

Planning

OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of this output are to provide leadership and promote a collaborative approach between state agencies, local government and other stakeholders to effectively plan for growth and infrastructure provision in Queensland, and to maintain a high quality of life and facilitate sustainable development. Specific aims are to:

- transport the application of current South East Queensland regional planning principles progressively across the state
- formulate a statewide model to manage population growth and subsequent infrastructure priorities
- reform planning in Queensland by improving the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* and the Integrated Development Assessment System (IDAS). This will be achieved through implementing endorsed recommendations of the Planning for a Prosperous Queensland: A reform agenda for the state's planning and development framework, to ensure it remains flexible and responsive to meet future challenges and the needs of the community and stakeholders.

PRIORITIES

Collaboratively plan sustainable and dynamic urban and regional communities

STRATEGIES

Deliver a consistent and contemporary regional planning program for all of Queensland

Implement the Queensland Housing Affordability Strategy

Implement a planning policy and reform agenda

Performance measures

Measure	Description	Performance comment	2007–08 target	2007–08 result	2008–09 target
Number of local governments with high population growth (greater than 10 000 total population) with priority infrastructure plans (PIPs) lodged during the year	Priority infrastructure plans (PIPs) establish an infrastructure planning benchmark for planning schemes by identifying where growth is expected to occur, the nature and scale of the growth, and the infrastructure necessary to service the growth. This measure tracks the department's success in assisting local governments with higher population growth to progress their PIP.	The number of local governments responsible for planning in Queensland changed as a result of local government reform in March 2008. The 2007–08 target was 24 out of 123 councils. The 2008–09 target is 22 out of 57 councils. Progress was achieved during 2007–08 even though some councils experienced difficulties in implementing this important layer of planning.	24	19	22
Percentage of target audience reached by publications	The target audience refers to those client groups in the planning and development sector that are identified as interested in a publication. Publications include codes, guidelines and information bulletins on the operation of the planning and development framework, and reports on demographic trends and projections, residential land monitoring and broadhectare land use.	The distribution of written information continues to be a significant communication tool to inform clients of the operation of the planning and development framework. Achieving 97% equates to publications reaching over 60 000 clients during the year and reflects efficiencies associated with distributing publications electronically and continued popularity of the department's internet for accessing publications.	90%	97%	90%
Percentage of attendance rates at seminars, workshops and forums	The departmental seminars, workshops and forums are key engagement tools in the ongoing education and training of clients. Clients, in this instance, refers only to the client segments that are interested in and invited to attend the seminars, workshops and forums.	Eighty-one per cent represents over 4000 clients attending our seminars, workshops and forums and reflects a continuing high level of interest in departmental land supply, demographic projections and planning regulatory reforms and innovations.	80%	81%	80%

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Percentage of milestones completed on priority projects being progressed by regional planning projects outside SEQ	Regional planning outside SEQ contributes proactively to delivering vibrant, sustainable communities. This measure provides an indication of the success of the department's planning program in progressing priority projects in each of the 11 regional planning projects outside SEQ.	Seventy-eight per cent of milestones completed were achieved through good progress with all 11 regional planning projects outside SEQ. Outcomes of these milestones provide for innovative responses to managing urban sprawl, protecting the region's internationally renowned natural features such as the Wet Tropics and Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Areas, and increasing preparedness for emerging issues, such as climate change and the impacts of a global peak in oil production.	80%	78%	80%
Number of local governments and state agencies participating in the new Smart electronic Development Assessment (Smart eDA) Program	Smart eDA is an online service that streamlines the development assessment process in Queensland and transforms the current paper-based Integrated Development Assessment System (IDAS) process into an intuitive and interactive, internet-based process. This measure monitors the take-up rate and use of the Smart eDA Program by local governments.	Considerable progress was made during the year in the rollout of the supporting network application for the Smart eDA system. Consequently higher than expected participation by councils was achieved. The 2008–09 target is based on the fewer councils responsible for planning (57) following the 2008 local government reforms.	55	92	45
Number of Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) meetings held per year	RCC meetings are chaired by the Deputy Premier and involve five mayors of SEQ local governments and five state ministers. This forum is the key advisory body to State Cabinet on regional growth management in SEQ.	RCC meetings were held quarterly during the year with the exception of the third quarter, which clashed with local government elections. These meetings have ensured guidance in the implementation of the SEQ Regional Plan and regional infrastructure coordination.	4	3	4
Number of subregional planning and infrastructure forums held per year	Subregional planning and infrastructure forums provide an informal mechanism for departmental staff to engage directly with local government and state government officers. These forums provide an opportunity for local government to provide input into state and regional planning initiatives in SEQ.	Of the 10 forums held during the year, five were dedicated to infrastructure planning issues. The number and scope of meetings held ensured a high level of dialogue and information sharing between the state and local government at officer level.	10	10	10
Number of Regional Landscape and Open Space Committee meetings held per year	The Regional Landscape and Open Space Committee provides advice on landscape, environmental and open space issues for SEQ to the minister and the department.	This forum continued to provide quality advice to the Minister for Regional Planning. In addition to the scheduled meetings, an extra meeting was held in March to advance regional outdoor recreational development planning matters.	6	7	6
Client satisfaction with the quality of seminars, workshops, forums and publications	The departmental seminars, workshops and forums are key engagement tools in the ongoing education and training of clients. Clients, in this instance refers only to the client segments that are interested in and invited to attend the workshops and forums, and use the publications.	Eighty-two per cent of clients who responded to surveys indicated they were satisfied with the quality of seminars, forums and publications in terms of format, content, delivery mechanism and timing.	80%	82%	80%



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Key stakeholder satisfaction with the quality of SEQ Regional Plan implementation process	Stakeholder research is undertaken to determine satisfaction with the pace and quality of planning outcomes associated with the implementation of the SEQ Regional Plan. This feedback is used to inform decisions on the future direction of the implementation projects associated with the plan.	Significant client and stakeholder feedback was obtained through consultation and information activities associated with the review of the SEQ Regional Plan. This feedback has confirmed that key stakeholder satisfaction with the implementation process remains at a high level.	75%	75%	75%
Percentage of statutory responsibilities completed within agreed time frames	Statutory responsibilities include those contained within the <i>Integrated Planning Act 1997</i> , for example the responsibilities related to ministerial call-ins of development applications. Agreed time frames are those set by the department to ensure operational efficiency is observed.	During the year all statutory processing responsibilities were met within set time lines.	100%	100%	100%
Concurrence agency requests processed within required time frames	Concurrence agency request responsibilities include those related to ministerial advice agency powers and concurrency agency powers under the <i>Integrated Planning Act 1997</i> .	During the year all concurrence agency request responsibilities were met within set time frames.	100%	100%	100%
Produce an updated SEQ Infrastructure Plan and Program	The South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program was first released in May 2005 and is updated annually to reflect and align with the latest planning and budget commitments. This performance measure reflects the department's commitment to continual review to maintain a contemporary plan and program of work, which will meet the future needs of SEQ region.	This measure was achieved with the publication of the 2007–08 review in June 2008. The total program currently involves around 300 identifiable projects, with an investment of just over \$107B (inclusive of federal government contributions and other revenue sources). This investment includes more than \$83.5B in road, rail and public transport projects including investigations, nearly \$8B in water infrastructure, \$3.5B spending on energy, \$5.2B in health infrastructure, \$3.5B on education and training, and \$3.3B in justice and corrective services. The program now includes 60 new projects at an estimated cost of \$20B to help maintain the quality of life in the SEQ region.	May 2008	June 2008	June 2009