

July - December 2013

Six month action plan



Premier's message

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This is the Queensland Government's third Six Month Action Plan. It confirms our continued commitment to improving service delivery to Queenslanders and structuring Queensland's economy to deliver a strong and resilient future.

Over the next six months, we'll be setting a new direction for the operation, and delivery, of services across the state by continuing to implement the Commission of Audit recommendations that we have accepted. We'll develop Governing for Growth, a whole-of-government strategy for economic growth over the next decade. We'll continue to encourage infrastructure projects across the state, streamline government processes, and increase government accountability.

I look forward to working through this Six Month Action Plan and getting on with the job to ensure that Queensland remains a great state with great opportunity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Campbell Newman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C' and 'N'.

Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland

Law and community safety

- **Recruit 130 additional police above normal recruitment levels as part of our commitment to 1100 additional police officers.**
- **Begin mobile data trials for police.**
- **Respond to the Keelty Review of Queensland's police and emergency services.**
- **Open a maximum security unit at Woodford Correctional Centre.**
- **Finalise the review of the *Corrective Services Act 2006*.**
- **Purchase 27 floodboats to support State Emergency Service (SES) groups.**
- **Introduce the next stage of measures to reduce red tape for the liquor and gaming industries in Queensland.**
- **Finalise consultation on the nationally harmonised health and safety laws.**
- **Respond to recommendations following the Parliamentary Committee inquiry into the operation of Queensland's workers compensation scheme.**
- **Commence review of the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997* and property law in Queensland to simplify laws and procedures.**
- **Establish three additional youth boot camps in Rockhampton, Townsville and Fraser Coast regions.**
- **Identify legislative amendments to further cut red tape and improve workability for the construction industry.**
- **Complete seasonal fire scar mapping of the state to assist with fire management.**
- **Publish Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural resources for use by courts and legal practitioners.**

Environment and resources

- **Update the manual that sets out the requirements for assessing dams, spillways and levee structures on sites carrying out resource activities including mining and CSG.**
- **Develop model operating conditions for landfills, quarries and dredging to reduce red tape and decrease the risk of environmental contamination.**
- **Develop the annual compliance plan for 2013/14 to inform the Queensland community of the planned compliance activities that the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection will carry out.**
- **Commence implementation of a single environmental offsets policy for Queensland.**
- **Reduce regulatory ‘green tape’ by implementing a revised protected plants management framework.**
- **Implement a new management framework for flying-fox roosts.**
- **Deliver round 2 of Everyone’s Environment Grants.**
- **Commence implementation of a litter and illegal dumping action plan.**
- **Identify environmental values and water quality objectives for the Capricorn and Curtis Coast catchment and coastal waters to support reef water quality outcomes for the Great Barrier Reef.**
- **Establish self assessable vegetation management codes.**
- **Complete the final Wet Tropics Water Resource Plan for consideration by government.**
- **Commence assessment of tenders for the unallocated water from the Surat Basin Region.**
- **Evaluate the Land Access Implementation Committee report.**
- **Deliver the government’s response to the Uranium Mining Implementation Committee report.**
- **Announce the next round of tenders for exploration of coal areas in Queensland (non-cash).**
- **Finalise the North Pine Dam Optimisation Study.**
- **Announce successful recipients of the Friends of Parks small grants program and release expressions of interest for Friends of Parks coordinators.**
- **Release draft master plans for Mon Repos Turtle Centre, David Fleay’s Wildlife Centre and Walkabout Creek Visitor Centre.**

Queensland's health and community development

- Respond to the Parliamentary Committee inquiry on palliative care services and home and community care services.
- Commence a 12 month blitz on waiting lists for cochlear implants.
- Appoint Queensland's first Health Ombudsman supported with new legislation to strengthen patients' rights and better respond to medical complaints.
- Commence the roll-out of 'rapid testing' in Queensland allowing quick screening for HIV that will cut waiting times for results from three months to half an hour.
- Commence the Rural Telehealth Services at six trial sites across remote Queensland.
- Expand Hospital in the Home services.
- Commence award simplification for Queensland Health employees.
- Increase the number of 'reporting hospitals' from 38 to 57 to ensure greater access to essential online performance data.
- Reform and make more transparent Queensland Health's grants and service delivery contracts.
- Announce new allocations under the Advancing our Schools Maintenance Fund.
- Announce high school students to attend overseas Anzac ceremonies in 2014.
- Commence implementation of the Indigenous Early Childhood, Education, Training and Employment Action Plan.
- Announce additional Independent Public Schools to commence in 2014.
- Respond to the Parliamentary Committee inquiry into Senior Maths and Science in Queensland schools.
- Commence implementation of the new schools discipline plan for Queensland state schools.
- Begin implementation of the Vocational Education and Training Five Year Action Plan, developed in response to the Queensland Skills and Training Taskforce Final Report.
- Commence implementation of the Homelessness-to-Housing Strategy.
- Amend the *Queensland Building Services Authority Act 1991 (QBSA Act)*.

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- Commence implementation of the **Housing 2020 Strategy** to transform the future of public housing.
 - Identify amendments to the *Retirement Villages Act 1999* to better balance the interests of residents and the development of the industry.
 - Commence a review of the *Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003* to improve protection for home owners.
 - Release the **Arts for All Queenslanders Strategy**.
 - Commence implementation of **Brisbane's Cultural Precinct Strategy (Southbank)**.
 - Release a new cultural diversity policy.
 - Announce cultural diversity grants recipients for 2014.
 - Release an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander economic participation framework.
 - Finalise arrangements for an extension of the Cape York Welfare Reform program.
 - Prepare a social and human services investment blueprint.
 - Respond to the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry (Carmody Inquiry) Report.
 - Release Queensland's five year Disability Services Plan.
 - Commence implementation of the **Youth Strategy**.
 - Introduce legislation to reduce red-tape on service providers for the use of restrictive practices while maintaining protections for clients.

