1. Queensland is regarded as the state most at risk from the impacts of unmitigated climate change.
2. Where ‘mitigation’ policy focuses on minimising the risk of dangerous climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, ‘adaptation’ policy involves preparing human and natural systems for the impacts of climate change which cannot be avoided.
3. In 2007, the Government released the *ClimateSmart Adaptation 2007-12* strategy which outlined a climate science and adaptation policy work program covering 62 actions.
4. As *ClimateSmart Adaptation* nears full implementation, the Queensland Government is updating the current strategy to also reflect lessons learned from recent disasters and address emerging adaptation priorities.
5. The Premier and Minister for Reconstruction announced in April 2011 that an adaptation Issues Paper would be released for broad public consultation later in the year.
6. The Issues Paper will explain what adaptation action the government has already taken, and outlines the rationale for further work across seven priority sectors: *Human Settlements* (covering land use planning)*, Infrastructure, Ecosystems, Water Management, Primary Industries, Emergency Management, and Health*.
7. Community and stakeholder feedback on the Issues Paper will be used to inform a detailed assessment of existing and potential measures for inclusion in the revised strategy.
8. In June 2011 the Commonwealth Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities and Commonwealth Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency asked the House Standing Committee on Climate Change, Environment and the Arts to inquire into and report on Australia's biodiversity in a changing climate.
9. Cabinet approved the release of the *Climate Change: Adaptation for Queensland* Issues Paper for public consultation.
10. Cabinet noted the Queensland Government submission to the House of Representatives Inquiry into Australia’s biodiversity in a changing climate.
11. Attachments
* [*Climate Change*: Adaptation for Queensland Issues Paper](Attachments/issues-paper%5B1%5D.pdf)
* [Queensland Government submission to the House of Representatives Inquiry into Australia’s biodiversity in a changing climate](Attachments/Qld%20Govt%20sub.pdf)