1. Stock grazing occurs on national parks and other Queensland Government managed lands including State forests, regional parks and forest reserves.
2. Grazing in national parks is primarily a legacy issue due to changes in tenure over time.
3. To ensure that the protected area estate is managed in accordance with the cardinal principle to preserve and protect natural conditions, cultural resources and values to the greatest extent possible, the Government has confirmed that grazing is not consistent with the management principles of national parks except in some very limited circumstances where grazing improves or protects the natural values of the park.
4. The Government also realises that graziers have existing lawful authorities on national parks.
5. Cabinet endorsed that grazing on national parks is appropriate in only three limited situations: (1) to allow existing authorised grazing to transition off; (2) to allow the mustering of escaped or stray cattle off national parks; and (3) where stock grazing is the only practical option to contribute to the conservation of the natural and cultural values (e.g. buffel grass grazing).
6. Cabinet endorsed that existing grazing authorities on national parks will not be extended or renewed, and will be allowed to expire at the end of their current term.
7. Cabinet endorsed that grazing on regional parks will be assessed and authorised where the activity assists in the protection or maintenance of the area’s natural values or is provided for in an approved management plan for the park.
8. Cabinet endorsed that grazing on State forests will continue to be supported where it is consistent with other uses of the area, with conditions providing for the protection of the values of the multi-use tenure, and that extensions or new approvals will be for a maximum term of 30 years.
9. Cabinet endorsed that grazing on forest reserves will be dealt with as if it were occurring on a national park.
10. *Attachments*
* Nil.