

The Honourable Paul Lucas MP

Deputy Premier of Queensland and Minister for Health

BIOGRAPHY

Paul Lucas is the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health in the Queensland State Government. He was sworn in on the 26th March 2009. In his new role Mr Lucas is the Minister responsible for the most comprehensive free health system over the largest decentralised area in the world.

Mr Lucas oversees over 160 facilities and 72,000 staff that deliver \$27.39 million worth of public health services to Queenslanders every day. Mr Lucas also has responsibility for the biggest health infrastructure program in Australia. The Queensland Government is spending \$6 billion to build and rebuild hospitals across the state.

Mr Lucas was previously the Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning between September 2006 and March 2009. Mr Lucas served as Minister for Transport and Main Roads between 2004 and 2007. Prior to that Mr Lucas was Minister for Innovation and Information Economy, with ministerial responsibility for Energy between 2001 and 2004.

Mr Lucas, 46, was a solicitor prior to entering Parliament, has Bachelor degrees in

Economics and in Law and a Master of Business Administration. He was elected to the Queensland Parliament in October 1996 as the Member for Lytton, an electorate which covers several Bayside suburbs in Brisbane's east.

Mr Lucas' personal interests include music, reading and refereeing kids football.