1. In 2009, the Queensland Government made an election commitment to protect freshwater wetlands of high ecological significance within Great Barrier Reef catchments (GBR HES wetlands). The government also committed to protecting GBR wetlands under the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan (Reef Plan).
2. This package contains two primary components—amendments to regulations to make high impact earthworks assessable development and make the Department of Environment and Resource Management a concurrence agency, and a temporary State Planning Policy (SPP) containing policy outcome statements and a development assessment code. Importantly, the temporary SPP is consistent with State planning policy set by regional plans approved in recent years, including the Far North Queensland Regional Plan. The definition of high impact earthworks does not include small excavations, domestic activity or routine ongoing agricultural activity.
3. Cabinet endorsed the commencement of the *Temporary State Planning Policy: Protecting Wetlands of High Ecological Significance in Great Barrier Reef Catchments*.
4. Cabinet endorsed the release of a Regulatory Impact Statement for public consultation.
5. Cabinet endorsed forwarding the Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2010 for Governor in Council approval.
6. *Attachments*
* [Temporary State Planning Policy](Attachments/Temporary%20State%20Planning%20Policy.pdf)
* [Temporary State Planning Policy – guidelines](Attachments/guidelines.pdf)
* [Temporary State Planning Policy – map](Attachments/map.pdf)
* [Regulatory Impact Statement](Attachments/RIS.pdf)
* [*Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2010*](Attachments/Regulation.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Explan%20Notes.pdf)