

Transforming Queensland's economy to build resilience, eco-efficiency and productivity is critical to the viability of our communities and businesses. The state government must prioritise investments and policies that accelerate a sustainability led transformation to advance our economy, enable industry diversification and develop future workforce skills.



BUSINESS FRIENDLY

Governments that reduce operating costs and complexity



CONNECTED BUSINESSES

Advancing technology to generate opportunities



SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Developing and enhancing products and services for future sustainability



SMART INFRASTRUCTURE

Connecting regions to build resilience



SKILLED WORKFORCE

Support upskilling, emerging industries and markets

IMMEDIATE

MID-LONG TERM

FUTURE

COVID-19 RECOVERY

- Commit to a further 3 years of grant funding for business support officers in regional Queensland

SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT

- Break-up tenders for SMEs
- Simplify tender processes
- Dashboard for procurement
- Cut payment terms to 5 days
- Develop a whole-of-government delivery model for SMEs

COMMIT TO NO NEW OR INCREASED TAXES ON BUSINESS

- Remove or amend inefficient State taxes:
 - Stamp duties
 - Payroll tax
 - Land tax

DEREGULATION AND REGULATORY REFORM

- Liquor Licensing- simplification of the process
- Reduce complexity and processing times for permits and fees
- Abolish Payroll tax

IMPROVE DIGITAL CAPACITY

- Prioritise high-speed internet for regional Queensland

CONNECTING WITH BUSINESSES

- Targeted funding for digital grants for SMEs
- Invest in whole-of-government knowledge sharing and collaborative platforms for interactions with SMEs

INCENTIVISE DIGITAL ADOPTION

- Develop a digital approach that promotes e-commerce as best practice
- Incentivise the digitisation of paper-based processes

TRANSFORMATION OF COMMUNITIES

- Funding for local councils to develop plans for transition to sustainable and resilient communities
- Investment into a low carbon living program

SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS PRACTICES

- Targeted funding for SMEs to adopt sustainable practices as a model for business growth and diversification
- Grants for SMEs to invest in technologies that accelerate improved energy, water and waste usage
- Program support for SMEs to scale and grow sustainable products and services for domestic and international markets

ACCELERATE ECO-EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

- Prioritise projects under the 10-year roadmap for resource recovery, waste and circular economy projects in regional locations.
- Ensure allocation of Waste levy funds towards the building of new circular economy projects.
- Commit to City Deals for additional Queensland regions as a vehicle for agreed projects and funding models.

REFOCUS INVESTMENT IN ROAD, RAIL, RUNWAY & PORTS

- "Last-mile" rail connectivity to ports of entry
- Improve connectivity between transport nodes, for example fast rail
- Invest in strategic airline route development to support domestic and international recovery

INCENTIVISE UPSKILLING IN EMERGING SECTORS

- Incentivise retraining in disrupted industries to support skills needs in emerging sectors
- Strengthen investment in STEM skills

REINVIGORATE THE REGIONS

- Simplify migration schemes and incentivise skilled and seasonal workers to relocate to regions
- Strengthen linkages between universities and TAFE to provide flexibility in delivery and access to training and skills that better meet regional workforce needs
- Deliver market diversification support for export-ready SMEs

IMPROVING FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

- Support education and training programs focused on sustainability
- Extend apprentice and traineeship subsidies with a focus on future skills needs