1. The Reef 2050 Plan commits the Queensland and Australian Governments to achieving at least a 50 per cent reduction in nitrogen in priority areas by 2018, up to an 80 per cent reduction in nitrogen runoff by 2025, and at least a 20 per cent sediment reduction in priority areas by 2018, up to a 50 per cent reduction in sediment runoff from key reef catchments by 2025.
2. In its 2016 report, the Great Barrier Reef Water Science Taskforce recommended that the government implement staged regulations throughout the Reef regions as part of a mix of tools to meet Queensland’s Reef water quality targets.
3. The government proposes to improve the existing reef protection regulations. The Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) assesses the costs and benefits of implementing a Great Barrier Reef protection regulation package under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* to reduce nutrient and sediment pollution across the reef region.
4. Cabinet approved the release of the Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement for public consultation.
5. *Attachments*
* [Broadening and enhancing reef protection regulations - Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement](Attachments/RIS.PDF)