

# STATE ELECTION POLICY



 **BUSINESS FRIENDLY**

 Ongoing commitment to work with CCIQ to implement our procurement priorities. Welcomed statement on not introducing new taxes but fell short on outlining initiatives to address regulation barriers and reducing red tape for SMEs (beyond short-term COVID19 reforms). Lowering energy costs for SMEs included a focus on investment in electricity transmission infrastructure to address affordability, reliability and a transition to renewables.

 Firm commitments to no new or increased taxes, cutting red tape by 20% and working with CCIQ to implement our procurement priorities. Additional commitment to ensuring government purchases of less than \$250,000 first consider procuring from a QLD SME. Strong focus on lowering energy costs through enabling competition in regional Queensland and introducing a mandate for GOCs to invest in renewable energy.

 **CONNECTED BUSINESSES**

 The ALP has made a clear, firm commitment to support QCN Fibre to provide faster, more reliable internet along the East Coast of Queensland. They have also made broad commitments to champion e-commerce and get government departments to provide customer-friendly websites and other platforms.

 The LNP has committed to working with CCIQ and other industry bodies to find ways to digitally connect with businesses and incentivise digital adoption. There are no firm commitments beyond this broad, positive intent.

 **SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES**

 The ALP has made a firm commitment to continue supporting the ecoBiz program which supports businesses reduce their waste, water and electricity bills. They have also made broad commitments to sustainability in the post-election period but no other firm commitments.

 The LNP has made a clear commitment to continue supporting the ecoBiz program which helps businesses to reduce their water, waste and electricity bills. They have also made clear, firm commitments to help set up recycling infrastructure, create an enabling environment for new, sustainable practices and work with universities to promote research and development and establish centres of excellence

 **SMART INFRASTRUCTURE**

 The ALP has given a comprehensive list of infrastructure projects and expenditure. They state that \$2.7 billion of this expenditure is new money. They have also allocated funds for a suite of programmes which include airline route development but have not specified anything for rail connectivity.

 The LNP has a comprehensive list of road, rail and water security projects, which include the New Bradfield Scheme. In addition to their list of water security projects, they have committed to developing a 30 year water security plan for Queensland.

 **SKILLED WORKFORCE**

 The ALP has made firm, clear commitments on a wide range of skilled workforce priorities. This includes commitments to establishing advanced manufacturing centres, a focus on training people for new and emerging industries, and focusing on regional training facilities. It also includes an improvement of funding arrangements for trainees under 25 years of age.

 The LNP shows a broad commitment to working with industry bodies to report on skills demand. They have also committed to a Young Entrepreneurs programme which focuses on STEM skills. They have made no firm commitments beyond these broad statements of intent.