1. The Independent Review into the Future Security of the National Electricity Market (NEM) was initiated by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Energy Council.
2. The purpose of the Review is to develop a national reform blueprint to maintain energy security and reliability in the NEM, for consideration by COAG through its Energy Council. The Review is led by the Australian Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel.
3. In December 2016, the Review released its Preliminary Report, in the form of an issues paper containing questions to encourage feedback and help further identify the challenges and solutions.
4. Key messages in the Queensland Submission to the Review in response to the Preliminary Report are that the electricity sector must play a stronger role in reducing emissions, energy and climate policy must be integrated and that greater national action is necessary and can be achieved. Queensland is well placed to provide a strong foundation for sustained production of gas for the next 30 years and will continue to take a leadership role in strengthening the gas sector and ensuring the needs of landholders and local communities are considered and environmental safeguards are maintained.
5. Cabinet approved the Queensland Submission to the Independent Review into the Future Security of the National Electricity Market.
6. *Attachments*
* [Preliminary Report from the Independent Review into the Future Security of the National Electricity Market](Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Queensland Submission to the Independent Review into the Future Security of the National Electricity Market](Attachments/Response.PDF)