1. The Queensland Government is committed to working with discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to reduce alcohol misuse and harm and has been working with communities to Review their Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) (the Review).
2. The Review has now been finalised based on community input, comprehensive research, and engagement with key stakeholders, all of which have identified the important role that AMPs play in ensuring community safety.
3. A renewed approach to progressing alcohol management has been informed by the Review’s key learnings. It prioritises the importance of community safety, particularly for women and children, acknowledges the views and aspirations of community members and leaders, and supports sustainable improvement in community safety and wellbeing.
4. The renewed approach will be implemented in partnership with communities as part of the Queensland Government’s long term commitment through the Queensland Productivity Commission Final Report to work with local leaders and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander discrete communities to co-design and deliver reforms.
5. Alcohol management is part of a wider strategy aimed at improving the safety, wellbeing and prosperity of community members. The Queensland Government is currently implementing a range of community inclusive and place-based initiatives aimed at promoting economic and social development and strengthening community safety and local leadership that will support the Government’s effort to reduce alcohol related misuse and harm.
6. Cabinet noted the key findings of the Review of Alcohol Management Plans.
7. Cabinet endorsed a renewed approach to alcohol management be implemented consistent with the principles of the Local Thriving Communities reform that:
* retains alcohol restrictions with the potential for future minor modifications based on community aspirations, readiness, agreement and co-designed community safety plans, whilst continuing to promote responsible consumption of alcohol including through licensed venues and one-off event permits;
* progresses targeted sly grog and homebrew strategies;
* commences work with communities to strengthen community safety and wellbeing by:
* developing tailored approaches to reduce alcohol misuse and harm through community safety plans;
* building on strong local leadership and community capacity and capability; and
* ensuring effective, coordinated and well targeted service delivery.
1. Cabinet endorsed a minor change to Palm Island’s alcohol carriage limit to allow for a variety of alcoholic beverages only, with no change to quantity and concentration of alcohol and noted the development of a Palm Island community safety plan.
2. *Attachments*
* Nil.