
Letter of compliance

11 September 2014

The Honourable Jeff Seeney MP
Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning
100 George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Deputy Premier

I am pleased to present the Annual Report 2013–2014 and financial statements for the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.

I certify that this Annual Report complies with:

- the prescribed requirements of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* and the *Financial and Performance Management Standard 2009*, and
- the detailed requirements set out in the *Annual report requirements for Queensland Government agencies*.

A checklist outlining the annual reporting requirements can be found in Appendix 2 of this annual report or accessed at <http://www.ds dip.qld.gov.au/corporate-publications/annual-report.html>.

Yours sincerely



David Edwards
Director-General

Director-General's message

I am very pleased to present the 2013–14 Annual Report for the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP).

It's been a busy year for the department, with many significant milestones met and outcomes achieved. We have continued to strengthen our role as the central enabling agency driving Queensland's economic prosperity. Our delivery of innovative and sustainable outcomes successfully balances the economic opportunities available to Queensland and the impacts of development on the environment.

The *Governing for Growth* strategy creates an environment where business and industry can invest, innovate, grow and create new jobs for the next decade. These reforms will unlock productivity and expedite economic growth, improve economic performance and increase business confidence. A key action was the department's release of the *Queensland Ports Strategy* in May, the blueprint for managing and improving the efficiency and environmental management of the state's ports network. Royalties for the Regions is transforming regional Queensland, delivering vibrant communities and driving economic growth. More than \$230 million has been committed for investment across the regions over the past year.

The *Mary Valley Economic Development Strategy* is revitalising the region and restoring community stability with government property sales soaring past the 150 mark.

To open up the Galilee Basin to mining, the *Galilee Basin Development Strategy* outlines initiatives to help lower upfront costs and encourage greater investment across the basin's southern and central coal resources.

Defence Industries Queensland is contributing to diversifying our regional and state economies by lifting the strategic profile of the state's defence capability, boosting growth in the local defence sector, and driving defence investment in Queensland.

Reform of the state's planning system, a key pledge of government in *Getting Queensland Back on Track* to empower local governments and their communities and facilitate economic development, continues to deliver real outcomes for the property and construction sector.

The State Planning Policy began in December, replacing multiple planning policies and providing local governments with better tools to plan for their communities and streamline and clarify assessment and approval processes.

The State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) is benefitting businesses, individuals and local authorities through timely approvals for developments, which contributes to creating jobs and boosting construction and economic activity.

The *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* commenced in June and seeks to strike an appropriate balance between protecting priority land uses and delivering a diverse and prosperous economic future for our regions.

We are delivering enhanced economic and social outcomes by providing a centralised function for identifying, assessing and managing the state's property-based assets to their fullest potential. We launched the Government Land for Accommodation and Support Services program to allocate surplus state government land to not-for-profit organisations, enabling them to develop much needed accommodation and other facilities to support vulnerable Queenslanders.

The Coordinator-General continues to streamline environmental impact assessment processes to improve the planning, delivery and coordination of large-scale projects that drive economic growth. Six projects were approved potentially attracting investment of \$38.7 billion and more than 22 000 jobs. This year also saw the continuation of the integrated resort development process with the department overseeing the transformation of Queen's Wharf Brisbane into a unique and vibrant world-class precinct that will be a drawcard for international and domestic visitors, as well as providing thousands of jobs for Queenslanders. Two integrated resorts in regional Queensland were also short-listed to proceed to the next stage of development.

We are managing delivery of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games™ sporting venue infrastructure and the Commonwealth Games Village. The Games are estimated to generate up to \$2 billion in investment and 30 000 jobs.

During the year two new Priority Development Areas were declared on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts. These areas will support economic development through knowledge based employment, retail and commercial uses, and building infrastructure.

On behalf of the State, the department led the completion of the Strategic Assessment of the Great Barrier Reef Coastal Zone which describes how we identify and protect matters of national environmental significance in the zone. The Public Sector Renewal Program remains a high priority as we seek continuous improvement with the goal of being the best, most responsive and respected public service in the nation. This is underpinned by our embedding of the public sector values: customers first, ideas into action, unleash potential, be courageous, and empower people.

We continue to strive towards greater economic prosperity for all Queenslanders. With the support of the Premier, Deputy Premier and Assistant Minister for Planning Reform, we are making a real difference for business, industry and local government in this state.

I look forward to continuing to work with our professional and committed colleagues who share the vision of a bright future for all Queenslanders.

David Edwards

Director-General

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