

# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2022 - 2023

ECONOMIC RECOVERY (COVID-19 AND NATURAL DISASTERS)

SUSTAINABILITY-LED TRANSFORMATION TO ADVANCE QUEENSLAND ECONOMY

BRISBANE 2032 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES



## BUSINESS FRIENDLY

Governments that reduce operating costs and complexity

### ECONOMIC RECOVERY

- Business continuity support package for future public health response
- Continue mental health support initiatives for businesses and staff, additional funding for financial counselling support

### DEREGULATION AND REGULATORY REFORM

- Reduce complexity on government permits and fees
- Remove GST on insurance premiums
- Reducing red tapes on SMEs

### PAYROLL TAX REFORM

- Implement payroll tax liability exemption for the first year meeting the payroll tax threshold
- Use national cabinet as forum for broader potential payroll tax reform

### SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT

- Simplify tender processes
- Break-up tenders for SME
- Dashboard for procurement
- Develop whole-of-government model to shift procurement online
- Set ambitious target for SME procurement for Brisbane 2032
- Accelerate funding for SME procurement capability programs

### TARGETED EXPORT GRANTS

- Funding grants to deliver market diversification for export ready SMEs
- Promotion and development support for Queensland Made products and services
- Prioritise investment in Regional Trade Distribution Centre across the state



## SMART INFRASTRUCTURE

Connecting regions to build resilience

### REFOCUS INVESTMENT IN ROAD, RAIL, RUNWAY AND PORT

- Identify and accelerate priority transport connectivity projects across regions
- Prioritise funding for regional infrastructure projects as identified in the State Infrastructure Strategy and regional infrastructure plans

### ACCELERATE ECO-EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

- Attract private investment to scale sustainable infrastructure projects in regions, building on 10-year roadmap for resource recovery, waste and the circular economy.

### TRANSITIONING TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

- Investment in future-proofing Queensland's energy asset base and building resilience in the transition to sustainable energy sources.
- Incentives for business to invest in sustainable energy.
- Continue to invest in and ensure effective funding allocated to renewable energy zones

### RESILIENT REGIONS

- Commit to City Deals for additional Qld regions
- Expand funding arrangements for preparedness efforts and resilience in regions.
- Accelerate investments in existing transport infrastructure assets to build resilience against extreme weather events.
- Commitment to a pipeline of water security projects

### BRISBANE 2032 INFRASTRUCTURE

- Commit to funding business cases for Brisbane 2032 legacy infrastructure projects.
- Use 2032 Olympic priorities to select priority transport connectivity projects
- Engage business in the planning and preparation process to ensure clarity and relevancy in building infrastructure



## SKILLED WORKFORCE

Support upskilling, emerging industries and markets

### INCENTIVISE UPSKILLING IN TRADITIONAL AND EMERGING SECTORS

- Develop a model of funding for non-trade-based skills areas that incentivises businesses to employ and invest in new and emerging skills.
- Increasing funding for existing programs eg. Gateway to industry
- Strengthen investments in STEM skills for both traditional and emerging sectors.

### REINVIGORATE THE REGIONS

- Simplify migration schemes and target incentives for skilled and seasonal workers to relocate to areas with skills shortages.
- Commit to workforce planning program across all regions to target skills and training needs.
- Implement the workforce planning findings to strengthen linkages between universities and TAFE to provide flexibility in delivery and access to training and skills that better meet regional workforce needs.

### IMPROVED FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

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



## SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Developing and enhancing products and services for future sustainability

### SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS PRACTICES

- Targeted funding and incentives for SMEs to purchase sustainable technology and practices
- Increase support for SMEs to scale, grow and diversify sustainable products and services

### ECOBIZ PROGRAM

- Commitment to ongoing funding of the ecoBiz program
- Commitment on funding programs that support potential expended ecoBiz initiatives, such as circular economy and carbon neutrality practices
- Support exporters and manufacturers to adopt carbon neutral practices

### BOOST INVESTMENT IN SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

- Support the development of a market for valuing natural capital
- Identify and fund high value, high skilled industries for targeted R&D

### PRIORITISING FINANCIAL MECHANISMS THAT RESPOND TO ENVIRONMENTAL RISK

- Commit to an insurance of last resort fund
- Enhancing disaster recovery funding
- Prioritise mitigation and prevention projects across the regions

### TRANSFORMATION OF COMMUNITIES

- Commit funding for local councils to develop plans for transition to sustainable and resilient communities



## CONNECTED BUSINESSES

Advancing technology to generate opportunities

### ADOPTING E-COMMERCE AS BEST PRACTICE

- Enhance investment in a digital first approach that promotes e-commerce as best practice

### BUILDING DIGITAL CAPABILITY

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

### IMPROVE DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

- Prioritise and fund investments in high-speed internet infrastructure for regional Queensland.