1. In November 2017, the Government released its Pathways to Training, Skills and Jobs policy which announced the Advancing Our Training Infrastructure (AOTI) initiative to invest up to $85 million across several training sites as part of the long-term plan to revitalise the State’s training portfolio. The AOTI funding commenced in 2018–19, with $30 million available, a further $30 million allocated in 2019–20 and $25 million in 2020–21.
2. Revitalising state-owned training infrastructure requires delivery of the AOTI commitment and a strategic approach to planning and use of training infrastructure to support training and skilling outcomes across Queensland. The revitalisation is an investment in the future skills and productivity of the State’s workforce and the sustainability and positioning of TAFE Queensland (TAFEQ) as Queensland’s premier training provider.
3. From 2018 to 2021, the delivery of AOTI is being prioritised within the implementation of broader regional infrastructure plans, to provide for the modernisation of the Pimlico, Cairns, Mount Gravatt and Toowoomba training sites, and infrastructure within the regions of the Gold Coast and Redlands. Investment in the Pimlico and Toowoomba sites was progressed in 2018‑19 and is due for finalisation in 2019–20.
4. This approach sets the roadmap for the State’s training infrastructure and ensure it is well placed to grow and adapt as regional economies mature and develop.
5. Regional infrastructure planning has been undertaken to address the training needs of Queenslanders in existing and future population and employment centres. Each region is not expected to fulfil all training needs and industry demand in that region nor is it expected that every facility will provide for all demand in the adjacent area. Consideration has been given to future industry skills demands in the regions and the training that TAFEQ delivers to meet that demand; the ability to adapt existing TAFE campuses and individual buildings to provide alternative training and delivery methods; and the existing and future transport options for students in relation to TAFE campus catchment
6. Cabinet approved the fourteen (14) TAFE Infrastructure Plans to guide the development of site planning and annual capital programs to support the revitalisation of Queensland training infrastructure.
7. Cabinet noted the progress of the implementation of the Advancing Our Training Infrastructure projects.
8. *Attachments*
* Nil.