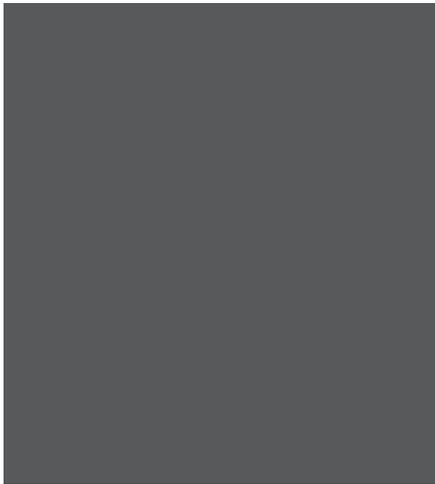


Community engagement



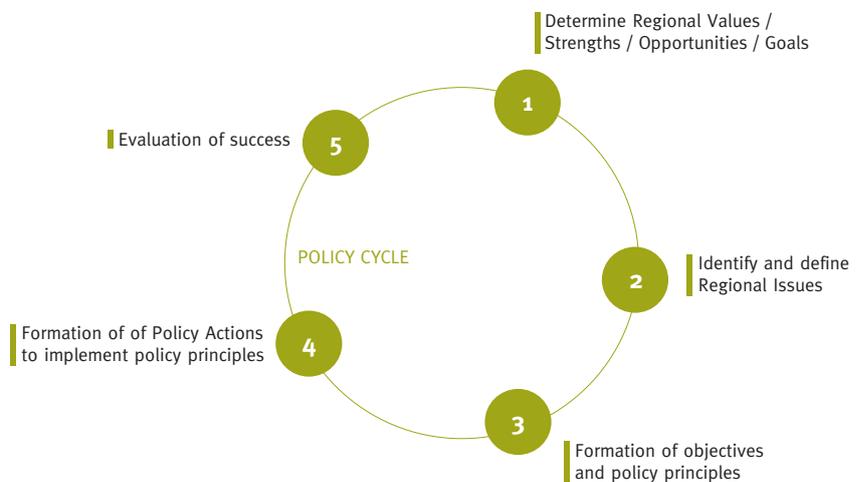
The Department of Infrastructure and Planning operates with a strong community focus, seeking input and valuing the contribution of the community by consulting, listening and promoting understanding.

Regional planning advisory committees

Workshops are held to focus on the values vision and mission for regions and are designed to assist in identifying any gaps in information and the links between particular values and issues. The information from the workshops is used to move to the next stage of the regional planning process, namely policy preparation.

These workshops provide a valuable way of determining the views, feelings and level of emotions behind the community perception of the issues that regional plans should address. This reinforces the vision for the long-term future and the recognition that the achievement of the regional vision will require a strong partnership between government, local government, private sector, non government organisations and the community.

Developing Regional Policies





Far North Queensland Regional Plan

The *Draft Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2025* (FNQ2025) provides innovative responses to managing urban development and protecting the region's World Heritage areas, the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics. It was the first statutory plan in Queensland to address the combined impacts of climate change and peak oil.

The launch of the draft regional plan was followed by extensive community consultation. Presentations and information sessions were held across the region from Wujal Wujal in the north to Cardwell in the south and inland to Mareeba, Atherton, Ravenshoe and Chillagoe.

The invitation to lodge submissions provided for a period of 60 working days, to close on Friday 8 August 2008.

Hundreds of submissions are expected to be reviewed before the final plan is developed for public release in December 2008.

Climate change workshops

Two workshops were held in Cairns to consider climate change and peak oil impacts in Far North Queensland. Participants considered 'Scenarios and projections' and 'Risk assessment and preferred response strategies' for managing those impacts.

Partners included Queensland Climate Change Centre of Excellence, Department of

Natural Resources and Water, Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation, and Queensland Transport.

The process was awarded Planning Institute of Australia Certificate of Merit for Disaster Management 2007 and was described by PIA judges as 'undeniably innovative, forward looking and pervasive in its potential application'.

YouthSPEAK—Youth Forum—May 2008

Devised and organised in conjunction with youth providers—the Department of Education, Training and Arts, James Cook University (JCU) and Cairns Regional Council—this project sought to engage young people in the FNQ2025 regional planning process. The forum led to an informed assessment of the draft regional plan and provided students with experience in public participatory processes and submission writing.

This interactive workshop with secondary school students Years 10–12 and JCU students enrolled in urban and regional planning degrees will result in a group (youth) submission to the Department of Infrastructure and Planning.

Innovative processes used at the workshop included a dynamic future wall, video recording, group work on youth issues, defining stakeholders, solutions, and group presentations. The youth organising committee is currently collating presentations and developing a formal submission.

The project is presently being considered for nomination for the PIA Awards 2008.

Regional development consultation

During the year, consultation was undertaken with:

- more than 40 coal industry stakeholders as part of the data collection phase for the Coal Infrastructure Strategic Plan
- stakeholders in relation to the Broadwater to Southern Moreton Bay Marine Infrastructure Master Plan
- coal seam gas producers as part of the coal seam gas supply and demand study.

State development areas

Extensive public consultation was undertaken in relation to three state development areas: Abbot Point, the proposed extension of the Gladstone State Development Area and the proposed Bromelton State Development Area.

Enquiry by design

A North Bank Enquiry By Design workshop for participants and the community on 25 June 2008. It is anticipated that Brookfield Multiplex, as the preferred developer, will use the outcomes of the process to produce a new concept design for the North Bank redevelopment, which the government will consider later in 2008.