

Stronger regions, stronger communities

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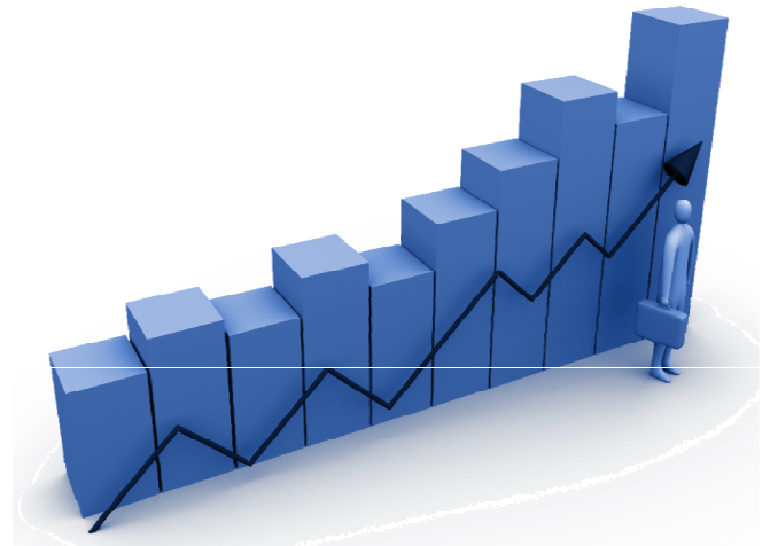
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The importance of our regions

- 70% of Australia's population lives in the 10 largest cities
- Qld is the only mainland state where more people live outside the capital city
- 5 of Australia's 10 largest regional centres are in Qld
- 8 of Australia's 15 fastest growing LGAs are in Qld



Regional growth drivers

- **Employment opportunities** are the key driver for people moving to regional Queensland, closely followed by **family reasons** and then **lifestyle factors**.
- Of new residents moving to regions other than South East Queensland and Toowoomba, 39.8% moved for work reasons and 31.2% moved for proximity to family and friends.
- **Quality of life factors** accounted for 31% of new residents expecting to stay in the region and weather or climate accounted for 17.1%.

Source: DEEDI Survey of New Residents 2010



Investing in the regions

- Coal royalties (2009-10): \$1.62b
- SEQ transfer duties (2009-10): \$1.6b
- The majority of our building program is spent outside Brisbane
- The share of capital spending in key mining regions exceed their population share and the amount of royalty collected (after CGC)



Benefits of growth for Qld

- Sustainable growth creates an “upward spiral”
- Improved services
- Improved infrastructure
- Demand for higher quality housing and urban lifestyle / experience
- Regions attracting business as well as people



Blueprint for the future

- Queensland Regionalisation Strategy
- Relocate some government functions
- \$11,000 Regional First Home Owner's Grant
- Growth Management Queensland to support sustainable planning
- National Broadband Network to spur regionalisation and overcome the tyranny of distance

