1. In Queensland, both pregnancy testing of cattle and diagnosis of ovarian status by ultrasound scanning are considered to be acts of veterinary science. Under the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1936*, acts of veterinary science can only be performed for fee or reward by veterinary surgeons.
2. A Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for public consultation discussed three regulatory options:
   * Option 1: Status Quo – continue to restrict performance of pregnancy testing and use of transrectal ultrasound scanning for fee or reward to veterinary surgeons;
   * Option 2: Removal of the practice restriction – include pregnancy testing and use of transrectal ultrasound ovarian scanning in the list of acts that are not veterinary science;
   * Option 3: Authorise laypersons to conduct pregnancy testing of cattle under an approved accreditation scheme to be delivered by industry; and to perform transrectal ovarian scanning under an Animal Ethics Committee approval.
3. Cabinet noted the options considered under the Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS).
4. Cabinet approved release of the Consultation RIS.
5. *Attachments*
   * [Cattle pregnancy testing and ovarian scanning for commercial purposes and scientific research by laypersons – Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement](Attachments/RIS.PDF).