1. The Queensland Government has put in place stronger social impact assessment for significant resource projects. The Coordinator-General now requires proponents with resource projects subject to Environmental Impact Assessment to conduct a Social Impact Assessment and to prepare a Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP).
2. The Coordinator-General also routinely sets conditions where needed on social impacts which require mitigation and management.
3. The Major Resource Projects Housing Policy establishes principles for assessment of housing impacts as part of a Social Impact Assessment for major resource development projects. The Policy covers both the direct requirements of resource project workforces for housing and the broader housing market impacts as a result of this requirement and provides a consistent way for proponents and Government to assess these housing impacts.
4. Under the policy, resource project proponents must develop a project workforce accommodation strategy that considers the accommodation and locational preferences of workers, integration with and impacts on resource towns, and the need to consider locating a proportion of the operational workforce locally, where practicable, to support growth and sustainability of the local communities.
5. Cabinet approved the major resource projects housing policy.
6. *Attachments*
* [Major Resource Projects Housing Policy: Core Principles to Guide Social Impact Assessment](Attachments/Policy.pdf)