



Executive Leadership Team

The Executive Leadership Team leads, directs and oversees the delivery of the department's strategic goals and operational objectives.



From left to right: Shane McDowall, Geoff Dickie, Colin Jensen, Kathy Schaefer, Michael Kinnane and Gary White.



Colin Jensen
Coordinator-General and
Director-General
*Department of Infrastructure
and Planning*

Colin Jensen is Queensland's Coordinator-General and Director-General of the Department of Infrastructure and Planning—serving in these roles since 14 September 2007.

Colin is responsible for overseeing the delivery of the largest infrastructure program in Queensland's history, including assessing 37 significant projects worth in excess of \$90 billion and managing seven State Development Areas. In addition, he has responsibility for ensuring local governments adopt transparent decision-making, good governance and sustainable approaches to development. He also continues to lead the modernisation of

Queensland's planning and development system.

Previously, Colin was Deputy Director-General of the former Queensland Transport, where he oversaw and coordinated the state's transport infrastructure program. In this role, he was also responsible for integrated transport planning, passenger transit systems and information, and for the department's financial management.

From 1987 to 2006, Colin worked for the former Department of Main Roads, concluding his tenure as General Manager (Road System and Engineering)—the department's chief engineer. In this role he ensured that the department had the technical expertise,

systems and people capable of meeting the demands and risks associated with managing \$30 billion of road infrastructure across Australia's most decentralised state.

Colin also held engineering and executive positions in Main Roads in the areas of urban planning, transport modelling, strategic planning, road program development and policy.

For two consecutive years, Engineers Australia Magazine has named Colin one of Australia's 100 most influential engineers.



Geoff Dickie
Deputy Coordinator-General
*Infrastructure and Economic
Development Group*

Geoff was appointed as Deputy Coordinator-General on 22 May 2008. His responsibilities include industrial land planning such as the Gladstone State Development Area, and facilitation and impact assessments of significant public and private sector projects. Geoff has worked in mining and petroleum exploration and development in Australia and Canada, and has in recent years been a manager in government resource departments at both federal and state levels.

He has previously served as Special Advisor, Native Title and Mining, and Executive Director, Minerals and Petroleum Division in the Department of Natural Resources and Mines. Geoff has tertiary qualifications in economics and geology.



Gary White
Deputy Director-General
Planning Group

Gary joined the Department of Infrastructure and Planning as Deputy Director-General, Planning Group, in July 2008. Prior to this, from 1997 to 2008, he held key planning positions within the Redlands, Gold Coast and Ipswich councils.

In his current role, Gary has overseen several significant

planning projects, including the finalisation of the award-winning *Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2009–2031* and the launch of the *Draft South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009–2031*. Gary has also been responsible for the continued rollout of other regional planning frameworks, and led the drafting of the Sustainable Planning Bill 2009. The Bill, a key platform in the government’s planning reform initiative, was tabled in Parliament in June 2009.

Gary has been President of the Queensland Division of the Planning Institute of Australia. He is Queensland’s representative on the National Council of the Planning Institute of Australia, and chair of the Planning Officials’ Group, which provides strategic planning advice to ministerial councils and actions relevant items referred by the Council of Australian Governments.



Shane McDowall
Deputy Coordinator-General
Infrastructure Services Group

Shane has more than 20 years experience in the civil engineering industry in Australia and overseas, in both the private and public sectors. He has been involved in many high-profile projects, including the Southern Regional Water Pipeline Alliance, the Tarong Transport Alliance, the Wivenhoe Dam Upgrade Alliance, the Roma Street Parkland development and the Pacific Motorway upgrade. Shane has played a key role in the delivery of the Queensland Government’s \$9 billion South East Queensland Water Grid—a project of unprecedented scale and complexity. Shane chaired the Board of City

North Infrastructure, the company responsible for developing and delivering Brisbane’s high-profile Airport Link project and the associated sections of the Northern Busway.



Kathy Schaefer
Deputy Director-General
Strategy and Governance Group

Kathy was appointed as Deputy Director-General, Strategy and Governance, in July 2008. Prior to this, Kathy served with the South Australian Government in the Department of Education, Training and Employment, working within the corporate, employment, training and youth portfolios.

She also served as General Manager, Central Coast Council in Tasmania and led significant local government reforms including regional planning reforms, water and sewerage reforms and financial sustainability of local government. She served on the Premier’s Local Government Council, the Ministerial Community Engagement Taskforce, the Premier’s Social Inclusion Taskforce and the TAFE Tasmania Board.

Since taking up the Deputy Director-General position, Kathy has led the department’s involvement in *Toward Q2: Tomorrow’s Queensland*, overseen the review of the *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2008–2026*, coordinated the Government’s submission to *Infrastructure Australia* and led significant department reorganisation following the machinery-of-government changes in 2009.



Michael Kinnane
Associate Director-General
*Local Government and Service
Delivery Group*

Michael held the position of Director-General, Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation (DLGSR) from January 2006 to March 2009. Within DLGSR, Michael led the internal structural change that delivered a strategic shift in the department’s role—from that of regulator to strategic policy leader—as well as a new service delivery model based on regionalisation. These changes positioned the agency to deliver unprecedented reforms for Queensland’s local government sector.

In March 2009 Michael was appointed to the position of Associate Director-General in the Department of Infrastructure and Planning, where he is responsible for the Local Government and Service Delivery Group.

He holds joint responsibilities as Government Champion for Mornington Island under ‘Partnerships Queensland’ and is a member of the Strong Indigenous Communities Chief Executive Office Committee.