1. Advance Queensland (AQ) is the Government's flagship innovation agenda, designed to ensure Queensland's capacity to adapt and thrive in a period of rapid change. Building on the initial $180 million AQ investment, the 2016-17 Accelerating Advance Queensland (AAQ) Budget initiatives have broadened the scope of AQ with an extra investment of $225 million.
2. Advance Queensland projects are progressing across the State in a wide range of sectors including agriculture, tourism, gas and manufacturing. New products and services are being developed to benefit Queenslanders in areas like skin cancer prevention, reducing run-off into the Great Barrier Reef, and saving waiting time at doctors' surgeries. Communicating program results, broader outcomes, and the purpose of innovation will help provide context around the Government's effort.
3. Queensland Government departments are also embracing the innovative Government agenda. Queensland Government leaders are investigating processes for collective problem solving, and empowering staff to be creative, seek out diversity and test new ideas. Departments are newly committed to innovating to improve operations and service delivery, address key policy challenges, deliver improved social outcomes and drive economic growth.
4. Cabinet noted the progress in implementing Advance Queensland.
5. Cabinet endorsed the next steps in progressing opportunities for Advance Queensland.
6. *Attachments*
* Nil.