1. Queensland’s publicly funded vocational education and training system provides accredited training to 280,000 students including 93,000 apprentices and trainees. The state’s higher education sector provides education to more than 208,000 students including over 158,000 undergraduate students.
2. In 2011 the Government commissioned an independent review of vocational education and training and higher education (tertiary education and training) in Queensland to prepare the sector for the next cycle of strong economic growth.
3. Overall the Queensland Post-secondary Education and Training (QPET) Review Report findings and recommendations are supportive of the Queensland tertiary education and training system and of TAFE Queensland.
4. The Report concludes that, to meet economic and demographic challenges, Queensland needs to strengthen and improve its tertiary education and training system, and is in a strong position to do so.
5. The Report also concludes that a government policy focus is required to address the economic and demographic challenges facing the state.
6. The Report recommends a new strategic vision for tertiary education and training and a comprehensive array of strategies including partnerships with industry and the Commonwealth Government to improve access, participation and outcomes in tertiary education and training in Queensland.
7. Cabinet noted the findings of the Queensland Post-secondary Education and Training (QPET) Review.
8. Cabinet endorsed in principle, the 14 Review recommendations, including development of a Queensland Government policy and five year plan for tertiary education and training.
9. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Post-secondary Education and Training (QPET) Review](Attachments/qpet-report.pdf)
* [Government Response to the QPET Review including the Ministerial Taskforce Terms of Reference](Attachments/govt-response-qpet.pdf)