1. The Sunshine Coast Region is one of Queensland’s premier tourist destinations including Noosa, Mooloolaba and Caloundra, and is renowned for its beaches, parks and nature reserves. Nambour is considered the gateway to the Sunshine Coast Hinterland and recognised for its vintage trails, thriving café and craft beer scene and the annual Big Pineapple Music Festival. In 2018-19, tourism accounted for $1.3 billion (gross value added) of the Sunshine Coast’s economy (or 10.9 per cent).
2. Reflecting the importance of the tourism industry and noting that the region is a popular location for retirees, the Sunshine Coast has relatively large *ownership of dwellings* (14.8 per cent of regional economic output), *health care & social assistance* (10.5 per cent) and *retail trade* (6.5 per cent) compared to the rest of the State (8.3, 7.4 and 4.7 per cent respectively).
3. The Queensland Government is supporting jobs and driving sustainable economic growth in the Sunshine Coast through several initiatives including the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade Project, investing in the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Services, and delivering 137 new social housing properties for the region.
4. Cabinet noted the update on government achievements and investment in the Sunshine Coast Region.
5. *Attachments*:
* Nil.