1. The Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) report, tabled in Parliament on 23 May 2008, makes five recommendations in response to two questions: “What was the impact of the introduction of the new public nuisance offence?” and “Are Queensland’s public nuisance offences being used properly, fairly and effectively?”.
2. In general the CMC found that historical trends continued after the introduction of the new offence in 2003, that is, the new offence did not appear to have a significant impact on offending or police action or court orders.
3. Marginalised groups, specifically Indigenous and young people, continued to be over-represented, but to no greater degree than prior to the new offence.
4. It is proposed that the Government support in principle all recommendations of the report.
5. With respect to Recommendation 4, that the existing infringement notice scheme be extended to include the public nuisance offence, a 12-month trial will start in 2009 in the Townsville and South Brisbane police districts.
6. Cabinet endorsed the proposed Government response to the Crime and Misconduct Commission’s (CMC) report *Policing Public Order: A review of the public nuisance offence*.
7. *Attachments*
* [Crime and Misconduct Commission report *Policing Public Order: A review of the public nuisance offence*](attachments/36703001211161906459.pdf)