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1 State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee

The State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee (committee) is a portfolio committee of the Legislative Assembly which commenced on 15 February 2018 under s88 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly.¹

The committee's areas of portfolio responsibility are:

- State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
- Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, and
- Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries.

Section 93(1) of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* provides that a portfolio committee is responsible for examining each Bill and item of subordinate legislation in its portfolio areas. In particular the committee considered:

- the policy to be given effect by the legislation
- the application of fundamental legislative principles to the legislation, and
- for subordinate legislation – its lawfulness.

Portfolio committees also have responsibility for scrutiny of public accounts and public works which relate to their portfolio.² Committees also consider reports of the Auditor-General and other referrals from the Legislative Assembly, and may initiate an inquiry into any other matter they consider appropriate.³

2 Annual report 2018-2019

In accordance with s108 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, the committee is required to table an annual report within four months and 14 days after the end of each financial year. The report must include:

- a list of meetings of the committee and the names of members attending or absent from each meeting
- a summary of issues considered by the committee, including a description of the more significant issues arising from the considerations
- a statement of the committee's revenue and spending for the year, and
- a brief description of responses by Ministers to recommendations of the committee.

This report will provide a summary of the activities of the committee from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

¹ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 88 and Standing Order 194.

² *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 94.

³ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 92.

3 Inquiries and reports

The committee considered a number of issues and tabled 21 reports and two information papers during the 2018-2019 financial year. The committee's reports and inquiries are discussed below.

Copies of the committee's publications are available from the committee's webpage.⁴

3.1 Bills and subordinate legislation

The committee examined a number of Bills and pieces of subordinate legislation in accordance with its responsibility under s93(1) of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*.

3.1.1 2019-20 Budget Estimates (Report No. 33)

On 12 June 2019, the budget estimates for the committee's portfolio areas were referred to the committee for examination and report.

The committee held a public hearing on 24 July 2019 to examine the proposed expenditures contained in Appropriation Bill 2019. The committee asked questions of the Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries regarding the proposed expenditures for their portfolio areas.

The report and volume of additional information were tabled on 15 August 2019.

The committee made one recommendation that the proposed expenditure, as detailed in the Appropriation Bill 2019 for the committee's areas of responsibility, be agreed to by the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

3.1.2 Natural Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 (Report No. 27)

On 26 February 2019, the Natural Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 was referred to the committee for examination and report. The committee tabled its report on 18 April 2019.

The Bill was an "omnibus Bill" which sought to amend the following Acts to improve administrative efficiency and ensure regulatory frameworks within the Natural Resources, Mines and Energy portfolio remain effective and responsive; enhance the water compliance frameworks; and implement measures to improve performance of the resources tenure management system.

- *Aboriginal Land Act 1991*
- *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991*
- *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Holding Act 2013*
- *Foreign Ownership of Land Register Act 1988*.
- *Land Act 1994*
- *Surveyors Act 2003*
- *Mineral Resources Act 1989*
- *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*
- *Right to Information Act 2009*
- *Electricity Act 1994*

The committee made two recommendations including that the Bill be passed. The government accepted both recommendations. The Bill was passed, with amendment, on 15 May 2019.

⁴ <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/SDNRAIDC>

3.1.3 Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018 (Report No. 26)

On 31 October 2018, Mr Michael Berkman MP, Member for Maiwar, introduced the Mineral Resources (Galilee Basin) Amendment Bill 2018. The Bill was referred to the committee for examination and report. The committee was required to table its report by 30 April 2019.

The Bill sought too:

- prohibit the grant of a coal mining lease for land in the Galilee Basin
- terminate any existing coal mining leases for land in the Galilee Basin
- amend any existing coal mining leases which overlap with land in the Galilee Basin to exclude that land
- confirm that no compensation is payable to the mining lease holders affected by the Bill.

There was significant community interest in this Bill. The committee received 109 submissions and over 300 form submissions and held public hearings in Brisbane on 4 March 2019 and in Moranbah on 5 March 2019.

