

Infrastructure and Economic Development Group



The Infrastructure and Economic Development Group is responsible for identifying and coordinating critical infrastructure and industrial projects, developing land for industrial purposes, delivering regional water projects, and coordinating the significant projects process.

The group, comprising Government Development Projects, Significant Projects Coordination, Regional Development, State Development Areas and the Property Services Group, is leading whole-of-government approaches to major project development, land use and infrastructure planning, coordination and delivery.

Key achievements

Significant Projects Coordination

- Declared 16 projects significant under section 26 of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*, with a combined capital investment of almost \$17 billion, with the possibility of generating more than 20 000 new construction and operational jobs.
- Facilitated 38 proposed and committed projects with a forecast combined capital investment of almost \$32.37 billion, which could generate more than 43 350 new construction and operational jobs in the future.
- Completed environmental impact assessments and issued Coordinator-General's Reports for the Abbot Point Coal Terminal (Stage 3), Central

Queensland Gas Pipeline, Guthalungra Aquaculture, Hinze Dam Raising, Jilalan Rail Yard, Northern Pipeline Interconnector Stage 1, Tarong Northern Land Ash Emplacement and Wiggins Island Coal Terminal.

- Undertook changes to completed projects and issued Coordinator-General Change Reports for Dent Island Golf Course and Residential Resort, and Northern Pipeline Inter-connector Stage 1.

Regional development

- Produced the *Northern Economic Triangle Infrastructure Plan 2007–2012* following an extensive public consultation process with industry and other key stakeholders. The plan comprises 120 actions to advance critical infrastructure and planning initiatives to maximise the mining, mineral processing and industrial development potential of Mount Isa and Townsville, and develop a new industrial precinct at Bowen.
- Produced the *Northern Economic Triangle Progress Report August 2007* to provide stakeholders with an outline of key projects advancing under the Northern Economic Triangle Infrastructure Plan.
- Continued to facilitate the development of the Surat Basin Railway by a private sector consortium, which has been granted an Exclusive Mandate to develop the project to financial close.

- Updated and released the Coal Infrastructure Program of Actions, which details the timing and commercial delivery of infrastructure to meet the expected growth of the Queensland coal industry in the 2008–2015 period.

- Completed data collection and phase 1 stakeholder consultation for the Queensland Coal Infrastructure Strategic Plan, which details infrastructure needs for the 2008–28 period.

- Produced a shortlist of proponents from an expression of interest process for development of the Whitsunday Airport.

- Completed environmental and land use studies for the Inskip Peninsula Master Plan, which will establish uses for Inskip Peninsula consistent with national parks, Indigenous uses and consolidated residential, tourist and commercial developments.

