1. Social isolation and loneliness are complex issues that are becoming increasingly more pronounced and problematic both in Australia and across the world.
2. Social isolation and loneliness significantly impact on an individuals’ physical and mental wellbeing and are linked to impaired cognition, depression, suicidality, and less physical activity. Loneliness is associated with a 26% increased likelihood of increased mortality.
3. The Terms of Reference of the matter is broad, asking the Community Support Services Committee to consider social isolation and loneliness in a holistic and multidimensional way and in recognition that the issue reflects, and future action strategy should leverage expertise and response from all levels of government business and the community.
4. Cabinet approved the referral of the matter of social isolation and loneliness to the Community Services and Support Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference.
5. *Attachments*
* [Terms of Reference](Attachments/TOR.PDF)