

Infrastructure and economic development

OBJECTIVES

The core business of this output is to attract, facilitate and assist in timely delivery of projects and related infrastructure in Queensland. The output delivers benefits for proponents investing in major resource, industry and tourism projects by streamlining approvals and management processes. Services delivered by this output aim to:

- promote state and regional economic development through planning and coordination of the provision of critical infrastructure
- promote industrial development by facilitating the development of industrial land and multi-user infrastructure corridors
- determine the feasibility of new large industry and major economic development opportunities in Queensland, particularly on designated state development areas (SDAs)
- manage the implementation of significant government projects efficiently.

PRIORITIES

Plan, coordinate and deliver key infrastructure for economic, environmental and social development in Queensland

Facilitate major private sector and public projects

Plan, secure and manage land supply for urban, industrial and economic development

STRATEGIES

Identification and coordination of critical government infrastructure and industrial projects

Apply the government's value for money and/or project assurance frameworks to the assessment of major infrastructure projects, assessing their potential as Public Private Partnerships

Develop and implement key strategic regional infrastructure plans

Coordinate with key stakeholders to develop coal infrastructure

Environmental impact assessments are processed, approvals are obtained and infrastructure requirements are managed to deliver best results for Queensland

Ensure land and infrastructure development and planning occurs in strategic locations to support state industrial development

Deliver government strategic land and infrastructure projects

Performance measures

Measure	Description	Performance comment	2007–08 target	2007–08 result	2008–09 target
Area of land secured for economic development	Land is secured when it is either defined as land identified by the Coordinator-General and protected for industrial purposes in local government planning schemes or acquired by the government for future economic development. Industrial land requirements throughout Queensland are identified by the department through its Industrial Land Planning Program with purchases funded by the Estates Construction Fund.	The 2007–08 target of 4000 ha included the anticipation declaration of 3000 ha in the Bromelton SDA in the Moreton statistical division. The declaration was slightly delayed and will now be included in the 2008–09 target. The 250 ha secured during the year was in Cairns and has been included in the Draft Far North Queensland Regional Plan. As well as the Bromelton land, more land is scheduled to be secured at Cairns, Mackay, Gympie and Amberley in 2008–09.	4000 ha	250 ha	3430 ha
Number of major projects coordinated—proposed projects	A proposed project is one where significant detail has been provided to allow commercial evaluation and commencement of impact assessment. A project is regarded as proposed after the lodgement of an initial advice statement.	The high number of proposed projects during 2007–08 was due to the positive economic climate, particularly in the resource sector, resulting in a number of infrastructure projects (water, rail, coal) being proposed. This continued positive economic climate for the resource sector has resulted in elevated targets for 2008–09.	20	47	33

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Number of major projects coordinated—committed projects	A committed project is one where the proponent has assessed the proposal as commercially viable and is able to set a timetable of significant events, which would include start of construction and operations.	While committed projects did not reach the target of 14 in 2007–08, the level of activity nevertheless indicated a general strength within the economy. An example of some of the committed projects included Abbot Point Coal Terminal Stage 3 expansion, Central Queensland Gas Pipeline, Jilalan Rail Yard, Northern Pipeline Interconnector, Wiggins Coal Terminal, Tarong Northern Land Ash Emplacement, and the Brisbane Airport Parallel Runway.	14	12	19
Estimated capital value of major projects coordinated—proposed projects	As proposed projects are identified and recorded by the department, their specifications including the estimated capital value of the total projects are recorded from the details provided by the proponent.	The target was exceeded due to the higher than anticipated number of proposed projects, many of which were delivered by the activity in the resource sector. The department's Significant Projects Coordination branch managed 30 of the total 47 proposed projects. These 30 projects at \$27.62B accounted for most of the total estimated capital value of all proposed projects managed during the year at \$34.45B.	\$10.8B	\$34.45B	\$22.46B
Estimated capital value of major projects coordinated—committed projects	As projects move to the committed phase and additional information is provided by the proponent, their specifications including the estimated capital value of the total project is recorded.	As for proposed projects, the department's Significant Projects Coordination branch was again responsible for coordinating the committed projects, which contributed most to the total estimated capital value. Significant Projects Coordination branch projects for 2007–08 accounted for \$4.75B in estimated capital value.	\$10.23B	\$7.75B	\$12.93B
Number of economic development infrastructure and major land use planning projects being developed	This measure refers to major policy and planning work relating to infrastructure development in any of the forms such as consultancy studies, policy position papers, master plans, or Cabinet submissions.	The result of 38 is less than the estimated target of 50 due to an error in setting the original target. This error involved the inclusion of nine SEQ Water Grid projects in the target, when these projects had already moved beyond the 'being developed' stage to the 'committed' stage. After allowing for this error the revised target for 2007–08 was 41. Achievements associated with this measure included progressing the Bowen Abbot Point Industrial Land and Infrastructure Concept Plan, Stanwell–Gladstone Infrastructure Corridor State Development Area and consultation on the Bromelton SDA.	Original target of 50 revised to 41	38	44
Number of major private sector infrastructure project proposals being evaluated or facilitated	This measure identifies infrastructure projects either within government or brought to government by the private sector for evaluation as to the project's suitability for development (e.g. design, construction, operation), wholly or in part by the private sector.	Nineteen projects evaluated or facilitated reflected the strong nature of the economy. Examples of departmental input in advancing these projects included the preparation of the Gold Coast University Hospital Master Plan and business case, assisting Department of Education, Training and the Arts to develop a value for money business case for the Public Private Partnership delivery of new schools in South East Queensland, and assisting Queensland Health with the Public Private Partnership business case for the new Sunshine Coast Hospital.	20	19	20
Percentage of satisfaction ratings greater than or equal to 3 (on a 1 to 5 scale) with infrastructure planning services	This is a measure of stakeholder satisfaction with the facilitation and delivery of infrastructure services as provided by the department. Stakeholders include state agencies and private sector clients, with satisfaction of services being determined by our timeliness, our accessibility and responsiveness, and our effectiveness in delivering required outcomes.	Feedback from clients during the year confirmed the department's services were well regarded.	90%	90%	90%

