1. The North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough, 25 January to 14 February 2019 (the monsoon trough) was a disaster of national significance causing catastrophic damage and losses to communities across North, Far North and North West Queensland.
2. Thirty-nine local government areas (LGAs) have been activated for joint Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) assistance under categories A, B, C and D. The area covered by the impacted LGAs represents over 56 per cent of Queensland’s land mass.
3. The North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough – State Recovery Plan 2019–2021 (the recovery plan) recognises the five functional lines of disaster recovery: human and social, building, roads and transport, economic and environment. Extensive consultation to develop the recovery plan has been undertaken with state agencies, functional recovery groups (FRGs), and local government representatives, which will continue throughout the delivery of recovery activities.
4. The recovery plan will support communities affected by the impacts of the monsoon trough, providing them with the framework to recover from its devastation, restore essential infrastructure and functionality, learn from experience and adapt to their current circumstances along their recovery journey.
5. The recovery plan outlines delivery of all FRG recovery activities, including those that will be delivered under the approved $242 million DRFA exceptional circumstances package that will be equally funded (50:50) by the Queensland Government and the Australian Government.
6. Cabinet endorsed the public release of the North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough – State Recovery Plan 2019–2021.
7. Cabinet noted that extensive consultation to develop the recovery plan had been undertaken with state agencies, functional recovery groups, and local government representatives, and that engagement and collaboration would continue throughout the delivery of recovery activities.
8. *Attachments*
* [North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough – State Recovery Plan 2019–2021](Attachments/Plan.PDF)