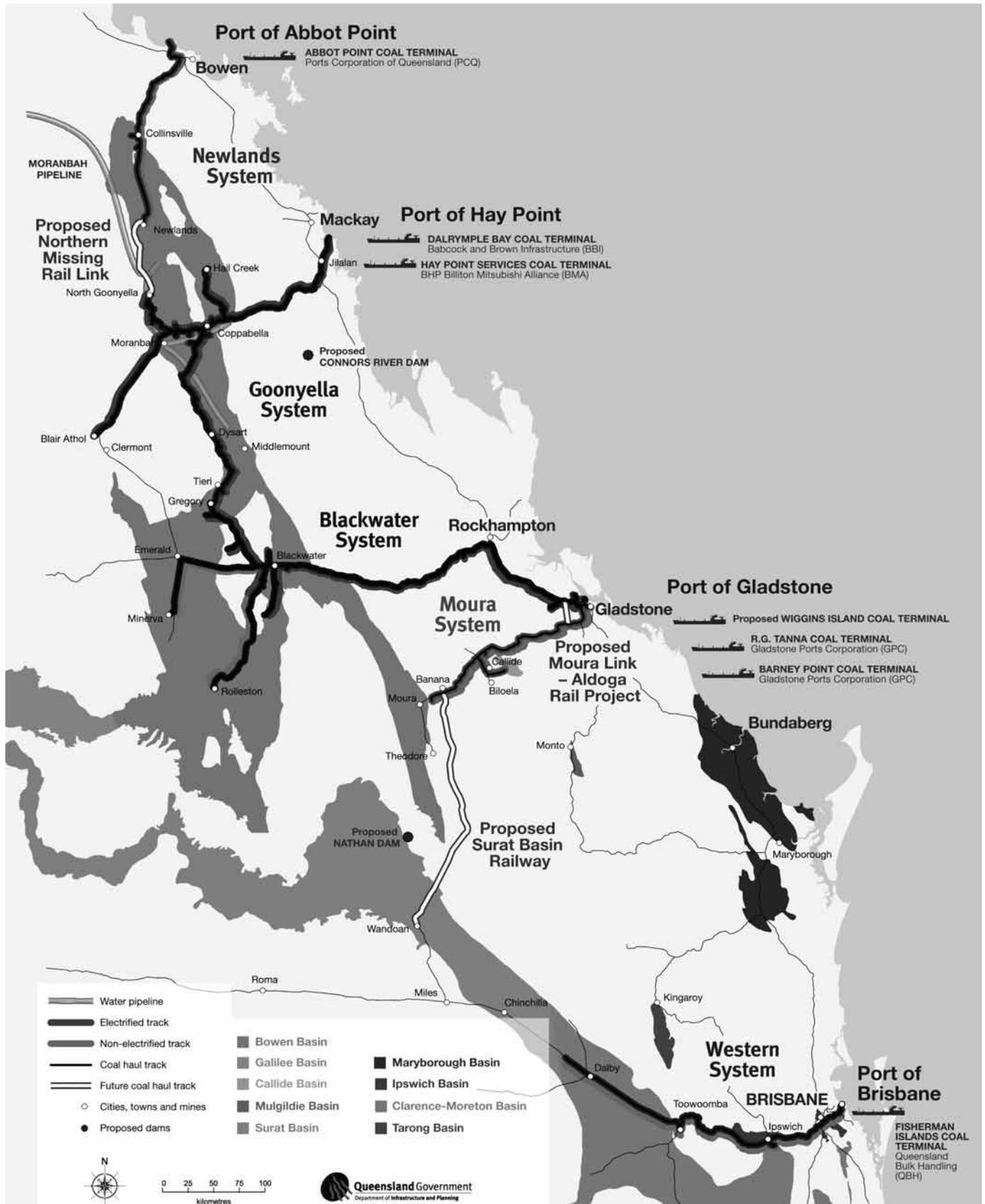
- Completed a supply and demand study on coal seam gas water.

- Monitored and advised upon the delivery of the regional water projects under the Statewide Water Policy and developed a Program of Works under the *State Development and Public Works Act 1971* to ensure timely delivery of the projects within budget.

- Completed baseline data collection and commenced stakeholder consultation for the Broadwater to Southern Moreton Bay Marine Infrastructure Master Plan.

Queensland coal systems

Port of Abbot Point to Port of Brisbane





Government Development Projects

- Assisted Queensland Health to develop the proposed Gold Coast University Hospital through direct negotiations with all interested and affected stakeholders, including Queensland Health, Gold Coast City Council, Department of Main Roads, Griffith University, Parklands Trust and the Southport Church of Christ. In particular, assistance is being provided for land purchase, the relocation of existing site occupants, and infrastructure for the precinct to enable the timely construction of the new, 750-bed Gold Coast University Hospital on a site adjacent to Griffith University at Southport.
- Prepared an Ipswich Regional Centre Strategy with the Ipswich City Council to ensure that Ipswich will have a vibrant city centre that reflects its important future status. The strategy identifies the future role and function of the Ipswich City Centre, and highlights 17 projects, which show the way forward for its development. The Ipswich Multifunction Development Project is aimed at the comprehensive redevelopment of the Ipswich central area.
- Managed the negotiations between the state government and Brookfield Multiplex for the proposed North Bank redevelopment.
- Produced a summary of the outcomes of the North Bank Enquiry By Design process, and placed it on the departmental website.

State Development Areas

- Declared three state development areas, including Stanwell–Gladstone Infrastructure Corridor, Queensland Children’s Hospital and Abbot Point, to make land available for industrial and hospital developments.
- Undertook public consultation into the proposed extension of the Gladstone State Development Area to include parts of Curtis Island for possible future industry.

