1. The Smart State Council was established in 2005 as a high-level advisory body to the Queensland Government on Smart State issues and trends. The Council is chaired by the Premier and includes Ministerial representation along with a Standing Committee comprising high level representatives from industry, academia and community sectors. Since the release of *Toward Q2: Tomorrow’s Queensland* in September 2008, the Council’s role has been expanded to explore and advise the Government on opportunities and challenges to achieving the Q2 ambitions and targets.
2. The Smart State Council Standing Committee prepares reports and provides recommendations for the Government’s consideration and response.
3. At the Smart State Council meeting on 18 November 2008, the Smart State Council Standing Committee tabled its sixth set of reports and associated recommendations for the Government’s consideration and response as follows:
* *Queenslanders tackling chronic disease: becoming Australia’s healthiest State* – which provides a number of recommendations for the Government to address chronic disease and progress the Q2 ambition to make Queenslanders Australia’s healthiest people. The report and recommendations are split into six broad themes: increasing investment in prevention; providing leadership and coordination on chronic disease; encouraging healthy choices; mapping Queensland communities’ health and wellbeing, prioritising vulnerable population groups and encouraging early detection of chronic disease.
* *Attracting investment into Queensland’s knowledge-intensive industries* – recommends Queensland's investment attraction efforts be reviewed to; ensure a focus on industry sectors or sub-sectors in areas of competitive advantage that align with the needs of investors. The report also includes recommendations to promote co-investment between business angels and venture capitalists, address the shortage of venture capital professionals and establish an informal network of industry leaders that are willing to act as ambassadors for Queensland internationally and facilitate any investment attraction activities where appropriate.
1. Cabinet endorsed the Government response to the Smart State Council’s sixth set of reports and recommendations for tabling at the next scheduled Smart State Council meeting on 29 September 2009.
2. *Attachments*
* [Smart State Council Report “Queenslanders tackling chronic disease: becoming Australia's healthiest state”](Attachments/Queenslanders%20tackling%20chronic%20disease.pdf)
* [Smart State Council Report “Attracting investment into Queensland's knowledge-intensive industries”](Attachments/investment_attraction.pdf)
* [Government Response to “Queenslanders tackling chronic disease: becoming Australia's healthiest state”](Attachments/Govt%20Response%20-%20Chronic%20Disease.pdf)
* [Government Response to “Attracting investment into Queensland's knowledge-intensive industries”](Attachments/Govt%20Response%20-%20Investment%20Attraction.pdf)