1. In March 2016, the Queensland Government released the State Infrastructure Plan (SIP) and committed to an infrastructure reform agenda. As part of the implementation of the SIP, the Department of Energy and Water Supply developed the Queensland Bulk Water Opportunities Statement (QBWOS) as a state strategic infrastructure document (referenced in the SIP as the Queensland Future Water Security Strategy).
2. The QBWOS provides a framework that will help achieve a better balance between using what we already have and committing to new projects. It will be used to support government decision-making, to assist regional planners and to inform industry and other stakeholders about water supply across the state.
3. The QBWOS sets out the Queensland Government’s objectives for bulk water supply and principles to guide State Government investment decisions. It also details initiatives to improve the functioning of water markets, unlock latent system capacity, and streamline and improve the assessment of infrastructure proposals.
4. The QBWOS is intended to be an active document. Submissions on the QBWOS will be sought annually and the document updated to reflect changing water security priorities, progress with initiatives, new knowledge and community feedback.
5. Cabinet approved the release of the Queensland Bulk Water Opportunities Statement and associated online products.
6. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Bulk Water Opportunities Statement](Attachments/statement.PDF)