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Stimulating economic growth and job creation

CCIQ IS CALLING ON THE NEXT STATE GOVERNMENT TO:

Progress a diversified industry development agenda outside of the resources, tourism, agriculture, building and construction sectors

Develop a Queensland Infrastructure Plan with priority projects identified over the short, medium and longer term

Implement a regionalisation strategy

Ensuring the State's future skills requirement are met

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Delivering responsible fiscal management

CCIQ IS CALLING ON THE NEXT STATE GOVERNMENT TO:

Reduce government debt

Return to a budget operating surplus and restore the State's AAA credit rating

Improve the efficiency of government agencies so recurrent expenditure remains at an affordable level

Broaden contestability with a view to increasing the share of government services provided by the private sector

Lease State electricity and port assets to pay down debt and reduce our State's debt servicing bill

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Driving down government costs on business

CCIQ IS CALLING ON THE NEXT STATE GOVERNMENT TO:

Progressively lift the payroll tax exemption threshold from \$1.1 million to \$1.6 million by 2019

Collaborate with the Federal Government to conduct a full review of the taxation and federation systems with a view to eliminating inefficient State taxes and correcting the vertical fiscal imbalance

Remove stamp duties on insurance premiums

Retain changes to the workers compensation scheme

Ensure that electricity prices are competitive for Queensland businesses through electricity reforms that encourages efficiency and performance improvements

Work with the Federal Government to deliver projects such as the Bruce Highway Upgrade and Toowoomba Second Range Crossing that will improve transport efficiencies

Work with the Federal Government to ensure there is adequate and affordable telecommunications services for businesses throughout Queensland

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Reducing red tape

CCIQ IS CALLING ON THE NEXT STATE GOVERNMENT TO:

Accelerate red tape reduction efforts across all agencies with a focus on reforms that will be most beneficial to small and medium business

Continue shifting emphasis from regulator prosecution and enforcement to education and awareness

Improve regulator engagement with small and medium business

Work with the Federal Government to reform the Fair Work Act

Reduce the barriers currently experienced by small and medium businesses to participate in State Government and major project procurement opportunities

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Facilitating business start-ups

CCIQ IS CALLING ON THE NEXT STATE GOVERNMENT TO:

Improve access to finance and start-up capital

Improve access to data and market research for new opportunities

Develop entrepreneurial skills

Better target and deliver government assistance programs to commercialise ideas

Improve access to communications infrastructure

Improve regulatory and taxation incentives

Foster a cultural environment that celebrates and encourages entrepreneurship, including improving social legitimacy of 'entrepreneur' as a career choice, and addressing our fear of failure.

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Investing in innovation

CCIQ IS CALLING ON THE NEXT STATE GOVERNMENT TO:

Create a competitive business operating environment conducive to innovation

Foster a small and medium business innovation culture

Remove regulation that is a barrier to innovation

Better target and deliver government assistance programs

Improve regulatory and taxation incentives

Encourage greater collaboration with academia and amongst businesses

Improve workforce capability with innovation skills

Improve availability of finance

Invest in infrastructure that delivers innovation

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Enhancing productivity

CCIQ IS CALLING ON THE NEXT STATE GOVERNMENT TO:

Prioritise red tape reduction that delivers the highest productivity gain

Champion a flexible and balanced approach to employer-employee relations as part of the Productivity Commission's review of the workplace relations framework

Develop a business relevant vocational education and training system

Address skills shortages by encouraging labour mobility (both between regions and professions) and increasing workforce participation rates amongst people underrepresented in the workforce

Improve the governance of infrastructure investment based on a greater role for the private sector in planning and delivery of infrastructure

Fast track approvals for priority infrastructure that will deliver cost savings and more affordable solutions to the community

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CCIQ's Election Survey reveals seven key priorities that all political parties must act upon to improve the business operating environment in Queensland. These are: