1. The sixth Queensland State of the Environment report, for the period 2012-2015, has been prepared as a website (SoE 2015) and companion *In Brief* summaryreport.
2. SoE 2015 is Australia’s first web-based state of the environment report drawing on data harvested from a range of thematic sources and published through the Queensland Government data portal.
3. This innovative approach to visually represent data through graphic devices with minimal text complies with the Queensland Government’s commitment to open data and best-practice data management principles and allows Queensland to move to more frequent biennial updates in the coming years.
4. SoE 2015 is structured on four themes; biodiversity, heritage, pollution and climate. It features video footage for each theme and is intersected with a series of assessment summaries focusing on grade and trend. Each theme is divided into sub-themes, against which indicators, generally relating to extent and condition (state), and pressures, are reported on.
5. Other Australian jurisdictions are also moving to web-based formats in the coming years and there is much interest in Queensland’s product.
6. The *In Brief* provides a summary of SoE 2015 as well as an outline of management responses undertaken to protect, maintain and restore environmental assets; and to prevent, mediate or adapt to changes in the environment. An analysis of the efficiency and effectiveness of these programs is provided where available.
7. Cabinet noted the release of the Queensland State of the Environment report 2015 website and *Queensland State of the Environment 2015 In Brief*.
8. *Attachments*
* [*Queensland State of the Environment 2015 In Brief*](Attachments/InBrief.PDF)