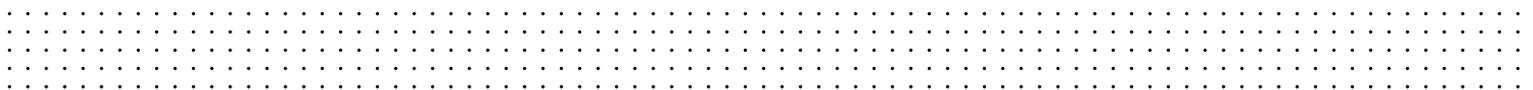


January – June 2013

# Six month action plan





# Premier's message

## January – June 2013 Six Month Action Plan

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The Queensland Government laid the foundations for a stronger future for Queensland with the delivery of commitments made in the *First 100 Day Action Plan* and the *Six Month Action Plan July to December 2012*.

But, our work is far from over. Our second six month action plan outlines the commitments we're making to Queenslanders for January to June 2013 and further highlights our determination to get on with the job to secure the future prosperity of our state.

Queensland is a great state, with great opportunity. We will continue to capitalise on this to build confidence in our economic future, increase certainty for industry, balance the budget and achieve our four per cent unemployment target in six years.

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Campbell Newman MP  
Premier of Queensland

# Law and community safety

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- Commence streamlining child safety licence applications and processes for NGOs.
- Increase the use of court appearances via video link to reduce the cost of prisoner transport.
- Complete Ministerial Review into the Rural Fire Service.
- Commence construction of replacement ambulance stations at Emerald and Tara.
- Purchase 130 new and replacement ambulance vehicles.
- Appoint 60 additional ambulance officers.
- Pass toughest anti-hooning legislation in Australia.
- Assess alternative service delivery models for camera detected offences in Queensland.
- Begin assigning Neighbourhood Watch liaison roles at every police station in Queensland.
- Conduct and promote a statewide amnesty campaign for illegal and unregistered firearms.
- Implement minimum mandatory sentences for illegal firearm possession and trafficking.
- Introduce regular public release of crime statistics via the internet.
- Commence a formal review of the *Youth Justice Act 1992*.
- Accept initial intake to the youth boot camp diversion program in Cairns and the Gold Coast.
- Respond to recommendations from the Parliamentary Inquiry into the workers' compensation scheme.
- Introduce legislation to implement the government's commitment to red tape reduction for liquor and gaming.
- Respond to the review of drink safe precincts.
- Commence the JP pilot program in QCAT as part of our commitment to a swift and fair justice system.
- Release the recommendations of the CMC review panel (Callinan Inquiry).
- Commence review of Queensland property legislation.
- Release a green paper on electoral reform and accountability.

# Environment and resources

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- Commence a regional survey of recreational fishing.
- Employ a further 10 Indigenous rangers to protect Cape York and implement initial Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger contracts in the Lake Eyre Basin.
- Roll out the first round of koala rescue and rehabilitation services grants.
- Announce the revised Marine Mammal Regulation to allow environmentally responsible feeding of dolphins at Tin Can Bay.
- Announce a new dingo management strategy for Fraser Island.
- Establish the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership Science Panel and hold first meeting.
- Announce successful projects as part of the \$2 million Healthy Waterways Program to improve waterway health in South East Queensland.
- Implement a framework and partnership for best management programs for the sugar cane growing and cattle grazing industries to better protect the Great Barrier Reef.
- Develop and publish standardised outcome-focused model conditions for mining approvals.
- Streamline environmental impact statements terms of reference.
- Publicly release performance information relating to environmental assessments and approvals across the state.
- Release expression of interest (EOI) calling for sustainable ecotourism development initiatives in protected areas.
- Develop an outdoor recreation strategy for protected areas.
- Grant water licences to successful parties that tendered for unallocated water in the Flinders and Gilbert river catchments of the Gulf.
- Launch the tender process to enable the release of unallocated water in the Baffle Catchment and the Great Artesian Basin.
- Finalise policy framework for providing sustainable water entitlements for mines on Cape York and the Galilee basin.

# Queensland's health and community development

- Announce the multicultural grant recipients for 2013.
- Commence up to six Indigenous Land Use Agreement processes in the Torres Strait and Cape York.
- Support key events to acknowledge the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Australian South Sea Islanders in Queensland.
- Complete consultation on Queensland's five year disability services plan.
- Release the government's youth strategy.
- Respond to the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry (Carmody Inquiry) Report.
- Complete review of youth programs.
- Develop a strategy to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of disability accommodation services and respite services.
- Commence the Elderly Parent Carer Innovation Trial.
- Commence the Your Life Your Choice program to give people with a disability more choice and control over their support.
- Prepare a homelessness strategy.
- Send the first high school student delegations to Gallipoli to commemorate the Centenary of ANZAC.
- First independent public schools to commence.
- Finalise the second tranche of schools with the 150 classes receiving additional Prep teacher aide hours in 2014.
- Announce the selection of further projects under the \$115 million Building Our Future Schools Fund.
- Launch Closing the Gap Education Strategy 2013–16.
- Commence implementing the government response to the Queensland Skills and Training Taskforce final report recommendations.
- Deliver a 20 year demand map to inform future schools planning across all sectors.
- Open new schools at Pimpama and Mackay.
- Commence review of the Overall Position tertiary entrance score.
- Fund up to 700 Queensland schools to clear their backlog of planned maintenance.
- Announce reforms empowering principals to improve school discipline.
- Commence the second stage of the Logan Renewal Initiative to provide more appropriate social housing.
- Introduce tougher penalties for repeat offenders who display antisocial behaviour in social housing.
- Oversee the implementation of the first round of grants for the GraffitiStop Program and announce the second round.
- Announce funds for the first round of Get Going and Get Playing programs.
- Release Get Started vouchers to assist families with the cost of kids sport.
- Announce the first recipients of the Super Star Fund.
- Announce the first recipients of the Playing Queensland Fund.
- Complete planning for future growth of Brisbane's performing arts through the completion of the venue study.
- Implement the new patient travel subsidy scheme subsidy rates.
- Commence the 'mums and bubs' policy to increase the number of home visits to new-borns and their mothers.
- Call for EOIs for the redevelopment of the Royal Children's Hospital site.
- Implement the ban on Ambulance bypass.
- Complete the restructure of Queensland Health's head office.
- Redesign of patient-flow models to accelerate and improve patients' journeys through emergency departments.
- Establish the Queensland Mental Health Commission.
- Empower nurses with the phased introduction of criteria-led discharge to help reduce waiting times.
- Introduce legislation in response to the recommendations of the Chesterman Inquiry to better respond and assess allegations of medical malpractice.
- Reform and make more transparent Queensland Health's grants and service delivery contracts.
- Commence a review to streamline contracts with non-government organisations (NGOs) reducing the number of individual contracts.
- Commence streamlining quality standards for NGOs.

