1. In March 2011, the Australian Government announced a review of the distribution of GST revenue to the states. The Review is being conducted by the Hon Nick Greiner AC, the Hon John Brumby and Mr Bruce Carter (the Review Panel).
2. The Review Panel released an Issues Paper in July 2011 outlining the scope of the Review and matters on which they are seeking comment. The Issues Paper focuses on five key issues: the scope of fiscal equalisation (including partial equalisation); efficiency; equity; simplicity; and predictability and stability. The Issues Paper is intended as a discussion starter to identify issues that could be addressed in the Review.
3. Queensland’s submission identifies Queensland’s issues with the current process and puts forward alternative approaches for the Review Panel to consider.
4. Queensland will have the opportunity to provide further comment when the Review Panel releases its interim report in February 2012.
5. Cabinet endorsed the Queensland submission in response to the Issues Paper for the Review of GST Distribution released by the Review Panel in July 2011.
6. *Attachments*
* [Issues Paper for the Review of GST Distribution](Attachments/Att%201%20-%20Review%20of%20the%20GST%20Distribution%20-%20Issues%20Paper.PDF)
* [Queensland Submission to the Review of GST Distribution](Attachments/Att%202%20-%20Review%20of%20the%20GST%20Distribution%20-%20Queensland%20Submission.PDF)