1. The Queensland Government is committed to reducing suicide and its impact on Queenslanders.
2. In 2014, an estimated 627 Queenslanders died by suicide. While the suicide rate in Queensland has been relatively stable at 13.3 per 100,000, it continues to exceed the national average of 10.8 per 100,000 and is higher than that experienced in most other States and Territories. For every suicide an estimated 30 people have attempted suicide.
3. The impact of these tragic events is immediate, far-reaching and long-lasting, affecting families and friends, service providers and first responders.
4. The *Queensland Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2015-2017* aims to reduce suicide and its impact on Queenslanders by taking action in the following four areas:
* Stronger community awareness and capacity so that families, workplaces and communities are better equipped to support and respond to people at risk of and impacted by suicide.
* Improved service system responses and capacity to ensure people at risk, including those who have attempted suicide, get the support they need, when and where they need it.
* Focused support for vulnerable groups to address the specific needs of groups and communities experiencing higher rates and at greater risk of suicide.
* A stronger more accessible evidence base to drive continuous improvement in research, policy, practice and service delivery.
1. Actions to be taken include training for accident and emergency staff in every public hospital to improve responses and continuing care for those who have attempted suicide or at increased risk of suicide and new innovative approaches that build on community resilience and strength.
2. Agencies across government are making a significant contribution to reducing suicide and its impact including: the Queensland Police Service, the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, the Department of Education and Training; Queensland Rail and the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services.
3. The Queensland Mental Health Commission will monitor and report on implementation of the Action Plan and progress towards reducing suicide rates annually.
4. Cabinet endorsed that the *Queensland Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2015-2017* and the *Queensland Suicide Prevention Action Plan Summary* be publicly released.
5. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2015-2017](Attachments/Plan.PDF)
* [Summary of the Queensland Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2015-2017](Attachments/Summary.PDF)