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Estimated number of jobs generated—proposed projects	This measure reports the total of all peak construction and ongoing operational jobs per year generated by proposed projects as registered at the end of the financial year.	At 47 the number of proposed projects well exceeded the target of 20. So too the number of estimated jobs these projects will generate being 47 510 well exceeds the target of 9600. A significant increase in proposed infrastructure projects in the resource sector (water, rail, coal), was the major cause for the increase.	9600	47 510	18 310
Estimated number of jobs generated—committed projects	This measure reports the total of all peak construction and ongoing operational jobs per year generated by committed projects as at the end of the financial year.	As at the end of the 2007–08 financial year there were 12 committed projects registered, which collectively will generate 13 524 jobs. The target for next year at 24 006 jobs is based on 19 projects advancing to the committed stage by 30 June 2009.	13 148	13 524	24 006
Percentage of committed major projects on schedule to agreed milestones	This measure assists in monitoring the effectiveness of the department's interventions in progressing major projects.	The target of 78% indicated that 11 of 14 projects were expected to be on schedule against set milestones at the end of 2007–08. The achievement of 83% represents 10 of 12 committed projects being on schedule at 30 June 2008. These projects include the Abbot Point Coal Terminal—Stage 3, Central Queensland Gas Pipeline, Jilalan Rail Yard, and Wiggins Island Coal Terminal.	78%	83%	89%
Percentage of area of land secured for economic development located in regional Queensland	The definition of land located in regional Queensland is land located outside the Brisbane statistical division. Understanding the split of land secured for economic development between SEQ and regional Queensland assists in keeping a balance, which is consistent with the department's policy for the identification and securing of industrial land	The total land secured during 2007–08 was 250 ha in Cairns. For 2008–09 it is estimated that 3430 ha will be secured, all of which is scheduled for outside the Brisbane statistical division. This includes land at Cairns, Bromelton, Mackay, Gympie and Amberley.	100%	100%	100%
Percentage of major land use planning projects and studies located in regional Queensland	This measure refers to major policy and planning work relating to infrastructure development in any of the forms such as consultancy studies, policy position papers, master plans, or Cabinet submissions. Understanding the split of such projects between SEQ and regional Queensland assists in keeping a balance that is consistent with the department's policy for facilitating future development.	During 2007–08 major land use planning projects in regional Queensland included Inskip Peninsula Master Plan, Hook Island Resort, Bowen Abbot Point Industrial Land and Infrastructure Concept Plan, Stanwell–Gladstone Infrastructure Corridor and State Development Area. It also included the planning of Industrial Land Demand and Supply for Far North Queensland, Cairns, Gympie, Sarina, Townsville and Whitsunday areas.	79%	82%	82%
Percentage of estimated number of jobs generated by (committed) projects located in regional Queensland	This measure reports the total peak construction and ongoing operational jobs per year generated by committed projects located in regional Queensland as at the end of the financial year.	As at 30 June 2008 a total of 12 committed projects across Queensland are estimated to generate 13 524 jobs, of which 8367 will be in regional Queensland. A strong infrastructure program across Queensland will result in an estimated 19 committed projects as at 30 June 2009, which have the potential to generate more than 24 000 jobs, of which 17 657 (or 74 per cent) are estimated to be in regional Queensland.	78%	62%	74%