# Economic growth and infrastructure development

- Launch a 30 year strategic plan for Queensland agriculture.
- Implement the Horticulture Workforce Action Plan.
- Develop priorities for rebuilding research and development for barley breeding and irrigated agronomy.
- Appoint an agronomist in the central highlands.
- Complete and release the Agricultural Land Audit Report.
- Establish a new committee for Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry skills, training and education.
- Implement sawlog supply arrangements for state owned cypress forests.
- Release the forest and timber industry plan.
- Re-focus the Australian Agricultural Colleges Corporation and restore the two residential agricultural colleges at Emerald and Longreach.
- Commence an efficiency and performance review of SunWater.
- Develop the 30 year water strategy and release for public consultation.
- Release the 30 year electricity strategy discussion paper for public consultation.
- Undertake a long-term South East Queensland bulk water price review.
- Progress review of local management arrangements for Sunwater's channel irrigation schemes.
- Deliver the final report of the Electricity Sector Reform Inter-Departmental Committee.
- Implement the first round of funding to help local councils meet the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry recommendations.
- Announce additional 2013–14 country race meetings.
- Establish new thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing control boards.
- Establish a new Queensland All Codes Racing Industry Board.
- Appoint the Racing Integrity Commissioner and establish and appoint the Racing Disciplinary Board.
- Produce and publish Geology of Queensland to encourage resource exploration.
- Enact the law that will allow for electronic property transfers.
- Enable online lodgement of applications for exploration permits for minerals as well as post-grant dealings such as transfer, caveat and mortgages.
- Implement simplified land management agreements for pastoral leases.
- Establish an enhanced water quality monitoring framework for the Fitzroy River to support pilot mine water release project.
- Enable conversion of exploration gas wells to water bores where suitable.
- Progress industry white paper on overlapping tenures, and establish a government and industry stakeholder group.
- Reduce red tape for small scale alluvial mining.
- Support the actions of the implementation committee into the recommencement of uranium mining.
- Commence implementing the Bowen Basin infrastructure plan.
- Commence public consultation for the statutory regional plans for the Darling Downs and Central Queensland.
- Announce Royalties for the Regions first round project approvals and launch the second round.
- Coordinator General assess applications for eco-tourism on Great Keppel Island.
- Release a new draft local infrastructure charging and planning framework for consultation.
- State Assessment Referral Agency system and Single State Planning Policy are operational.
- Establish Economic Development Queensland.
- Implement the master plan and a procurement process for expanding Abbot Point's coal handling facilities.

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- Call for, and assess, EOIs for the development rights for the Aurukun bauxite lease.
  - Hold the first state planning forum.
  - Deliver a business plan for the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to June 2014 that includes transition arrangements.
  - Implement the Drive Tourism Strategy to encourage drive visitors to explore regional Queensland.
  - Finalise Commonwealth Games master planning.
  - Implement the \$20 million Tourism Investment Plan.
  - Deliver a Queensland small business strategy and action plan.
  - Expand the online business portal.
  - Announce new routes for innovative high productivity heavy vehicles across Queensland.
  - Announce new fare structure for public transport in South East Queensland.
  - Complete detailed design on the Telegraph Road crossing at Bracken Ridge.
  - Complete land acquisitions at Robinson Road crossing at Geebung.
  - Announce the first wave of waterways projects under the Marine Infrastructure Fund.
  - Introduce Licensing System Reform (including Q-Ride, QSAFE, Older Drivers).
  - Release the Freight Strategy for Queensland for consultation.
  - Commence trialling new Rail Level Crossing Technology.
  - Engage private sector to undertake the Coorparoo TOD project.
  - Improve reliability by rolling out maintenance management on the rail network.
  - Finalise options for changes to the bus network as part of the TransLink South East Queensland bus review.
  - Commence turn left on red trial at the Gold Coast.
  - Commence construction of the 1 William Street project.
  - Implement recommended changes to Queensland's criteria for both state sponsored skilled migration visas and business migration visas.

# Government and accountability

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- Streamline the blue card application process.
- Respond to the report on the Queensland Building Services Authority.
- Respond to the review of the *Retirement Villages Act 1999*.
- Improve the delivery and design of Indigenous housing in Far North Queensland to better reflect local climate conditions.
- Continue to work with the unsuccessful de-amalgamation proponents and communities to improve representativeness and effectiveness of their councils.
- Conduct polls to determine local government de-amalgamations.
- Consider and respond to the Independent Commission of Audit's Final Report.
- Deliver savings from recovering unpaid SPER fines.
- Introduce zero base budgeting for departments and deliver the 2013–14 State Budget.
- Launch the open data app competition.