Government will continue to deliver key services, promote trade, collaborate with stakeholders, manage the risks of pests and diseases, develop innovative technologies, and support the growth of the Queensland food and fibre sector.
4. The Queensland Government has been represented at the Ekka annually for the past 46 years with the various forms of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries supporting the Ekka since 1887. The Queensland Government display at the Ekka for 2017 will build on the successes of the Advance Queensland theme from 2016, showcasing how innovation has shaped Queenslanders’ lives over the last 140 years and how it will guide their future.
5. The $2.9 billion 15‑year Brisbane Showgrounds Regeneration Project is one of the largest mixed use urban regeneration projects in Australia. Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) continues to review the development scheme for the Bowen Hills Priority Development Area, which is the overarching planning document for the area, and has commenced Stage 2 – Planning Options Analysis, which involves reporting back to the community on issues raised during earlier consultation.
6. Cabinet noted information regarding agriculture sector issues and Ekka precinct redevelopment.
7. *Attachments*
* Nil.