1. On 13 October 2016, the Sustainable Queensland Dairy Production (Fair Milk Price Logos) Bill 2016 was introduced into Parliament by Mr Shane Knuth MP, Member for Dalrymple. The Bill provides for the establishment of logos for containers of fresh milk produced in particular regions, and for which fair prices have been paid to dairy farmers. It also provides a mechanism for setting fair prices and to create offences for particular conduct in relation to the logos.
2. The policy objective of the Bill is to promote sales of Queensland produced milk, by informing consumers through logos that processors have paid dairy farmers a fair price for their milk.
3. The Bill was referred to the Agriculture and Environment Committee (AEC) for consideration. The AEC tabled its report on the Bill on 13 April 2017.
4. The AEC recommended that the Bill not be passed. The AEC also recommended that the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries investigate options to support the Queensland Dairyfarmers’ Organisation to devise and operate an industry-operated marketing scheme, potentially including fair milk price logos, and that the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries consult with his counterparts in other jurisdictions, regarding the institution of similar schemes to increase the sustainability of the Australian dairy industry.
5. Cabinet noted the Agriculture and Environment Committee Report No. 33, *Sustainable Queensland Dairy Production (Fair Milk Price Logos) Bill 2016.*
6. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government response to the Agriculture and Environment Committee Report No. 33, *Sustainable Queensland Dairy Production (Fair Milk Price Logos) Bill 2016*.
7. Cabinet noted that the Government response would be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.
8. *Attachments*
* [Agriculture and Environment Committee Report No. 33, *Sustainable Queensland Dairy Production (Fair Milk Price Logos) Bill 2016*](Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Government response to the Agriculture and Environment Committee Report No. 33, *Sustainable Queensland Dairy Production (Fair Milk Price Logos) Bill 2016*](Attachments/Response.PDF)