1. Small businesses operate across a diverse range of Queensland industries, including construction, agriculture and tourism. They are fundamental to supporting the economic prosperity of Queensland’s regions; providing access to goods and services, local employment opportunities and strengthening the social fabric of local communities.
2. In 2016, the Advancing Small Business Queensland Strategy 2016-2020 (ASBQ Strategy) was released by the Queensland Government with the objective of creating an environment for Queensland small businesses to start, grow and employ.
3. The *Queensland Small Business Strategy* (QSB Strategy) Discussion Paper invites feedback from small business and stakeholders to inform a new small business strategy for Queensland which will support them to be strong and resilient to drive economic and employment growth across Queensland.
4. The QSB Strategy Discussion Paper identifies key focus areas to address the challenges small businesses face to remain sustainable, build their capabilities, pursue new opportunities and grow their workforce.
5. Consultation on the QSB Strategy Discussion Paper will inform the development of a future small business strategy that supports small businesses to be ready to employ, invest and prosper.
6. Cabinet approved the *Queensland Small Business Strategy* Discussion Paper for release.
7. *Attachments*
	* [*Queensland Small Business Strategy* Discussion Paper](Attachments/Paper.PDF)