

# About the department

The Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning has a vision for great cities, vibrant urban places, thriving towns and communities and for places where Queenslanders can participate fully in the economy and become active citizens within their communities.

The department contributes to the Queensland Government's objectives for the community by driving initiatives that promote new employment opportunities within a growing and vibrant economy, by supporting safe and connected communities by ensuring planning directly improves the environment and by delivering practical and timely advice and services through collaborative working relationships, particularly with the local government sector.

Employees are located in Brisbane's central business district and in regional offices across Queensland – in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Bundaberg, Toowoomba, Ipswich, Maroochydore and Southport. Regional staff work closely with local governments and the community and are the face of the department, making connections between regional, rural and remote local governments, other government departments and partners. Regional officers facilitate collaboration and discussion on a range of planning and development matters, local government business and whole-of-government and community issues.

Staff are committed to the public sector values – encouraged to be courageous, to turn ideas into action, and to contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation. Across the department's business areas, work is underpinned by employees' ongoing commitment to activities and initiatives that bring lasting benefits to Queensland's diverse communities in cities and towns – in the densely populated south east, along the vast coastline and in rural and remote parts of the state.





## Organisational structure and machinery-of-government changes

Following machinery of government changes in February 2017, the Honourable Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, assumed responsibility for transport and retained responsibility for planning and infrastructure. The Honourable Mark Furner MP, was appointed as Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

While the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Local Government have responsibilities external to this department, the internal department functions did not change with the machinery of government changes. The organisational structure aligns with the key functions of the department and with the government's vision and priorities regarding planning and development, infrastructure, economic development, and local government and regional services.

The department's structure supports its role to lead the creation of dynamic urban places, to contribute to the prosperity and growth in regional towns and cities and to actively support connected communities across Queensland. Our priorities are implemented and our objectives realised through the professionalism and enthusiasm of staff working collaboratively across the department's business areas.

Director-General

Planning

The business area supports economic growth and promotes sustainable and environmentally sound development. It does this through streamlined and simplified legislative frameworks and policies and the design of sound regional plans that include planning for corridors, precincts and growth areas. The business area provides practical, fair and efficient planning and development services and builds the capacity of partners and stakeholders to achieve quality outcomes.

Local Government and Regional Services

The business area administers local government legislation and undertakes programs and initiatives to support and promote the state's 77 local governments. It does this through delivery of practical and useful capacity building programs and resources, assistance with financial management and the administration of funding and grants programs.

Strategy, Governance and Engagement

The business area manages and administers strategy, policy and corporate services for the department. These include human resource management, legal services, legislation and policy support, risk management, ICT, media and communications. It also provides governance, business support and executive services.

Infrastructure Policy and Planning

The business area has the lead role in infrastructure policy, planning and investment prioritisation for the state. The coordinated and integrated approach to infrastructure planning builds industry confidence, generates jobs and promotes economic growth. The Infrastructure Portfolio Office established within the business area, coordinates and integrates state government infrastructure, land use and economic planning, now and into the future.

Economic Development Queensland

A specialist land use planning and property development unit within the department, Economic Development Queensland works collaboratively with state agencies, local governments, the development industry, not-for-profit organisations and communities across Queensland to identify, plan, facilitate and deliver property development and infrastructure projects to create prosperous, sustainable and liveable communities.

Queensland Government Architect

The Office of the Queensland Government Architect provides whole-of-government leadership and strategic advice on the built environment, urban design and procurement and heritage issues. The office collaborates with the department's business areas and relevant agencies to create enhanced urban environments in Queensland cities and regions.

South Bank

The office sits within the department and has administrative responsibility for the South Bank Corporation, providing funding to Brisbane City Council to maintain and operate the inner city parklands at South Bank and Roma Street.

## Ministers

The Honourable Jackie Trad MP, State Member for South Brisbane, is the Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning. The Deputy Premier's role includes oversight of the infrastructure and planning business areas of the department, Economic Development Queensland, Building Queensland, the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and South Bank Corporation.

The Honourable Mark Furner MP, State Member for Ferny Grove, is the Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships. Minister Furner's portfolio encompasses the local government and regional services business area of the department and responsibility for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy, economic, social and cultural matters under the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

## Legislation

The department administers a number of pieces of legislation from which its functions and powers are derived as follows:

- *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (Justice, Land and Other Matters) Act 1984* (Part 9, Div 2 and Part 10)
- *Building Queensland Act 2015*
- *City of Brisbane Act 2010*
- *Cross River Rail Delivery Authority Act 2016*
- *Economic Development Act 2012*
- *Integrated Resort Development Act 1987*
- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*
- *Local Government (Robina Central Planning Agreement) Act 1992*
- *Mixed Use Development Act 1993*
- *Planning Act 2016* (except to the extent administered by the Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Sport)
- *Planning and Environment Court Act 2016*
- *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* (except to the extent administered by the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Economic Development)
- *Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland Act 1971*
- *Sanctuary Cove Resort Act 1985*
- *South Bank Corporation Act 1989*
- *Southern Moreton Bay Islands Development Entitlements Protection Act 2004*
- *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (except to the extent administered by the Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Sport)
- *Townsville Breakwater Entertainment Centre Act 1991*
- *Townsville City Council (Douglas Land Development) Act 1939*