Advancing Regional Queensland

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Where We Have Come From

• Premier’s Growth Management Summit in March 2010
• Strong engagement – around 1400 ideas
• Government responded in May 2010 with 22 new initiatives and 25 supporting actions
• Growth Management Queensland established
• Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Queensland Regionalisation Strategy two key initiatives from Summit
Growth Management Queensland

• Growth Management Queensland (GMQ) part of Department of Local Government and Planning

• GMQ leads a coordinated Queensland Government approach to growth management

• GMQ oversees delivery of growth management initiatives in the department and across whole-of-government
Way To Grow Engagement

• Released for consultation – 12 July 2011 to 9 September 2011
  • Queensland Regionalisation Strategy
  • Queensland Infrastructure Plan
  • Bruce Highway Upgrade Strategy

• 13 Ministerial led forums across Queensland
• Strong engagement
  • 482 attendees
  • 356 submissions
  • Over 5,800 website hits
• Engagement highly valuable
• Different feedback from different communities
The Planning Framework

Drivers and responders of growth

NATIONAL DRIVERS
- Sustainable Population Strategy
- National Migration Policy
- Investment Strategies/Infrastructure Australia

STATEWIDE DRIVERS
- Queensland Regionalisation Strategy
- Queensland Infrastructure Plan
- Qld Decentralisation Strategy
- Townsville Futures/QRS action plans
- Regional Plans
- Regional Development
- Connecting SEQ 2031 (Integrated Transport Plan)
- Bruce Highway Upgrade Strategy
- Regional Roadmaps (RDAs)
- State Development Areas
- Major Projects
- Tomorrow’s Regions (DEEDI)

REGIONAL DRIVERS AND RESPONDERS
- Two-way flow of information and influence

LOCAL RESPONDERS
- Community plans
- Planning scheme

Department of Local Government and Planning Growth Management Framework
Queensland Regionalisation Strategy (QRS)

- Share benefits of growth
- 7 regions
- 31 actions
- 4 strategic directions:
  - infrastructure and services
  - people
  - business
  - partnerships
Seven Regions

1. Far North Queensland – Cairns, Cape York Peninsula and Gulf region
2. North Queensland – Townsville and Mount Isa
3. Central Queensland – Rockhampton, Gladstone and west to the Northern Territory and South Australian borders
4. Whitsunday – Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday
5. Darling Downs South West
6. Wide Bay-Burnett
7. South East Queensland
Current Economic Zones

Some of the dominant economic zones of Queensland’s economy today:

- Minerals
- Coal
- Gas
- Agriculture
- Tourism
Future Economic Trends

Emerging opportunities:

- Expansion of gas corridor
- Extending tourism corridor northwards
- Transformation of coal corridor into an energy corridor
- Emergence of tropical expertise
Queensland Infrastructure Plan (QIP)

• First Statewide infrastructure plan – replaces regional infrastructure plans like SEQIPP

• Aligned to directions and vision of the QRS

• Infrastructure delivery to address:
  – Economic development priorities
  – Population growth

• When launched, QIP 2011 will have a 20 year program, with local government and private projects represented
Infrastructure Challenges

- Infrastructure funding harder to find
- Infrastructure demand not reducing
- Infrastructure prioritisation essential across whole-of-government
- QIP adopts a principles-based approach to Queensland’s infrastructure planning direction
QIP Regional Focus

- Recognises infrastructure is not just road, rail and dams
- Infrastructure also means
  - Investment in community and emergency services
  - Housing, health and education
  - Resilience and security
- Infrastructure assists
  - Managing growth pressures
  - Encouraging investment
  - Creating and maintaining liveable communities
Examples of QIP Projects

Sunshine Coast University Hospital
$2.3 Billion public hospital opening with 450 beds and growing to 738 beds in 2021

Logan Motorway (Ipswich Motorway - Pacific Motorway) upgrade
$745 Million upgrading Ipswich and Pacific Motorways to Logan Motorway – south of Brisbane

Moreton Bay Rail Link
$1.15 Billion 12.6 dual track rail link and stations – North of Brisbane

Cross River Rail - inner Brisbane
Multi billion dollar project for proposed 18 km rail track and underground stations

Airport Link
$5.6 Billion including Airport road link project, Northern Busway and Airport roundabout upgrade
Examples of QIP Projects (cont.)

Nathan Dam
$326 Million 880,000 megalitre dam in Central Queensland with a pipeline of over 260 km

Connors River Dam and Pipelines
$2.6 Billion project including a 49,500 megalitre dam and 398 km pipeline from the dam to Moranbah and Alpha.

Solar Dawn
$1.5 Billion 250 megawatt solar thermal gas hybrid power plant – South West Queensland
Consultation Bruce Highway Upgrade Strategy (BHUS)

- Bruce Highway 1700 kilometres along east coast, Brisbane to Cairns
- Biggest traffic carrier in Queensland
- BHUS is complementary to QIP
- Provides additional detail about Bruce Highway projects and proposals – 20 year timeframe
- Three key strategic priorities:
  - Improving Safety
  - Increasing Capacity
  - Boosting Flood Immunity and Reliability
- Identifies over 60 short, medium and long-term priorities
- Basis for future funding negotiations with the Australian Government
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