

# A plan for the future: the Queensland Government Response to *The Queensland Plan*

## Infrastructure

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### Our approach

Infrastructure is vital in connecting our communities and the wider world, and underpins a productive economy. Providing and maintaining infrastructure in a state the size of Queensland with Australia's most decentralised population is a challenging task. It requires new and innovative thinking to meet growing demand at this time of fiscal restraint.

### Integrated planning and a clear infrastructure pipeline

The Queensland Government has been very deliberate in our work to deliver better planning and better infrastructure. We believe a responsible approach with a credible pipeline of projects will give certainty to industry, investors and communities across the state.

### Resilience and smarter use of existing infrastructure

While infrastructure helps drive economic and social development, it comes at significant cost. We must work together to identify where we can make better use of and improve existing infrastructure and find new ways to build capacity over time. We also need to increase the reliability and resilience of key infrastructure, to both improve productivity and lower costs and protect against natural disasters. Our government will continue work with partners to mitigate against future disasters and improve the operation of key supply chains.

### Partnering with the private sector

Our government also recognises the significant role and potential of the private sector to deliver and operate infrastructure, and continues to seek partnerships to drive productivity and growth.

### New technologies and innovation

We are intensifying our focus on ensuring digital infrastructure is in place to capitalise on global opportunities and will continue to build on existing successful models like Telehealth and Policelink that bring world-class services and immediate access to remote and regional communities. Information technology also allows us to make better use of existing

infrastructure assets and networks, while new mobile applications will allow users to make smarter journey planning choices.

### **Smart funding and financing**

We have demonstrated our commitment to providing the strategic infrastructure needed to propel Queensland into the 21st century—whether it be the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing, the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, Next Generation Rollingstock or the Government Wireless Network.

However, Queensland’s current high levels of debt restrict our capacity to provide economic and social infrastructure. That is why, subject to a mandate from Queenslanders at the next state election, we propose to sell or lease some assets to allow us to implement the Strong Choices Investment Program to deliver the vital infrastructure that Queensland needs. It is also why we will look to new partnerships with the private sector to enhance the role they play in providing infrastructure services.

### **Accelerating action**

We will focus on three key drivers in the short to medium-term to help achieve Queenslanders’ 30-year vision for infrastructure:

- Infrastructure Q – the infrastructure plan for a strong Queensland.
- Strong Choices Investment Program (subject to a mandate at the next state election).
- Innovating in the design, financing and management of infrastructure.

### **Delivering for Queenslanders**

The following table outlines actions to achieve the Government Response over the short, medium and long-term.

Each action is aligned with goals and targets identified by Queenslanders in *The Queensland Plan*.

<b>Goals</b>
<b>G28</b> – Our infrastructure fits our changing population and demographics.
<b>G29</b> – Our regions, businesses and communities reach their full potential.
<b>G30</b> – Infrastructure is funded in a variety of ways.
<b>G31</b> – Infrastructure is designed and built with longevity in mind.
<b>G32</b> – Infrastructure provides connectivity and accessibility across the state.
<b>Target</b>
<b>T19</b> – The right infrastructure is delivered in a timely way to support economic growth and social needs.

## New actions

### InfrastructureQ Strategy and Action Plan

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Publish the InfrastructureQ Strategy and Action Plan—setting out a committed pipeline of infrastructure priorities.

### Delivering economic and community infrastructure

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Subject to a mandate at the next state election, roll out the \$8.6 billion Strong Choices Investment Program to deliver vital infrastructure.

### Flexible work centres

G8 G9 G29 G31 | T8 T20

Trial the use of One State Government Flexible Work Centres in regional Queensland to accommodate government staff from multiple agencies.

### Infrastructure for the digital economy and services

G29 G31 G32 | T19

Progressively expand the coverage of the Government Wireless Network across the state.

## Existing actions

### RegionsQ Framework

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We are working to unlock regional potential and foster economic growth through the RegionsQ Framework. Forums have been held across the state to identify regional priorities and an action plan will be released later in 2014. A RegionsQ showcase is planned for early 2015 to highlight what makes regional Queensland a great place to live, learn, work and invest.

### Royalties for the Regions

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Our innovative and flexible program is delivering long-term royalty benefits in our regional communities with a \$495 million investment over four years. It has already delivered almost \$300 million to help provide much needed roads, community infrastructure and flood mitigation projects.

### WaterQ

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The water sector is diverse with more than 170 providers across the state. Our 30-year whole-of-sector strategy sets out a framework to address future changes and challenges and ensure water is available when, where and how it is needed.

### PowerQ

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Our 30-year visionary strategy is working to transition the electricity industry be more resilient, cost-effective and customer-focused. It provides clear goals and strategies with respect to consumers, the market and government, and sets out actions for the short, medium and long term.

## Queensland Ports Strategy

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Our 10-year blueprint is working to ensure Queensland will lead the way with an efficient port network that supports economic growth and effectively manages environmental objectives. It involves major reform to port planning, governance, environmental management and supply chain connections.

