



Communication objectives

Welcome to the Department of Infrastructure and Planning's Annual Report for 2008–09.

This report is part of a suite of departmental documents including the *Department of Infrastructure and Planning Strategic Plan 2008–12* and the *Agency Service Delivery Statement* that inform the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, and Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and the Parliament of the department's financial and non-financial performance and activities. It is a major accountability tool that enables the ministers to assess the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of the department, as required under the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977* and the Financial Management Standard 1997.

In providing an overview of our performance and key outcomes for the year, the Annual Report responds particularly to the vision, mission, values and strategic priorities presented in the department's Strategic Plan 2008–12 and pertinent elements from the former Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation's Strategic Plan 2008–12. It also reports on our performance and on outcomes linked to Queensland Government priorities.

In addition to fulfilling our statutory obligations, this report describes how the department has invested public and industry funds to benefit Queensland's communities and industries. As such it is a valuable resource for our stakeholders and clients, who may use it to benchmark us against other organisations, and for organisations and community groups who share an interest in our performance, initiatives and future directions.

This Annual Report has been prepared on the basis of the administrative arrangements for the Department of Infrastructure and Planning applying for the whole 2008–09 financial year. That is, it reflects the structure, operations and performance of the department as it existed on 30 June 2009.

Machinery-of-government changes resulted in an amalgamation of the functions of local government and the Department of Infrastructure and Planning. The final report detailing the achievements and successes of the former Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation, for the period 1 July 2008 to 26 March 2009, is available at www.dip.qld.gov.au.