1. The upsurge in the use of ice in Australia has had a chaotic effect on many individuals, families and communities and Queensland has not been exempt from this growing national and international problem.
2. While Queensland will continue to work collaboratively with all other Australian Governments through the National Ice Taskforce to develop a National Ice Action Strategy, it is important that Queensland examines gaps in service delivery to meet the challenges and immediate needs of individuals, families and communities suffering the devastating impact that ice can have.
3. To engage with key stakeholders and the broader community, a discussion paper: *Ways to Combat Ice Addiction in Queensland* has been developed. This paper provides a six week consultation process, with responses going towards the development of options for Government consideration to develop a strategy to address ice in Queensland and to contribute to the implementation of the National Ice Action Strategy.
4. Additional service responses will be established in Cape York (Cooktown), Gold Coast, Rockhampton and the South West (Charleville and Cunnamulla). These additional services are being tailored to be locally responsive and will address the particular needs of the local community by targeting population groups identified as vulnerable to ice use.
5. Two Drug and Alcohol Brief Intervention Teams (DABIT) will be established in the Emergency Departments (ED) of Logan Hospital and Townsville Hospital, expanding upon already funded DABIT teams at Gold Coast University Hospital, Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital and Cairns Base Hospital. These teams support the work of Emergency Department staff by providing screening of all patients presenting, and where indicated brief, intervention and referral to Alcohol and Other Drugs treatment services.
6. Cabinet noted the progress of the National Ice Taskforce and the development of a National Ice Action Strategy.
7. Cabinet noted that the Queensland Mental Health Commission had released the Queensland Alcohol and Other Drug Discussion Paper ‘Reducing Alcohol and Other Drug Impacts in Queensland’ with submissions closing 30 September 2015.
8. Cabinet approved the release of the Discussion Paper: *Ways to Combat Ice Addiction in Queensland*.
9. *Attachments*
* [Discussion Paper: *Ways to Combat Ice Addiction in Queensland*](Attachments/Paper.pdf)