

STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 33, 57th PARLIAMENT

EXAMINATION OF AUDITOR-GENERAL REPORT NO. 9: 2021-22 REGULATING DAM SAFETY

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee (the committee) Report No. 33, 57th Parliament – Examination of Auditor-General Report No. 9: 2021-22 Regulating dam safety (the report) was tabled on 5 December 2022.

The Queensland Government's response to the Report's recommendation is provided below.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

That government entities such as bulk water providers and relevant local governments be required to add independent audit and risk management committees to their governance structures.

Queensland Government Response: Supported, to the extent the recommendation relates to bulk water providers.

This recommendation is supported for government bulk water providers. I can advise that the bulk water providers Sunwater, Seqwater, Gladstone Area Water Board and Mount Isa Water Board have independent audit and risk management committees as part of their existing governance structures. Therefore, no further implementation is required for these entities.

Similarly, the council-owned water distributor-retailers, Urban Utilities and Unitywater have independent audit and risk management committees as part of their existing governance structures.

It is also noted that the Honourable Steven Miles MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure has responded to the same recommendation as it relates to local governments, including other council water distributors, which was included in State Development and Regional Industries Committee *Report No. 32, 57th Parliament – Examination of Auditor-General Consideration of Auditor-General Report 15: 2021-22 Local Government 2021*.