1. In March 2010 the Surat Basin Future Directions Statement was launched by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Regional Economies in Dalby.
2. With the release of the Statement, the Queensland Government committed to work with local government, industry and the local community to deliver a series of headline initiatives to manage future growth in the region. The vast majority of this work has been completed and the collaborative approach taken in delivering the Statement has been a critical component of the success of this initiative.
3. The headline initiatives have resulted in policies that will guide future development in the region, protect and build on the region’s economic strengths, build a skilled workforce, protect the region’s natural environment, support the provision of infrastructure (including the availability of affordable housing), and ensure that the cumulative impacts of resource development are suitably addressed.
4. Delivery of the Surat Basin Future Directions Statement has also achieved:
* frameworks and policies to sustain and manage growth in the Surat Basin for the next 30 years;
* a framework for government, industry and community representatives to respond to regional needs in a coordinated and collaborative way;
* a mechanism through which issues can be raised and collaboratively addressed; and
* an holistic approach to planning and delivering for the region, considering economic, social and environmental elements.
1. The Final Report details the work accomplished through a partnership of Queensland, federal and local governments, regional industry participants and members of the local community.
2. Cabinet endorsed the Surat Basin Future Directions Statement Final Report.
3. *Attachments*
* [Surat Basin Future Directions Statement Final Report](Attachments/Surat%20Basin%20future%20Directions%20final%20report.pdf).