1. The Queensland Great Artesian Basin Advisory Council is an advisory body established under the *Water Act 2000* (the Act). Section 1005 of the Act provides that the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (the Minister) may establish advisory councils to assist with administration of the Act. Section 1005 (2) of the Act states that an advisory council has the functions the Minister decides.
2. The Queensland Great Artesian Basin Advisory Council advises the Minister on matters regarding management of the artesian and subartesian water resources of the Great Artesian Basin, including: the Water Plan (Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers) 2017 implementation, the Great Artesian Basin Strategic Management Plan, and capping and piping initiatives during their new term (2018-2021).
3. Cabinet noted the intention of the Chief Executive of the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy to appoint the following as members of the Queensland Great Artesian Basin Advisory Council for a three year term commencing from the date of the appointment:
* Mr Scott Mason (Chair)
* Ms Avelina Tarrago
* Mrs Barbara Madden
* Mr David Gornall
* Cr Fiona Gaske
* Cr Gail Godwin-Smith
* Dr Georgina Davis
* Mr Geoff Penton
* Ms Leanne Kohler
* Mr Matthew Paull
* Mr Nigel Parratt
* Mr Todd Symons
1. *Attachments*
* Nil.