1. The Native Vegetation Scientific Expert Panel (the Panel) was convened in March 2022 following a decision by the Deputy Premier and then acting Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs to investigate the findings of the 2018-19 State-wide Landcover and Trees Study (SLATS) report, which showed that 680,000 hectares of native vegetation had been impacted by full and partial clearing activities.
2. The Panel consulted with the public and private industry sectors. The Panel’s Report details the key contributors behind the native vegetation clearing as detailed in the 2018-19 SLATS report and proposes a path forward to reduce clearing in the future by better aligning Queensland’s Vegetation Management framework alongside emerging economic opportunities through a strategic vision that *Engages, Informs, and Incentivises and Rewards* landholders.
3. To achieve this, the Panel’s Report puts forward 10 detailed recommendations, encompassed by two overarching objectives – to maintain a stable, ecologically robust regulatory framework that provides security and confidence to landholders and the general public; and implement a suite of educational, financial and motivational measures that will further advance the ecological objectives and be consistently applied over at least 15 years.
4. The Queensland Government Response has been developed to set forth a plan for the Government to advance the objectives of the Panel’s Report. The Government’s Response accepts seven of the 10 recommendations, and accepts-in-principle the remaining three recommendations due to requiring more detailed planning and analysis if they are to be implemented effectively and in accordance with the Panel’s objectives, or as a result of alternative approaches being taken to achieve outcomes more efficiently.
5. Cabinet approved the public release of the Native Vegetation Scientific Expert Panel Report and the Queensland Government’s Response to the Report.
6. *Attachments*:
   * [Native Vegetation Scientific Expert Panel Report](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Sep/ResponseNVSEPReport/Attachments/Report.pdf)
   * [Native Vegetation Scientific Expert Panel Queensland Government Response](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Sep/ResponseNVSEPReport/Attachments/Response.pdf)