1. Queensland regions are diverse and regional communities face unique economic and social challenges. Regional communities have individual identities and differing ambitions, challenges and advantages. Understanding local issues is essential for delivering effective policy and building community trust and confidence in government.
2. The Regional Communities Program will strengthen the relationship between government and regional communities, facilitate coordinated, whole-of-government engagement with regional Queenslanders and ensure the priorities of rural and regional Queensland are targeted in Government decision making.
3. Cabinet approved the establishment of the Regional Communities Program to strengthen regional communities’ participation in Government policy and decision-making and deliver strong, sustainable regional communities.
4. Cabinet approved the establishment of seven Regional Community Forums across Queensland to meet quarterly to support the Regional Communities Program.
5. Cabinet approved the establishment of the Office for Rural and Regional Queensland within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to lead delivery of the Regional Communities Program, working closely and collaboratively with Queensland Government departments and existing networks such as Regional Manager Coordination Networks.
6. *Attachments*

* Nil.