The committee made two recommendations including that the Bill not be passed. The government accepted both recommendations.

3.1.4 Economic Development and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 (Report No. 18)

On 19 September 2018, the Economic Development and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 was referred to the committee for examination and report. The committee was required to table its report by 8 November 2018.

While the Bill was an omnibus Bill amending a number of Acts and related Acts, submitters focused on the following areas:

- amendments to the *Sanctuary Cove Resort Act 1985* (SCR Act) to include a ‘retirement facility’ and ‘residential care facility’ as potential uses under the SCR Act
- amendments to the *Planning Act 2016* to allow the validation of Infrastructure Charges Notices issued by many local governments
- amendments to the *Economic Development Act 2012* and other Acts to improve the declaration of Priority Development Areas (PDA) and PDA associated developments
- amendments to the *Queensland Reconstruction Authority Act 2011* to reflect the expanded authority of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority as the state’s lead agency responsible for disaster recovery, resilience and mitigation policy in Queensland.

The committee made five recommendations. The government accepted all the recommendations, including that the Bill be amended. The Bill was passed, with amendments, on 2 April 2018.

3.1.5 Fisheries (Sustainable Fisheries Strategy) Amendment Bill 2018 (Report No. 17)

On 4 September 2018, the Fisheries (Sustainable Fisheries Strategy) Amendment Bill 2018 was referred to the committee for examination and report. The committee was required to table its report by 2 November 2018.

The committee examined a number of matters including:

- the objectives of the new fisheries harvest strategies
- measures to strengthen enforcement powers and penalties to address serious fisheries offences such as black-marketing, such as penalties for black-market trafficking in priority fish, and the expansion of the vessel monitoring system.

To better appreciate the expansion of powers for inspectors the committee accompanied Department of Agriculture and Fisheries' officers on patrol in Moreton Bay and saw first-hand illegal fishing activities.



Committee members meeting with fisheries officers at Manly Harbour. Committee site visit, Manly Harbour, 11 October 2018.

The committee made five recommendations. The government noted a number of the committee's recommendations and agreed to the requests for the provision of additional information. The Bill was passed on 28 February 2019.

3.1.6 Vegetation Management (Clearing for Relevant Purposes) Amendment Bill 2018 (Report No. 14)

The Vegetation Management (Clearing for Relevant Purposes) Amendment Bill 2018 was referred to the committee on 21 March 2018. The Speaker, Hon. Curtis Pitt, ruled clause 4 of this Bill out of order as it offended the same question rule under Standing Order 87(1) on 17 May 2018.

The committee's examination of the Bill included consideration of two submissions and written advice from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy. The committee reported to the Legislative Assembly on 3 September 2018.

The committee recommended that the Bill not be passed but that the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy examine the merits of providing an information notice to applicants under section 22A of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*.

3.1.7 2018-19 Budget Estimates (Report No. 13)

On 12 June 2018, the budget estimates for the committee's portfolio areas were referred to the committee for examination and report.

The committee held a public hearing on 25 July 2018 to examine the proposed expenditures contained in Appropriation Bill 2018. The committee asked questions of the Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and

the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries regarding the proposed expenditures for their portfolio areas.



State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee, public Estimates hearing held on 25 July 2018.

The report and volume of additional information were tabled on 16 August 2018.

The committee made one recommendation that the proposed expenditure, as detailed in the Appropriation Bill 2018 for the committee's areas of responsibility, be agreed to by the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

3.1.8 Subordinate legislation tabled between 13 February and 2 April 2019 (Report No. 30)

On 13 May 2019, the committee tabled Report No. 30: Subordinate legislation tabled between 13 February and 2 April 2019. The report outlined the committee's consideration of the following subordinate legislation:

