1. Queensland’s protected areas cover over 14 million hectares. This is comprised of 69% public protected areas (such as national parks) and 31% private protected areas (such as nature refuges). These areas are managed for nature or heritage conservation purposes and receive formal protection under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.
2. The Queensland Government has committed to securing and conserving representative samples of Queensland’s biodiversity in protected areas and to expanding the overall protected area system (both privately and publicly owned areas) in line with targets set through the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, to which Australia is a signatory.
3. The Queensland Government has developed the *Queensland’s Protected Area Strategy 2020‑2030: Protecting our world-class natural and cultural values* to establish the future strategic direction for Queensland’s terrestrial protected areas, both public and private, to deliver sustainable expansion and effective management of Queensland’s protected area system into the future.
4. The Strategy outlines a vision where Queensland’s protected areas are world-class for people, culture and nature. It lays out a 10-year pathway to build on the State’s existing protected area system, and achieve credible progress in growing and improving management of protected areas, while positioning Queensland to meet the challenges of the future, capitalise on opportunities and respond to the community’s evolving needs and expectations.
5. The Strategy outlines key actions arranged under three strategic priority areas – Grow, Care and Connect.
6. Cabinet approved the release and implementation of the *Queensland’s Protected Area Strategy 2020-2030: Protecting our world-class natural and cultural values.*
7. *Attachments*
   * [Queensland Protected Area Strategy 2020 – 2030: Protecting our world-class natural and cultural values](Attachments/Strategy.PDF)