

Delivering for the community

Queensland Government's objectives for the community

The department contributes to the government's objectives for the community, which are:

- creating jobs and a diverse economy
- protecting the environment
- building safe, caring and connected communities
- delivering quality frontline services.

The actions we are taking to contribute to delivering the government's objectives for the community are outlined below.

The Queensland Plan

The department's policies, programs and services align with the *Queensland Government Response to The Queensland Plan* (the government response). The government response supports the government's objectives for the community and identifies the priorities and key initiatives that will contribute towards implementing Queenslanders' vision.

The following section of this annual report outlines our areas of focus. More information about our policies, programs and services can be found in the 'Our performance in driving business development, economic growth and job creation' and 'Our performance in assessing, approving, facilitating and delivering major projects' sections.

Creating jobs and a diverse economy

Increasing workforce participation

- completing EIS evaluation reports for seven coordinated projects, with a capital value of approximately \$18 billion and the potential to create more than 40,000 jobs
- delivering Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games™ venues—providing sport and community facilities through new world-class competition venues and major upgrades to existing venues, generating up to 1000 jobs
- construction of the Commonwealth Games Village—one of the largest urban renewal projects on the Gold Coast—is injecting an estimated \$550 million into the local economy and is estimated to generate 1500 full-time jobs during design and construction.

Stimulating economic growth and innovation

- providing active case management support to regionally significant private sector projects worth in excess of \$114 billion—regulatory issues were resolved, assisting proponents to achieve savings in terms of time and cost
- injecting funding directly into infrastructure needed to develop regional communities—in particular, transport projects such as airport, marine and road infrastructure; flood mitigation such as levees and drains; and critical community infrastructure such as water, waste and sewerage with the Building our Regions program

- enhancing access to local and global supply chains, including the Bowen and Galilee basins infrastructure supply chains
- facilitating value capture and uplift from surplus or underutilised government land that generates economic activity and achieves social outcomes
- supporting the growth of defence industries in Queensland
- maximising local content in major project supply chains.

Delivering new infrastructure and investment

- providing opportunities for Queensland to enhance its tourism offerings through integrated resort developments such as Queen's Wharf Brisbane
- \$100 million in funding committed by the Queensland Government to support the development of the stadium component of the Townsville Integrated Sports and Entertainment Centre (ISEC), for which the department is currently leading the business case development
- \$30 million in funding over two years committed by the Queensland Government to deliver a purpose designed netball facility in Nathan, which will provide a base, training venue and Netball Queensland headquarters
- delivering economic development initiatives through appropriate land acquisition and tenure programs.

Protecting the environment

Protecting the Great Barrier Reef

- guiding protection of the Great Barrier Reef over the next 35 years through the joint Australian and Queensland Government plan—*Reef 2050 – Long Term Sustainability Plan*
- ensuring coordinated master planning for priority ports of Gladstone, Hay

Point/Mackay, Townsville and Abbot Point.

Enabling responsible development

- providing a responsible and sustainable option for expanding the port of Abbot Point through the Abbot Point Growth Gateway Project.

Building safe, caring and connected communities

Building regions

- providing the latest information on future contract and supply opportunities for major regional projects at Regional Major Projects forums
- actively promoting regional business, investment and employment opportunities by hosting the Regional Queensland Showcase event
- facilitating partnerships across geographical areas to collaboratively develop sustainable solutions to complex economic and social issues.

Delivering quality frontline services

Providing responsive and integrated government services

- improving efficiency and quality of coordinated projects and development in SDAs—EIS assessment timeframes reduced by 57 per cent; SDA development assessment timeframes reduced by 55 per cent
- delivering regional economic development services through our network of regional offices
- enhancing the bilateral assessment agreement with the Australian Government.

Whole-of-government plans and initiatives

National Partnership Agreements

The department has lead responsibility for the National Partnership Agreement:

Regional Infrastructure Fund Stream 2 – Economic Infrastructure

- North Queensland Resources Supply Chain (\$1.66 million)
The Port of Townsville Infrastructure Layout and Land Allocations project will contribute to the Port of Townsville Master Plan by examining the port's current anticipated infrastructure and land allocation requirements with the aim of:
 - improving the strategic planning for the North Queensland Resource Supply Chain
 - addressing identified infrastructure bottlenecks
 - enhancing long-term network planning.
- Central Queensland Resources Supply Chain (\$1.5 million)
The Central Queensland Regional Growth Analysis, completed in 2014, identified several projects for further investigation; these are outlined below.
 - Determining the need for, and identifying potential opportunities for, government intervention in the provision of land or infrastructure to support industrial development in central Queensland to support the development of the Galilee Basin.
This study considers existing land supply in the regional centres of Mackay, Rockhampton, Moranbah,

Emerald, Clermont, Blackwater and Alpha and makes comment on the suitability of existing areas to meet expected demand and the function of each area in supporting supply chain activities associated with economic development in the region.

Key recommendations were to continue to investigate a number of potential industrial, intermodal and hardstand developments that can support the mining industry in the Rosella, Clermont, Nebo and Yamala areas.

- Investigating the potential to transport fuel from Gladstone via rail to mines in the Bowen Basin and proposed mines in the Galilee Basin. Currently oil industry infrastructure is heavily geared toward road distribution of fuel and associated products, therefore hindering the introduction of diesel supply by rail. There are ongoing investigations by interested parties to examine this type of opportunity to shift the mode of transport used for delivering fuel. The study found that the proposed Galilee Basin rail projects have the potential to carry fuel by rail from Abbot Point or the Port of Gladstone into the Galilee Basin. However, the existing Gladstone to Alpha rail line would require either investment to upgrade the track or innovation to carry the required tonnage axle limit tonnages.
The staged development of the projects and the uncertainty of the ramp up period once development begins, is acknowledged as a challenge in forecasting future returns.
- Determining the ability of Barcaldine Regional Council (BRC) and/or the private sector to commercially fund and operate an upgraded Alpha

Aerodrome on an ongoing basis to service the FIFO needs of southern Galilee Basin coal mines.

The findings of the project will be used to determine a financial/funding model to assist BRC to progress negotiations with mining proponents regarding possible user agreements for Alpha Aerodrome should projects proceed to financial closure.

- Assessing the demand for, and undertaking a strategic assessment of, the viability of common user road infrastructure to service the Southern Galilee Basin—including upgrading the Clermont-Alpha Road as a freight route for mining inputs and an alternative route for southern Galilee mines. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) will use the report’s findings to inform its priorities for road upgrades in the region.