1. The Regional Community Forums provide a platform for ongoing engagement between rural and regional communities and the Queensland Government and provide opportunities for the government to better understand and respond to community issues.
2. Eight forums (in each of seven locations) have been delivered since the initiative began in October 2019.
3. The Forums support the Queensland Government’s clear commitment to action. There were many opportunities and initiatives identified through the forums that have subsequentially been delivered by departments, including:
* financial support for an agricultural traineeship pilot in Monto;
* assistance for small businesses to competitively apply for and implement grants;
* improving equity in vocational training programs in regional schools;
* enhancing digital connectivity in rural and remote areas;
* promoting regional sites to tourists; and
* enhancing awareness of supports available to drought-affected areas.
1. Cabinet noted the outcomes from the Regional Community Forums held in 2021, including initiatives being progressed by agencies.
2. Cabinet noted the process in selecting forum members for the Regional Community Forums for 2022–2023.
3. Cabinet noted the proposed key operating principals for the Regional Community Forums in 2022.
4. *Attachments*:
* Nil.