Future developments

Significant Projects Coordination

- Progressing the Aurukun Bauxite and Alumina Refinery project to a feasibility decision by providing significant project facilitation services to Aluminium Corporation of China (Chalco).
- Coordinating impact assessments and project facilitation services for projects that are declared significant under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*, including:
 - water supply–related projects such as Connors River Dam and Pipeline, Nathan Dam, Emu Swamp Dam, Gladstone–Fitzroy Water Pipeline and the Northern Pipeline Inter-connector Stage 2
 - energy-related projects such as Isa-Link High Voltage Direct Current Transmission and Linc Energy Underground Coal Gasification

- coal and related infrastructure projects such as the ZeroGen Clean Coal Power Station, New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3, Wandoan Coal, Surat Basin Railway, Waratah Galilee Coal, North Bowen Basin Coal Growth (BMA) and the Moura Link–Aldoga Rail Yard
- industrial projects such as the Fisherman’s Landing Wharf expansion in Gladstone, the Gladstone Pacific Nickel project and the Aurukun Bauxite and Alumina Refinery project
- transport infrastructure projects such as the Landsborough to Nambour Railway, Northern Link and Airport Link
- tourism and residential projects such as Ella Bay Integrated Resort, Hummock Island Development, Northeast Business Park, Shute Harbour Marina, Townsville Ocean Terminal and i-METT (Integrated Motorsport, Education, Tourism and Technology)
- liquified natural gas projects including Santos Petronas and BG Group/Queensland Gas Company proposals for Curtis Island, Gladstone.

Regional Development

- Continuing to manage and implement the 120 actions of the *Northern Economic Triangle Infrastructure Plan 2007–2012*, with a focus on identifying collaborative solutions for providing critical infrastructure to



support mining and mineral processing, and industrial development in North and North West Queensland.

- Continuing to facilitate delivery of, and oversee business case development for, the regional water projects outlined in the Statewide Water Policy and Program of Works.
- Facilitating and progressing the development of agricultural and industrial precincts associated with the Fitzroy Industry and Infrastructure Study.
- Developing and releasing the Coal Infrastructure Strategic Plan as a medium to long-term plan for the provision of infrastructure required to meet the needs of the Queensland coal industry over the next 20 years.
- Continuing to monitor the implementation of the Coal Infrastructure Program of Actions.
- Continuing to facilitate the Surat Basin Railway and address policy issues.
- Completing the preparation of the Inskip Peninsula Master Plan and Broadwater to Southern Moreton Bay Marine Infrastructure Master Plan.
- Completing the expression of interest process and identifying a preferred proponent for aviation infrastructure upgrades in the Whitsunday region.
- Continuing to lead policy development regarding the beneficial use of coal seam gas water.

Government Development Projects

- Continuing to facilitate and progress the Gold Coast Marine Development project. On 30 April 2008, the government short-listed three bidders for the Northern Development Area and three bidders for the Southern Development Area for the Gold Coast Marine Development project. The short-listed bidders will be invited to prepare detailed proposals, with a preferred proponent for the two development areas to be announced in early 2009.
- Facilitating the construction of the Gold Coast University Hospital. A new, 750-bed, tertiary and teaching hospital adjacent to Griffith University, Gold Coast, is anticipated to commence on 1 September 2008 with early earth works. The hospital is expected to be completed by the end of 2012.
- Undertaking a two-stage competitive process (subject to the findings of the business case) to deliver the Ipswich Multifunction Development Project. A preferred developer is expected to be selected by late 2009.
- Continuing negotiations with Brookfield Multiplex as the preferred developer on a new concept design for North Bank, following the Enquiry By Design process held in June 2008. This is expected to be provided to the government in late 2008.
- Continuing to facilitate the Townsville Ocean Terminal project, valued at over \$1 billion, and consisting of a dedicated

cruise/military terminal and wharf, an associated integrated residential and commercial development, a commercial marina with facilities for super yachts, and waterfront open space accessible to the public. The project is anticipated to commence in December 2008 with the construction of a temporary bridge across the Ross River, followed by required bunding and sea walling.

- Continuing to facilitate the Yeerongpilly Landing Development project, which involves redeveloping the 14 hectare Animal Research Institute site at Yeerongpilly. It directly adjoins and is east of the Tennyson Riverside Development, which includes the State Tennis Centre. Following a two-stage competitive bidding process, a preferred developer is expected to be announced in late 2008.

State Development Areas

- Managing the continuing development of the Queensland Children's Hospital project.
- Finalising the proposed extension of Gladstone State Development Area to include parts of Curtis Island.
- Undertaking land use planning and related studies for existing and proposed state development areas.
- Continuing to liaise with prospective users of the Stanwell-Gladstone Infrastructure Corridor.