1. Ice is having a significant adverse impact across many Queensland communities. The increasing prevalence of the drug’s use, the disproportionate levels of harm it can cause, as well as the involvement of organised crime in its production, supply and distribution means that a coordinated whole of government response is needed to tackle this growing problem.
2. *Action on Ice* is the Queensland Government’s draft responsebeing released for public consultation aimed at addressing the use and harms caused by crystal methamphetamine (ice) in Queensland. It has been informed by the outcomes from the discussion paper: *Ways to Combat Ice Addiction in Queensland*, and the findings of the National Ice Taskforce.
3. *Action on Ice* complements the *National Ice Action Strategy* endorsed by the Council of Australian Governments and outlines what Queensland is doing to implement the National Strategy.
4. *Action on Ice* informs Queenslanders about ice and its impacts on the individual, families, front line service providers and the community. It places ice within the broader context of responding to alcohol and other drugs and has a focus on reducing supply (primarily through law enforcement activity), reducing demand (through prevention, early intervention and treatment) and minimising harm (through specialised programs, services and initiatives).
5. *Action on Ice* is a draft document for consultation to further engage with Queenslanders prior to its finalisation to gain a better understanding of specific community needs, particularly in rural and regional Queensland.
6. As part of this engagement process, the Queensland Government will hold a Summit in Rockhampton in the first half of 2017. The summit will bring together a broad range of regional and rural stakeholders, seeking their views on:
* implementation arrangements for existing initiatives outlined in the draft plan
* how Government can support community led initiatives to tackle ice
* any potential gaps in the proposed response and how they can be addressed.
1. Cabinet approved the release of *Action on Ice* as the Government’s draft plan to address the harms caused by crystal methamphetamine use in Queensland.
2. Cabinet noted that the draft plan would form the basis of community engagement at a Summit to be held in Rockhampton in the first half of 2017, followed by four rural and regional community meetings across the State, including issues within Indigenous communities and child safety.
3. *Attachments*
* [*Action on Ice – The Queensland Government’s draft response to address use and harms caused by crystal methamphetamine*](Attachments/Plan.PDF)