

# Impact Analysis Statement

## Summary IAS

### Details

<b>Lead department</b>	Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP)
<b>Name of the proposal</b>	Far North Queensland Regional Plan and Infrastructure Plan 2026
<b>Submission type</b>	Summary IAS
<b>Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument</b>	<i>Planning Act 2016</i> (Planning Act) <i>Regional Planning Interests Act 2014</i> (The RPI Act) Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014
<b>Date of issue</b>	20 April 2026

Proposal type	Details
<b>Minor and machinery in nature</b>	<p>The Far North Queensland (FNQ) region currently comprises of 7 local government areas (LGAs) and is guided by the existing statutory regional plan that commenced in 2009.</p> <p>The FNQ Regional Plan 2026, seeks to update the 2009 plan to reflect contemporary government strategies, emerging policy priorities and the strategic responses required to address current and future regional planning challenges. Etheridge Shire Council LGA has been included in the revised FNQ Regional Plan at the request of Etheridge Shire Council and the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils, increasing the region to 8 LGAs once the 2026 plan is finalised.</p> <p>The FNQ Regional Plan 2026 identifies policies, strategies and actions that will, upon finalisation, have statutory effect under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> and the <i>Regional Planning Interests Act 2014</i> and will be used to guide land use and infrastructure planning across the relevant local government areas.</p> <p>The FNQ Regional Plan 2026 has been developed with input from key regional stakeholders. It does not introduce any new associated regulatory provisions in the Planning Regulation 2017.</p> <p>The FNQ Infrastructure Plan 2026 is an appendix to the FNQ Regional Plan 2026, identifying infrastructure policy outcomes and strategies and future planning considerations to deliver housing supply and economic growth outcomes for the region. The FNQ Infrastructure Plan 2026 have statutory effect under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>.</p> <p>The FNQ Regional Plan and Infrastructure Plan 2026 was the subject of statutory public consultation from 12 November 2025 to 5 January 2026, allowing for all members of the FNQ community to comment on the draft plan.</p> <p>This public consultation and draft plan itself was clear about the legislative and policy framework that gives effect to the Plan, and the parts that are statutory.</p>

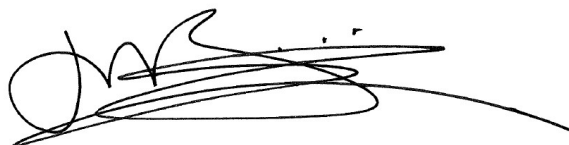
	<p>Future planning considerations identified in the FNQ Infrastructure Plan do not commit the State to delivery as they are subject to appropriate Queensland Government infrastructure planning and investment deliberations.</p> <p>The FNQ Regional Plan intentionally provides for subsequent local government planning scheme amendments and zoning processes, which are better suited to detailed assessment of constraints, local infrastructure capacity, and includes further community consultation prior to determining development outcomes.</p> <p>This proposal is machinery in nature and does not result in a substantive change to regulatory policy or pose new impacts on business, government or the community.</p>
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\*Refer to [The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy](#) for regulatory proposals not requiring regulatory impact analysis (for example, public sector management, changes to existing criminal laws, taxation).

**Signed**



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