- Planning (Excluded Development) Amendment Regulation 2019 (SL 6)
- Rural and Regional Adjustment (North and Far North Queensland Flood Disaster Recovery Funding) Amendment Regulation 2019 (SL 8)
- Water Plan (Condamine and Balonne) 2019 (SL 11)
- Water Plan (Border Rivers and Moonie) 2019 (SL 12)
- Aboriginal Land (Minjerribah) Amendment Regulation 2019 (SL 20)
- Biosecurity (Citrus Canker) Amendment Regulation 2019 (SL 25)
- Rural and Regional Adjustment (Extension of Funding for North and Far North Queensland Flood Disaster) Amendment Regulation 2019 (SL 26)
- Biosecurity (Fees for Registered Biosecurity Entities) Amendment Regulation 2019 (SL 37)

The committee held a public briefing in regard to the operation and impact of SL 11 and SL 12.

The committee did not identify any significant policy issues or issues relating to fundamental legislative principles in the subordinate legislation examined.

3.1.9 Subordinate legislation tabled between 14 November 2018 and 12 February 2019 (Report No. 28)

On 18 April 2019, the committee tabled Report No. 28: Subordinate legislation tabled between 14 November 2018 and 12 February 2019. The report outlined the committee's consideration of the following subordinate legislation:

- Planning Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2018 (SL 182)
- State Development and Public Works Organisation (State Development Areas) (Cairns South) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 183)
- Proclamation made under the *Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2018* (SL 188)
- Rural and Regional Adjustment (Bus Driver Safety Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 189)
- Economic Development (Albert Street Cross River Rail PDA) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 212)
- State Development and Public Works Organisation Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 213)
- Water (Metering and Compliance) Amendment Regulation 2019 (SL 1)
- Rural and Regional Adjustment (Solar for Rental Properties Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2019 (SL 2)
- National Energy Retail Law (Queensland) Amendment Regulation 2019 (SL 3)

The committee held a public briefing to seek additional information in regard to the operation and impact of SL 189 and SL 212 of 2018 and SL 2 of 2019.

The committee did not identify any significant policy issues or issues relating to fundamental legislative principles in the subordinate legislation examined.

3.1.10 Subordinate legislation tabled between 17 October and 13 November 2018 (Report No. 24)

On 25 March 2019, the committee tabled Report No. 24: Subordinate legislation tabled between 17 October and 13 November 2018. The report outlined the committee's consideration of the following subordinate legislation:

- Planning (Container Refund Scheme) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2018 (SL 163)
- Aboriginal Land (North Stradbroke Island) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 170)
- Rural and Regional Adjustment (Disaster Assistance Schemes) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 172)

The committee held a public briefing to seek additional information in regard to the operation of SL 172.

The committee did not identify any significant policy issues or issues relating to fundamental legislative principles in the subordinate legislation examined.

3.1.11 Subordinate legislation No. 179: Fisheries (Vessel Tracking) Amendment Regulation 2018 (Report No. 22)

On 15 February 2019, the committee tabled Report No. 22: Subordinate legislation No. 179: Fisheries (Vessel Tracking) Amendment Regulation 2018.

The committee did not identify any significant policy issues or issues relating to fundamental legislative principles in the subordinate legislation examined. The committee found that the explanatory notes

for Subordinate Legislation No.179 - Fisheries (Vessel Tracking) Amendment Regulation 2018 did not comply with the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

3.1.12 Subordinate legislation tabled between 19 September and 16 October 2018 (Report No. 21)

On 11 February 2019, the committee tabled Report No. 21: Subordinate legislation tabled between 19 September and 16 October 2018. The report outlined the committee's consideration of the following subordinate legislation:

- Fisheries (Regulated Periods) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 149)
- Coal Mining Safety and Health (Respirable Coal Dust) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 153)

The committee did not identify any significant policy issues or issues relating to fundamental legislative principles in the subordinate legislation examined. However, the committee found that aspects of the explanatory notes for SL 149 did not comply with the requirements set out in Part 4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

