1. In 2015, the Government established the Red Tape Reduction Advisory Council (RTRAC) to provide an annual report on regulatory areas of concern to small business. The 2016 RTRAC report made a range of recommendations including the development of an enhanced regulatory framework with a greater focus on risk based regulation and a requirement for regulators to report annually against relevant performance indicators.
2. A revised regulatory framework has been developed which includes enhancements to the Government’s regulatory impact assessment (RIA) guidelines based on risk-based regulation, as well as a set of model practices and supporting principles for regulators which align with ‘best practice’ principles. Regulators will be required to publish an annual report on their performance against these model principles and the steps they have taken to improve their engagement with stakeholders.
3. In 2017, RTRAC was re-established as the Better Regulation Taskforce (BRT), a sub-committee of the Small Business Advisory Council. The BRT reviewed the eco-tourism, live music entertainment and start-up sectors, with its report to Government making seven recommendations. The Government response and action plan fully accepts five of the recommendations, substantially accepts one and indicates that one will be further investigated.
4. Cabinet noted the 2017 Better Regulation Taskforce Report to be tabled in Parliament.
5. Cabinet approved the Government Response to the 2017 Better Regulation Taskforce Report and Action Plan.
6. *Attachments*
* [2017 Better Regulation Taskforce Report](Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Queensland Government Response to the Better Regulation Taskforce Report and Action Plan](Attachments/Response.PDF)