1. Queensland’s severe weather season traditionally commences on 1 November and concludes on 30 April each year.
2. The Bureau of Meteorology has indicated in their seasonal climate outlooks that there will be an increased risk of flooding across Queensland over the coming months given the outlook for above median rainfall in combination with the many already wet catchments across the state.
3. La Niña is now established in the Pacific Ocean and a negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) event continues – both of these climate drivers increase the likelihood of above average rainfall for Queensland. Some locations in Queensland may experience unusually wet conditions (i.e. rainfall totals in the top 20% of historical observations) over the next few months.
4. It is likely there will be an above-average number of tropical cyclones across the Australian region during the 2022-23 season.
5. Comprehensive planning occurs across all levels of disaster management to prepare for each severe weather season. Queensland Government agencies are well practiced in responding to cyclone, storms and floods and have undertaken extensive planning to prepare for the 2022-2023 severe weather season. Preparations for the upcoming season have included planning, risk assessments, exercising, community engagement and lessons management activities.
6. Cabinet noted the preparedness activities undertaken by the Queensland Government agencies for the 2022-23 summer severe weather season.
7. *Attachments*:
* Nil.