3.1.13 Subordinate legislation tabled between 5 September and 18 September 2018 (Report No. 19)

On 12 November 2018, the committee tabled Report No. 19: Subordinate legislation tabled between 5 September and 18 September 2018. The report outlined the committee's consideration of the following subordinate legislation:

- Rural and Regional Adjustment (Energy Savings Schemes) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 145)
- Planning (Container Refund Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 146)

The committee did not identify any significant policy issues or issues relating to fundamental legislative principles in the subordinate legislation examined. However, the committee found that the explanatory notes for both SL No.145 - Rural and Regional Adjustment (Energy Savings Schemes) Amendment Regulation 2018 and SL No.146 - Planning (Container Refund Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2018 did not comply with the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

3.1.14 Subordinate legislation tabled between 13 June 2018 and 4 September 2018 (Report No. 16)

On 29 October 2018, the committee tabled Report No. 16: Subordinate legislation tabled between 13 June and 4 September 2018. The report outlined the committee's consideration of the following subordinate legislation:

- Planning and Environment Court Rules 2018 (SL 67)
- Biosecurity and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 77)
- Planning Legislation (Fees and Other Matters) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 91)
- Agriculture and Fisheries Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 98)
- Coal Mining Safety and health (Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 02)
- Land (Deferred Rent) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 108)
- Economic Development (Oxley and Yeronga PDAs) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 115)
- Aboriginal Land (North Stradbroke Island USL) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 118)
- Water Plan (Mitchell) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2018 (SL 120)
- Water Plan (Gulf) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2018 (SL 121)
- Rural and Regional Adjustment (Rural Economic Development Grants Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 130)

- Rural and Regional Adjustment (Vessel Tracking Rebate Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 131)
- Proclamation made under the *Land Access Ombudsman Act 2018* (SL 134)
- Petroleum and Gas (Safety) Regulation 2018 (SL 135)

The committee did not identify any significant policy issues or issues relating to fundamental legislative principles in the subordinate legislation examined.

3.1.15 Subordinate legislation tabled between 2 May and 12 June 2018 (Report No. 15)

On 21 September 2018, the committee tabled Report No. 15: Subordinate legislation tabled between 2 May and 12 June 2018. The report outlined the committee's consideration of the following subordinate legislation:

- Rural and Regional Adjustment (Solar PV and Battery Energy Storage Systems) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 54)
- Vegetation Management (Thickened Vegetation) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 56)
- Economic Development (Mackay Waterfront PDA) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 60)
- Natural Resources, Mines and Energy Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 63)

The committee did not identify any significant policy issues or issues relating to fundamental legislative principles in the subordinate legislation.

3.1.16 Subordinate legislation tabled between 16 February 2018 and 1 May 2018 (Report No. 12)

On 16 August 2018, the committee tabled Report No. 12: Subordinate legislation tabled between 16 February 2018 and 1 May 2018. The report outlined the committee's consideration of the following subordinate legislation:

- Vegetation Management (Regional Ecosystems) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 23)
- Vegetation Management (Clearing Codes) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 24)
- Electricity and Other Legislation (Price Determinations) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 26)
- Explosives (Commonwealth Games Transportation Restrictions) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 27)
- Land and Other Legislation Amendment (Postponement) Regulation 2018 (SL 28)
- Royal National Agricultural and Industry Association of Queensland Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 29)
- Fisheries Legislation (Coral Trout and Spanner Crabs) Quota Amendment Declaration 2018 (SL 37)
- Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) (Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council) Amendment Regulation 2018 (SL 43)

The committee received a public briefing from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on 23 July 2018.

The committee did not identify any significant policy issues or issues relating to fundamental legislative principles in the subordinate legislation examined.

3.2 Annual Report 2017-2018 (Report No. 20)

On 12 November 2018, the committee tabled Report No. 20: Annual Report 2017-2018. The report provides a summary of the activities of the committee for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

3.3 Other inquiries

3.3.1 Inquiry into job creation opportunities in Queensland arising from the establishment of an Australian space industry (Report No. 23)

On 6 September 2018, the Legislative Assembly referred an inquiry to examine the opportunities to create jobs across Queensland, in particular regional Queensland, and promote existing supply chain capability from the establishment of an Australian space industry.