## Queensland schools project

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The Queensland Schools Project is an infrastructure and maintenance package of eight Prep to Year 6 primary schools and two Year 7 to 12 secondary schools in rapidly developing areas in South East Queensland (i.e. Brisbane, Gold Coast, Ipswich and the Moreton local government areas). The first schools will open for the 2015 academic school year, followed by further school openings in 2016 and 2017.

## Advancing our schools maintenance

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A \$300 million Queensland Government fund to ensure our children have access to the best school facilities and a safer environment in which to learn.

## Governing for Growth: Economic Strategy and Action Plan

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Our 10-year economic roadmap is already paying dividends with higher levels of business confidence, strong growth and a stable outlook for our AA credit rating. It sets out six priority areas for economic reform to drive investment, jobs and productivity.

## Projects Queensland

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Projects Queensland enhances the government's infrastructure delivery capability with key projects including 1 William Street, the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing and the Herston site redevelopment.

## Moving Freight Strategy

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Queensland's freight task is rising rapidly and is forecast to increase by 89 per cent from 871 million tonnes in 2010-11 to between 1643 and 1741 million tonnes by 2026. Our 10-year strategy identifies 38 actions to improve freight movement in Queensland.

## Economic Development Queensland (EDQ)

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EDQ is streamlining and fast-tracking developments and undertaking strategic planning for priority development areas. It is also working to deliver key projects like the Commonwealth Games Village and the Northshore Hamilton and Yeerongpilly urban villages. EDQ will also work with industry and local government to deliver the co-investment infrastructure program.

## Betterment Fund

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Managed by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, the Queensland-Commonwealth jointly funded \$80 million Queensland Betterment Fund increases the resilience of Queensland communities to natural disasters.

### 2018 Commonwealth Games legacy

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We have developed a well-structured and coordinated framework to ensure we take advantage of the opportunities presented by hosting GC2018.

### The Bus and Train (BAT)

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This project will provide long-term capacity to support growth in Brisbane and South East Queensland.

### The historic Toowoomba Second Range Crossing

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This project has received a \$321 million state investment in the \$1.6 billion toll road project.

### New and improved hospitals

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These hospitals are working to provide quality health care through the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital, Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital and hospitals in Cairns, Mackay, Mount Isa, Rockhampton and Townsville.

### Queensland Schools Project

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This \$1.4 billion project is delivering 10 new schools.

### Galilee Basin Development Strategy

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Unleashing the mining opportunities for this important region through streamlined solutions for water, power and rail and lowering upfront costs to stimulate development across the basin's southern and central coal resources.

### Coal infrastructure frameworks for Galilee, Surat and Bowen Basins

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In consultation with industry, local government and other stakeholders as part of an ongoing process, we have developed frameworks to guide decision-making for the coordinated, timely and cost-effective provision of enabling infrastructure for the Galilee, Surat and Bowen basins.

### Building Our Future Schools Fund

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Assisting non-state schools by providing funding for a range of major projects including developing new schools, the provision of additional facilities for growing schools and boarding accommodation.

### Local Government Infrastructure Planning and Charging Framework review

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Reforming the local government infrastructure (i.e. local roads, sewage treatment and water supply) charges framework to enhance the clarity, equity and consistency of the system.

### Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program

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Our detailed plan of the current transport and road projects that we plan to deliver over the next four years to meet the infrastructure needs of our rapidly growing state.

### Bruce Highway Action Plan

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We are committed to making long overdue and significant step change in the condition of the Bruce Highway. Our significant program of works will help improve the safety, flood immunity and capacity of the Bruce Highway over the next 10 years with \$768 million invested in 2013-14.

### Warrego Highway Upgrade Strategy

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The future of this vital east-west freight artery is assured with 41 short, medium and long-term investment priorities working to progressively upgrade the highway over the next 20 years.

### Housing 2020 Strategy

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Our strategy has reshaped housing assistance in Queensland. It expands the range of housing services available to low-income households including opportunities to secure appropriate and affordable housing in the private rental market.

### GoDigitalQld

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Mapping the digital future of Queensland using innovative technologies and innovation to deliver citizen-centric services to Queenslanders.

### Telehealth

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\$30.9 million has been allocated over four years to deliver clinical services in remote communities via a Rural Telehealth Service. Numbers of telehealth occasions of service increased by 37 percent to 21,649 in 2013-14. A Telehealth Emergency Management Support Unit is now linked to 36 rural and remote sites state-wide, with more to be added in the coming period.

### Queensland Globe

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Forming part of our Open Data strategy, Queensland Globe is an interactive online tool that provides access to maps, data and imagery of Queensland including Queensland Government-owned data and data used under licence from other parties. You can look up information about topics such as property boundaries, land tenure, addresses, suburbs and transport.

### MyMinesOnline

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MyMinesOnline is a customised information and application lodgement system for the resources sector. It is a secure, authenticated, online system that provides businesses with a combined view of resources and environmental approval data.

## Get involved – your vision, your way

There are many ways for individuals, families, friends and communities to get involved. Please consider:

[Find a bikeway in Queensland](#) – Get out and about and make the most of cycle paths across the state.

[GoDigitalQld forums](#) – Find new ways to innovate in the digital economy.