1. The Queensland Government is considering preparing a statutory regional plan for the Mackay, Hinterland and Whitsunday (WHAM) region under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* (IPA).
2. If a statutory regional plan was to be developed for the WHAM region, it will give the State power to guide the development of planning schemes and assess major developments under the IPA.
3. A statutory regional plan for the WHAM region would be completed in late 2011, or early 2012, and would provide a planning horizon to 2031.
4. As part of the development of the statutory regional plan, there will be community and Government consultation.
5. Cabinet endorsed the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning’s declaration to prepare a statutory regional plan for the Whitsunday, Hinterland and Mackay (WHAM) region.
6. *Attachments*

* Nil.