1. The *Water Resource (Condamine and Balonne) Plan 2004* (WRP) provides a framework for advancing sustainable management and efficient use of water by creating an effective cap on diversions from watercourses, lakes, springs and overland flows. The final draft Condamine and Balonne Resource Operations Plan (ROP) implements the WRP.
2. The ROP provides rules for surface water management in most of the upper and middle parts of the catchment, but not the Oakey Gowrie subcatchment or the Lower Balonne. The Oakey Gowrie catchment was not included in the draft ROP plan area and the Lower Balonne is intended to be excluded from the ROP as a deferred aspect.
3. Cabinet noted that the Condamine and Balonne Resource Operations Plan (ROP) is to be progressed to the Governor in Council for approval;
4. Cabinet noted that the ROP implements arrangements for the upper and middle catchment (excluding Oakey-Gowrie subcatchment) consistent with the *Water Resource (Condamine and Balonne) Plan 2004*, and that the ROP proposes to defer one aspect of the previously notified draft ROP, namely the Lower Balonne (including the St. George Water Supply Scheme).
5. Cabinet noted that a new moratorium notice will be issued, which will prevent any additional development in the Lower Balonne Water Management Area and the Oakey–Gowrie Creek subcatchment, thereby maintaining the intent of the *Water Resource (Condamine and Balonne) Plan 2004*.
6. *Attachments*
* [Condamine and Balonne Resource Operations Plan](Attachments/con_balonne_draft_rop_amended.pdf)
* [Moratorium Notice preventing additional development in the Lower Balonne and the Oakey–Gowrie Creek subcatchment](Attachments/con_balonne_moratorium_notice.pdf)
* [Map of the Condamine and Balonne Water Resource Planning Area](Attachments/con_balonne_wrp_map.pdf)