

STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 38, 57th PARLIAMENT

EXAMINATION OF AUDITOR-GENERAL REPORTS ON THE WATER SECTOR

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee (the committee) Report No. 38, 57th Parliament – Examination of Auditor-General Report on the water sector was tabled on 24 February 2023.

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

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

That the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water takes steps to ensure that all water entities establish their own independent audit and risk management committees, and that these committees be required to consider information management system and cyber security risks.

Queensland Government Response:

The recommendation is supported, noting the water entities listed in this report have independent audit and risk management committees as part of their existing governance structures.

The list of water entities includes the State-owned bulk water providers Sunwater, Seqwater, Gladstone Area Water Board and Mount Isa Water Board and the council-owned water distributor-retailers, Urban Utilities and Unitywater.

These independent audit and risk management committees consider a broad range of risks relevant to their businesses, including information management system and cyber security risks. Therefore, no further implementation is required.