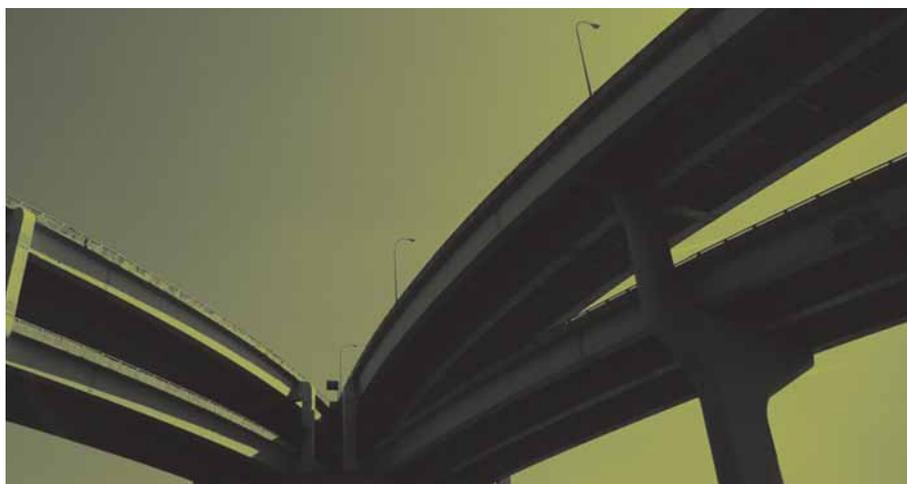


About the department



The Director-General of the Department of Infrastructure and Planning holds the Office of the Coordinator-General. The *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* provides the person holding this office with significant powers to manage major projects on a whole-of-government basis. The Act provides for planning and development through a coordinated system of public works as well as for environmental coordination and related purposes.

During 2007–08, the Department of Infrastructure and Planning declared 16 significant projects with a capital value of \$17 billion, released 21 Environmental Impact Statements with a capital value of \$11.3 billion, and issued nine Coordinator-General's reports for energy, tourism and infrastructure projects at a combined value of \$6.1 billion.

The department also ensures that there are adequate stocks for industrial development and that industrial developments have access to key transport and export links.

For example, under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*, the Gladstone State Development Area was established in 1993. At 21 000 hectares, 6800 of which are available for industrial development, it features direct links to road, rail, energy and port facilities. The Townsville State Development Area was declared in 2003 and covers 4800 hectares

with direct links to road, rail, energy and port facilities. The Bundamba State Development Area, declared in June 2006, enables the development of water pipeline infrastructure for South East Queensland.

The Department of Infrastructure and Planning administers the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* (IPA). The purpose of this Act is to achieve ecological sustainability by coordinating and integrating planning at the local, regional and state levels; managing the process by which development occurs; and managing the effects of development on the environment (including managing the use of premises).

The department also administers the *Building Act 1975* and the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002*. The *Building Act 1975* determines building work that is assessable development under the IPA and imposes compliance requirements for buildings and other structures.

The *Industrial Development Act 1963* provides guidance for using land for industrial purposes. The Property Services Group (PSG), a commercialised business unit within the Department of Infrastructure and Planning, delivers a range of services under the *Industrial Development Act*. Through access to the Estates Construction Fund, PSG provides funding for both property-related and other industry development functions aimed at encouraging the location and expansion of business and industry in Queensland.

Delivering services

The department has four groups that contribute to fulfilling the priorities identified in the Department of Infrastructure and Planning Strategic Plan and in fulfilling our legislative requirements. These groups are described below:

- Planning Group provides leadership and works in collaboration with state agencies, local government and other stakeholders. The group effectively plans for growth and infrastructure provision in Queensland to maintain a high quality of life and facilitate sustainable development. The Planning Group:
 - assists the application of current South East Queensland regional planning principles progressively across the state
 - formulates a statewide model to plan for management of population growth and subsequent infrastructure priorities
 - reforms planning in Queensland by improving the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* and the Integrated Development Assessment System. This includes implementation of the strategies within the *Planning for a Prosperous Queensland: A reform agenda for planning and development in the Smart State*, to ensure they meet the needs of the community and stakeholders with enough flexibility to manage future challenges.



- Infrastructure and Economic Development Group attracts, facilitates and assists in the timely delivery of projects and related infrastructure in Queensland. Services include:
 - promoting state and regional economic development through planning and coordination of the provision of critical infrastructure
 - promoting industrial development by facilitating the development of industrial land and multi-user infrastructure corridors
 - assessing the feasibility of new large-industry and major economic development opportunities in Queensland, particularly on designated state development areas
 - managing significant government projects that support industry and urban development
 - proponents investing in major resource, industry and tourism projects benefit from the streamlined approvals and management processes facilitated by this group.
- Infrastructure Delivery Group provides the central coordination role in the delivery of the South East Queensland Water Grid, the Airport Link project, and land acquisition. A number of Corporations Act entities referred to as Special Purpose Vehicles have been established to provide rigorous governance, management and delivery of major infrastructure including:
 - Western Corridor Recycled Water Project (Western Corridor Recycled Water Pty Ltd)
 - Southern Regional Water Pipeline
 - Northern and Eastern Pipeline Interconnectors (LinkWater)
 - South East Queensland Desalination Plant (SureSmart Water)
 - Airport Link toll road (City North Infrastructure Pty Ltd).
- Strategy and Governance Group delivers a diverse range of functions including providing internal corporate services and executive support, departmental communications and financial and asset management. The group's external focus includes the divisions of:
 - Strategic Policy which coordinates inter-agency, whole-of-government and national policy responses in areas related to the departmental portfolio.
 - Program Management which is responsible for coordinating and monitoring the implementation of the South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program.
 - Strategic Infrastructure Procurement which supports government agencies and local authorities in feasibility studies of significant infrastructure projects.