The inquiry's terms of reference were:

- the Australian Government's establishment of an Australian Space Agency on 1 July 2018
- the space supply chain, which has been broadly categorised as, Space systems (including communication satellites), ground systems, applications and ancillary services, and End use (e.g. improved telecommunications, mapping and emergency management)
- the review of space supply chain capability released by the Australian Government prior to the Agency being announced
- Queensland's areas of competitive advantage in relation to identified capability which, at a high level, have been identified as communications, earth observations, position, navigation and timing, and
- areas of regional Queensland where supply chain capability exists, particularly in areas of competitive advantage.

The committee held a hearing at the University of Queensland and met with key researchers in the launch and Earth observation sector.



The Committee with senior UQ academics and stakeholders at the public hearing, University of Queensland, St Lucia, 19 October 2018.

Additionally, the committee visited the Australian Centre for Robotic Vision at the Queensland University of Technology.



Committee Chair, Chris Whiting MP, with Professor Michael Milford at the Australian Centre for Robotic Vision, Queensland University of Technology, 16 November 2018

The committee released two information papers to provide information on the components of the Space Industry.

- Information paper No.1 - What is the Space Industry? on 30 November 2018
- Information paper No. 2 - What does the Space Industry require? on 4 February 2019

The committee travelled to the Australian Capital Territory and met with government, academics, space scientists and other national and international stakeholders.

During the inquiry the committee also witnessed the Black Sky Aerospace sub-orbital rocket launch, near Goondiwindi, which was the first sub-orbital launch in Australia.



Black Sky Aerospace Launch vehicle. Committee site visit to sub-orbital launch, Tarawera, 21 November 2018.

Furthermore, the committee visited Gilmour Space Technologies in Pimpama and saw first-hand its ground control station, mobile rocket launcher and One Vision Rocket.



One Vision Rocket, Committee site visit to Gilmour Space Technologies, Pimpama, 1 February 2019.

The committee tabled its report on 28 February 2019. The report made 15 recommendations to support and develop the Space sector in Queensland.

The government agreed to all the committee's recommendation noting that:

Recommendations 1 – 14 will be delivered through the development of a Queensland Space Strategy. The recommendations address space infrastructure, career pathways and STEM education. Queensland will work in collaboration with the Federal Government and the Australian Space Agency in the delivery of these recommendations particularly with regard to investments in infrastructure.⁵

3.3.2 Inquiry into the impacts of invasive plants (weeds) and their control in Queensland

The committee's examination of the impacts of invasive plants (weeds) and their control in Queensland continues the inquiry commenced in the 55th Parliament by the then Agriculture and Environment Committee (AEC). The AEC was unable to complete its inquiry prior to the 55th Parliament being dissolved in October 2017. On 1 April 2019, the committee resolved to finalise the AEC inquiry into invasive plants (weeds) and their control in Queensland.

The committee used the evidence of the AEC inquiry but also took a further departmental briefing on 10 June 2019 to update the evidence. The committee will finalise its report in the next reporting period.

⁵ Queensland Government's response to the committee's recommendations
<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Documents/TableOffice/TabledPapers/2019/5619T810.pdf>

3.4 Consideration of Queensland Audit Office Reports to Parliament

3.4.1 Queensland Audit Office Report to Parliament No. 8: 2018-19 – Water: 2017-18 results of financial audits (Report No. 29)

The Auditor-General's report titled *Queensland Audit Office Report to Parliament No. 8: 2018-19 – Water: 2017-18 results of financial audits* was tabled on 15 November 2018 and referred to the committee on the same day.

As part of its inquiry into the Auditor-General's report, the committee received a public briefing from the Queensland Audit Office on 25 February 2019 and a further private briefing from the Queensland Audit Office on 1 April 2019.

