1. The Granite Belt Statistical Area Level 3 (SA3), including the Stanthorpe region, covers a total land area of 8,434.0 square kilometres (km2). This SA3 region forms part of the broader Darling Downs-Maranoa Statistical Area 4 (SA4) region. As at 30 June 2021, the estimated resident population of the Granite Belt SA3 region was 40,772 persons.
2. Within the Granite Belt SA3 region, the largest contributors to the region’s employment are the agriculture, forestry and fishing; health care and social assistance; and retail trade industries.
3. The Queensland Government is supporting jobs, driving sustainable economic growth, and supporting flood and COVID-19 affected businesses in the region through initiatives in renewables across the Southern Downs Queensland Renewable Energy Zone, the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, the Building our Regions program, the Back to Work program and the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program.
4. Cabinet noted the update on economic conditions and job-creating initiatives in the Stanthorpe region.
5. *Attachments*:
* Nil.