1. The Water Act Referral Panel (referral panel) is established under the *Water Act 2000* to provide independent, expert advice and recommendations to the Chief Executive or Minister regarding water planning and moratorium matters.
2. Matters on which the referral panel advises the Chief Executive include changes to water allocations or water licences, establishment of tradeable water allocations, applications for the relocation of a licence from one parcel of land to another and water supply scheme operational rules. The referral panel also advises the Minister on applications to vary the effect of a moratorium notice to effectively provide a landholder more time to complete construction of operational works for taking water.
3. Cabinet noted the intention of the Chief Executive of the Department Natural Resources and Mines to appoint the following twelve nominees as members of the Water Act Referral Panel for a three year term commencing from the date of the appointment:

* Ms Fiona Gillian Barron
* Ms Leith Boully
* Professor Allan Patrick Dale
* Mrs Cheryl Dawn Dalton
* Ms Alison Dowling
* Mr Ian David Johnson
* Mr Bruce Malcolm McCollum
* Mr Richard James (Jim) Mobbs
* Professor Steven Russell Raine
* Mr Philip Gordon Rist
* Ms Claire Veronica Rodgers
* Professor Poh-Ling Tan.

1. *Attachments*

* Nil.