The committee tabled its report on the Auditor-General's report on 2 May 2019.

The committee's report considered the Auditor-General's findings in relation to its financial audits of six water entities – Mount Isa Water Board, Gladstone Area Water Board, SunWater, Unitywater, Seqwater and Queensland Urban Utilities.

The committee made one recommendation that the Legislative Assembly note the contents of the report.

3.4.2 Queensland Audit Office Report to Parliament No. 9: 2018-19 – Energy: 2017-18 results of financial audits (Report No. 25)

The Auditor-General's report titled *Queensland Audit Office Report to Parliament No. 9: 2018-19 – Energy: 2017-18 results of financial audits* was tabled on 22 November 2018 and referred to the committee on 14 February 2019.

As part of its inquiry into the Auditor-General's report, the committee received a public briefing from the Queensland Audit Office on 25 February 2019.

The committee tabled its report on the Auditor-General's report on 28 March 2019.

The committee's report considered the Auditor-General's findings in relation to its financial audits of the government's main energy entities – Stanwell, CS Energy, Powerlink and Energy Queensland, including the entities controlled by these companies and the regulatory submissions to the Australian Energy Regulator for Energex and Ergon.

The committee made one recommendation that the Legislative Assembly note the contents of the report.

3.4.3 Queensland Audit Office Report to Parliament No. 19: 2016-17 – Security of critical water infrastructure (Report No. 11)

The Auditor-General's report titled *Queensland Audit Office Report to Parliament No. 11: 2016-17 – Security of critical water infrastructure* was tabled on 27 June 2017. On 8 August 2017 the Auditor-General's *Report 19: 2016-17 – Security of critical water infrastructure* was referred to the Public Works and Utilities Committee of the 55th Parliament. The Public Works and Utilities Committee did not report before the dissolution of Parliament on 29 October 2017. The report was referred to the committee on 3 May 2018.

As part of its inquiry into the Auditor-General's report, the committee received a public briefing from the Queensland Audit Office and the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy on 11 June 2018.

The committee tabled its report on the Auditor-General's report on 19 July 2018. The government response was tabled on 15 October 2018.

The committee recommended that the Legislative Assembly note the contents of the report, and that the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy provide a briefing/written briefing to the committee by the end of June 2019 on its implementation of the Auditor-General's Recommendations

1 and 2 in the Auditor-General's *Report 19: 2016-17 Security of critical water infrastructure*. The department provided its written briefing in response to the committee's recommendation on 24 June 2019.

3.4.4 Queensland Audit Office Report to Parliament No. 16: 2015-16 – Flood resilience of river catchments (Report No. 10)

The Auditor-General's report titled *Queensland Audit Office Report to Parliament No. 16: 2016-17 – Flood resilience of river catchments* was tabled on 19 April 2016. On 8 August 2017 the Auditor-General's *Report 16: 2016-17 – Flood resilience of river catchments* was referred to the AEC of the 55th Parliament. The AEC did not report before the dissolution of Parliament on 29 October 2017. The report was referred to the committee on 3 May 2018.

As part of its inquiry into the Auditor-General's report, the committee received a public briefing from the Queensland Audit Office, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Queensland Reconstruction Authority on 11 June 2018.

The committee tabled its report on the Auditor-General's report on 19 July 2018.

The committee made one recommendation that the Legislative Assembly note the contents of the report.

4 Committee expenditure

The committee had no revenue during 2018-2019. The committee is funded from the appropriation made to the Legislative Assembly. The expenditure of the committee from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 is shown in the table below.

Item	\$
Employee expenses ⁶	330,537
Business travel	35,000
Meeting expenses	18,755
Technology	3,456
Printing, postage and supplies	2,461
Telecommunication costs	2,700
Miscellaneous expenses	114
Expenditure Total	393,023

⁶ These figures reflect a three person secretariat supporting the committee. The committee's staffing might have been supplemented with additional resources from general Committee Office staff throughout the year.

