1. The community services industry is experiencing significant changes that require new ways of doing business, new approaches to designing, financing and providing services, and a strong workforce with the diverse range of jobs and skills needed to deliver these innovations.
2. The Queensland Government has made it a priority to work with stakeholders to rebuild Queensland’s community services sector through consultation with organisations such as the Community Services Industry Alliance (CSIA) and the service providers it represents and to grow workforce and industry capacity and capability.
3. *Partnering for the future: Advancing Queensland’s community services industry 2017-25* (Strategy) provides a timely opportunity to partner with the community services industry to champion a future-focused strategy that will enable system-wide transformative changes, and position the industry for long-term success in order to positively impact the future of Queenslanders experiencing vulnerabilities, the industry and the economy.
4. A staged approach is being used to implement the Strategy. Based on consultation, industry and government have together considered a focused and defined set of actions for the *Action plan 2017-18*. These actions are clustered against the four key focus areas of the Strategy.
5. Cabinet approved the public release of *Partnering for the future: Advancing Queensland’s community services industry 2017-25* and the *Action plan 2017-18*.
6. *Attachments*

* [*Partnering for the future: Advancing Queensland’s community services industry 2017-25*](Attachments/Strategy.PDF)
* [*Action plan 2017-18*](Attachments/Plan.PDF)