Economic growth and infrastructure development

- **Deliver statutory regional plans for the Darling Downs and Central Queensland.**
- **Release the Economic Development Directions Statement for Queensland Airports.**
- **Release a draft of the Queensland Ports Strategy for public consultation.**
- **Launch the second round of the Royalties for the Regions program.**
- **Conduct a review of the state's property portfolio.**
- **Progress the Request for Detailed Proposal for the Broadwater Marine Project.**
- **Release a draft infrastructure strategy for Queensland.**
- **Develop Governing for Growth, a whole-of-government strategy for economic growth over the next decade.**
- **Progress the development of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Village at Parklands.**
- **Commence the expression of interest process for the Government Precinct Redevelopment.**
- **Engage a contractor for the Bruce Highway upgrade, Cooroy to Curra Section A.**
- **Release the Freight Strategy for Queensland.**
- **Announce second round of waterways projects under the Marine Infrastructure Fund.**
- **Respond to recommendations of the long distance passenger service review.**
- **Launch the first refurbished Cairns tilt train.**
- **Complete the Yeppen North project at the junction of the Bruce Highway and Capricorn Highway in Central Queensland.**
- **Award the tender for construction of the Moreton Bay Rail Link.**
- **Commence construction of turnaround parking at Mt Gravatt State School.**
- **Respond to the discussion paper—Payment Dispute Resolution in the Queensland Building and Construction Industry.**
- **Deliver the second whole-of-industry DestinationQ Tourism Forum on the Gold Coast from 27–28 August 2013.**
- **Finalise the Tourism 2033 Plan, a 20 year strategic plan for Queensland tourism.**

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- **Release the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Legacy Plan for Queensland.**
 - **Hold the first Queensland Small Business Week from 24–31 July to celebrate the importance of small businesses to the Queensland economy.**
 - **Release an e-procurement application on the Business and Industry Portal that will assist Queensland small businesses in tendering for government procurement opportunities.**
 - **Release the Queensland Government’s digital economy draft strategy for consultation.**
 - **Continue increasing frontline officers in key areas, including biosecurity, to help producers to grow their businesses, build capacity and resilience.**
 - **Commence the Growing the Agriculture Workforce project to attract, retain and develop people within the agriculture sector.**
 - **Complete a comprehensive review of Queensland’s foot and mouth disease preparedness capability.**
 - **Introduce the new Biosecurity Bill into State Parliament.**
 - **Commence the first actions under the Queensland Forest and Timber Industry Plan in collaboration with industry.**
 - **Finalise Queensland’s agricultural research, development and extension plan to drive productivity across the sector.**
 - **Continue the bovine Johne’s disease (BJD) eradication program in partnership with industry.**
 - **Respond to the Government Land Tenure Review.**
 - **Introduce self-assessable codes for low risk water related approvals under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*.**
 - **Deliver additional modules of MyMinesOnline, including functionality for additional permit types.**
 - **Release the 30-year electricity strategy discussion paper for public consultation.**
 - **Work with racing control boards to develop draft five year rolling infrastructure plans.**
 - **Racing Queensland to complete phase 1 of the Gold Coast Turf Club redevelopment, and the grass race track replacement at Toowoomba Turf Club.**
 - **Introduce new bookmakers legislation to increase competitiveness.**

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- **Release the Queensland Ecotourism Plan.**
 - **Announce new industry-based operators at the Magnetic Island, Leslie Dam and Yeppoon Active Recreation Centre sites.**

Government and accountability

- **Develop and release The Queensland Plan in collaboration with Queenslanders.**
- **Announce the winners of the Premier's Open Data app competition.**
- **Continue implementation of accepted Commission of Audit recommendations.**
- **Commence implementation of endorsed recommendations from the Trade and Investment Queensland review.**
- **Office of Best Practice Regulation to deliver its first annual report tracking the government's progress to reduce red tape by 20 per cent.**
- **Continue to implement the government's fiscal principles to stabilise and repair the state's financial position so that the government can deliver more and better services for Queenslanders.**
- **Continue to progress the delivery of South East Queensland Schools, Government Wireless Network, New Generation Rollingstock via Public Private Partnership.**
- **Commence the development of a grants management information portal to streamline grants and funding administration.**
- **Respond to the report from the Commission of Inquiry into the Queensland Health payroll system.**
- **Start review of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*.**
- **Hold elections in deamalgamated shires—Noosa, Douglas, Mareeba and Livingstone.**
- **Announce funding for 2013–14 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.**
- **Make all government open (spatial) data available through Queensland Globe.**
- **Complete the efficiency and performance review of SunWater.**
- **Commence implementation of the ICT strategy and implementation plan.**
- **Develop and release the first phase of the government's ICT Dashboard to track progress of key ICT projects.**
- **Respond to the Callinan Review of the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) and recommendations of the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee inquiry into the CMC.**
- **Complete review of the *Electoral Act 1992* and introduce legislative changes.**
- **Map government funded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services by location to improve service delivery coordination, planning and resource allocation.**