1. A review of the capabilities of the Queensland biosecurity system was undertaken by an independent panel and handed to the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries.
2. The Queensland Biosecurity Capability Review Report recognises that biosecurity risk is increasing in Queensland due to the expansion in movement of humans, livestock populations, animal and plant products, increased geographic distribution of plant species production and changing patterns of human activity impacting on ecosystems.
3. The Report found that Queensland is experiencing unparalleled challenges to its capability to respond to the increasing number, scale and scope of exotic biosecurity pests and diseases.
4. The Report made a number of recommendations aimed at enhancing capacity and capability across the biosecurity system in order to respond to more frequent incursions and to transform to meet future challenges.
5. The Government supports the majority of the Report recommendations in principle.
6. Cabinet approved release of the Queensland Biosecurity Capability Review Report and an interim government response.
7. Attachments
* [Queensland Biosecurity Capability Review Report](Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Interim Government Response](Attachments/Interim%20Response.PDF)