1. Traditionally, the bushfire season in Queensland commences in the north of the State in August and concludes in December of each year, dependent on seasonal conditions. A number of factors can influence the length and severity of the bushfire season including the timing and nature of the previous wet season and the current climate outlook.
2. The 2019 bushfire season officially commenced on 1 August 2019. Overall, it is anticipated that Queensland will experience above average bushfire conditions.
3. To prepare for the bushfire season, Operation Cool Burn, which runs from April to August each year, focusses on mitigation activities to reduce bushfire risks and their potential impact, enhances engagement with government agencies, local councils and other stakeholders across the state, and promotes community education to prepare households for the season.
4. Cabinet noted the 2019 bushfire season update and preparation and mitigation activities.
5. *Attachments*
* Nil.