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Director-General's report

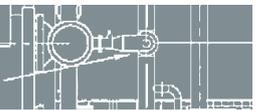
The Department of Infrastructure was established in January 2007 to lead and coordinate the delivery of infrastructure and major projects for the sustainable development of Queensland. This Annual Report is the first for the Department of Infrastructure and reflects the significant contributions made by both Ross Rolfe as Coordinator-General and Ken Smith as Coordinator-General and inaugural Director-General, Department of Infrastructure.

The Queensland Government is currently progressing the largest infrastructure plan in Queensland's history and the Department of Infrastructure will guide these major resource and infrastructure projects to fruition. The coordination role of the department underpins the goals of the Smart State agenda, which aims to sustain and accelerate our economic growth, improve our quality of life and build a better future for Queensland.

During 2006–07 another record 17 projects with a combined value of \$9.3 billion were declared 'significant' under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*. Completed Coordinator-General's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Assessment or Change Reports were issued for eight projects worth \$13.7 billion: the North-South Bypass Tunnel, Coke and Power Plant, Southern Regional Water Pipeline, Gateway Motorway Upgrade, Moranbah Ammonium Nitrate Plant, Northern Missing Rail Link, Spring Gully Gas-fired Power Station and Airport Link Tunnel projects.

Other key achievements during the year include:

- progressing critical water infrastructure projects as part of the South East Queensland Water Grid, including the Western Corridor Recycled Water Project, the Gold Coast Desalination Plant, the Traveston Crossing and Wyaralong Dams, the Cedar Grove Weir and the Bromelton off-stream storage, the Southern Regional Pipeline Project, the Northern Pipeline Interconnector and the Eastern Pipeline Interconnector.
- monitoring the \$4.2 billion Coal Infrastructure Program of Actions and developing the Queensland Coal Infrastructure Strategic Plan. \$1.36 billion worth of port infrastructure has been completed or is currently underway. The Coal Infrastructure Taskforce also facilitated the granting of a Conditional Exclusive Mandate to the Surat Basin Rail Consortium for the development of the Surat Basin Railway between Toowoomba and Gladstone.
- continuing to coordinate and monitor implementation of the \$82 billion SEQ Infrastructure Plan and Program, delivering infrastructure to support one of Australia's fastest growing regions. Project pipeline documents were released on a quarterly basis to ensure industry can plan and manage resources and has the capacity to deliver infrastructure.
- undertaking extensive stakeholder consultation for the preparation of the Northern Economic Triangle Strategic Plan. The Port of Townsville Master Plan and the Bowen/Abbot Industrial land and infrastructure study have been completed.



- finalising and releasing the SEQ Regional Plan Amendment 1 in October 2006 to incorporate the Mt Lindesay/North Beaudesert Study Area. This amendment was ratified in Parliament on 7 March 2007.
- signing the Development Agreement with the Aluminum Corporation of China (CHALCO) and the Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the Aurukun Community to allow the full feasibility study to commence on the estimated \$2.92 billion bauxite and alumina refinery project.
- progressing development of the Gladstone and Townsville State Development Areas, including Stage 1 of the Gladstone Land Port Rail and Road Infrastructure Study.

These developments demonstrate the comprehensiveness of the Queensland Government Infrastructure Program, and the future year will be an even more exciting and challenging one, with the Government investing \$14 billion in capital works and with the Department of Infrastructure involved in coordinating and supporting these projects.

The Department of Infrastructure plays an important role in the economic prosperity and growth of our state through the facilitation and delivery of vital infrastructure. This infrastructure will work towards improving our quality of life and building a better social, economic and environmental future for Queensland. In order to support our large-scale program of work, we have enhanced the role of the Executive Management group, established a robust governance framework, and released the Department of Infrastructure 2007–2011 Strategic Plan.

I would like to thank our many partners in ensuring the success of our delivery of infrastructure and major projects. This includes all government agencies, our industry partners, the Queensland Water Commission, the Community Futures Taskforce and, of course, local communities and the wider Queensland community.

I would also like to thank the dedicated staff of the Department of Infrastructure for their contribution and commitment to excellence over the past year, which has truly reflected the values of this department – making a difference, professionalism, innovation, ethical conduct and genuine community engagement. I congratulate my colleagues and I look forward to continuing to work with them to deliver the government's infrastructure agenda for Queensland and to drive outstanding results for the community of Queensland.

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