5 Meeting attendance record

The table below shows the attendance of committee members at committee meetings and other activities during the reporting period.

Standing Order 202(1) provides that in the case of a committee member's illness or inability to attend, another member may be appointed to attend that meeting or stand in for a particular inquiry.

Meeting Date	Activity Type	Chris Whiting MP	Pat Weir MP	David Batt MP	James (Jim) Madden MP	Brent Mickelberg MP	Jessica (Jess) Pugh MP
10-Jul-18	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18-Jul-18	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23-Jul-18	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25-Jul-18	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PM	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
	PH ⁷	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14-Aug-18	PM	✓	✗ ⁸	✓	✗ ⁹	✓	✓
	PM	✓	✗ ¹⁰	✓	✗ ¹¹	✓	✓
20-Aug-18	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
03-Sep-18	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
06-Sep-18	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17 Sep-18	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20-Sep-18	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10-Oct-18 ¹²	PH	✗ ¹³	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11-Oct-18	PB	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
12-Oct-18 ¹⁴	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ¹⁵

⁷ Public hearing for Budget Estimates 2018-2019.

⁸ Member for Gregory appointed under Standing Order 202(1) for the Member for Condamine.

⁹ Member for Stretton appointed under Standing Order 202(1) for the Member for Ipswich West.

¹⁰ Member for Gregory appointed under Standing Order 202(1) for the Member for Condamine.

¹¹ Member for Stretton appointed under Standing Order 202(1) for the Member for Ipswich West.

¹² Public hearing held in Cairns. Member for Hinchinbrook was in attendance.

¹³ Member for Nudgee appointed under Standing Order 202(1) for the Member for Bancroft.

¹⁴ Public hearing held in Scarborough.

¹⁵ Member for Kurwongbah appointed under Standing order 202(1) for the Member for Mount Ommaney.

Meeting Date	Activity Type	Chris Whiting MP	Pat Weir MP	David Batt MP	James (Jim) Madden MP	Brent Mickelberg MP	Jessica (Jess) Pugh MP
15-Oct-18	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17-Oct-18	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19-Oct-18 ¹⁶	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29-Oct-18	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
06-Nov-18	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12-Nov-18	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16-Nov-18	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29-Nov-18	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
01-Feb-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11-Feb-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	x ¹⁷	✓	✓
13-Feb-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25-Feb-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27-Feb-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
04-Mar-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PH ¹⁸	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
05-Mar-19 ¹⁹	PH	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x
06-Mar-19	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21-Mar-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25-Mar-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
01-Apr-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PrB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

¹⁶ Public hearing held at the University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus, Brisbane.

¹⁷ Member for Capalaba appointed under Standing Order 202(1) for the Member for Ipswich West.

¹⁸ Member for Maiwar was in attendance.

¹⁹ Public hearing held in Moranbah. Member for Maiwar was in attendance. Subcommittee comprising Member for Bancroft, Member for Ipswich West, Member for Buderim and Member for Condamine.

Meeting Date	Activity Type	Chris Whiting MP	Pat Weir MP	David Batt MP	James (Jim) Madden MP	Brent Mickelberg MP	Jessica (Jess) Pugh MP
10-Apr-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15-Apr-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29-Apr-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
01-May-19	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13-May-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17-May-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27-May-19	PB ²⁰	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
	PB ²¹	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
07-Jun-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10-Jun-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14-Jun-19	PM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20-Jun-19	PH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²²

Legend:

PM	private meeting
PH	public hearing
PrB	private briefing
PB	public briefing



Chris Whiting MP

Chair

²⁰ Subcommittee comprising Member for Bancroft, Member for Buderim, Member for Mount Ommaney and Member for Condamine.

²¹ Subcommittee comprising Member for Bancroft, Member for Buderim, Member for Mount Ommaney and Member for Condamine.

²² Member for Mansfield appointed under Standing Order 202(1) for the Member for Mount Ommaney (partial proceedings).