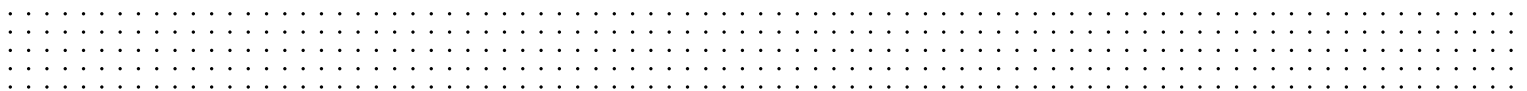


January – June 2014

Six month action plan



Premier's message

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My government was elected with the clear mandate to bring investment into this state and drive the next phase of our economy, and that's exactly what we are doing.

The *January – June 2014 Six Month Action Plan* maintains the momentum and builds on our commitment to make Queensland a great state with great opportunity. We are continuing our focus on super charging the economy, with a clear goal of becoming the most effective and efficient public service in the nation.

With this plan, we are committed to creating a business environment that stimulates new investment and encourages innovation and research and development activities. We are continuing to invest in our four pillar industries of Tourism, Agriculture, Resources and Construction and in doing so; we are seeing more businesses gaining confidence and investing, employing and growing these sectors in Queensland.

We are streamlining government processes, reducing red tape and regulation and improving the way we deliver services to Queensland. We are committed to making sure that Government can deliver services that are smarter, simpler and more responsive to the needs of Queenslanders now and for the future.

Since coming in to government over 20 months ago, Queensland's economic growth is outstripping the other states and I'm encouraged that our policies are taking effect. In 2012-13 our state economy grew by four per cent and it was a very good outlook to have our credit rating reaffirmed, which indicates that Queensland is well ahead of the other states. The tough decisions we took last year to rein in spending and the support we are providing to private enterprise are starting to pay off.

Queenslanders can be optimistic about the future Queensland and, as always, I invite you to hold us to account against the delivery of our commitments in this action plan.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Campbell Newman'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C'.

Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland

Supercharging the economy

- Finalise the draft Cape York Regional Plan for statutory public consultation.
- Pass the new Regional Planning Interests Act to protect prime agricultural land and strategic environmental areas.
- Release the Expressions of Interest document for the Queens Wharf Redevelopment.
- Release *Governing for Growth*, a whole of Government economic strategy.
- Conduct targeted trade missions to foster greater trade relations and assist Queensland businesses to directly establish contacts in overseas markets.
- Appoint the inaugural ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) Trade Commissioner who will be based in TIQ's new office in Indonesia.
- Release the Newman Government's two year anniversary red tape Report Card.
- Announce the successful applicants for the second round of *Supporting Women Scholarships*, designed to help women of all ages and backgrounds gain qualifications in traditionally male-dominated industries.
- Deliver a strategy for growing Queensland's international education industry.
- Introduce amendments to Queensland's workplace health and safety legislation, to reduce red tape.
- Finalise the Parliamentary inquiry on options to increase agriculture and livestock freight on rail.
- Commence Parliamentary inquiry to investigate the feasibility of coastal shipping between Queensland ports.
- Finalise the speed limit review for 100 nominated roads across the State.
- Finalise funding negotiations with the Abbott Government on the Outback Highway between Laverton in Western Australia to Winton in Western Queensland.
- Commence implementation and training in preparation for the safety and security of the G20 summit.
- Develop an interactive tool to help councils use the Queensland Land Audit in their planning decisions.
- Commence implementing the 'Growing the Agriculture Workforce Strategy' - aimed at helping industry attract, retain and develop people in farm industries.
- Finalise the report for Queensland's foot and mouth disease preparedness capability.

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- Continue to provide assistance to Queensland producers in drought-declared areas of the state.
 - Continue the Inshore Net Fishery Buy Back Scheme to increase sustainability and profitability of Queensland's fisheries.
 - Renew the Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation (QAAFI) partnership agreement.
 - Finalise the State of Queensland Agriculture report for consultation by industry.
 - Replace wild river declarations for Cape York and Western Rivers.
 - Provide the resources sector greater certainty and consistency through the introduction of model conditions for petroleum and gas production.
 - Commence consultation on a blueprint to streamline and reform mining and petroleum reporting requirements.
 - Hold workshops to develop ResourcesQ, a 30-year plan for the Queensland resources sector.
 - Conduct a deep seismic and ground conductivity survey east and south-east of Mount Isa to assist mining explorers.
 - Revoke the existing water licensing moratorium on Cape York Peninsula.
 - Commence a regional assessment of artesian groundwater availability on Cape York Peninsula.
 - Introduce legislation for the management of overlapping coal and petroleum (Coal Seam Gas) Tenures in Queensland.
 - Release the North Pine, Wivenhoe and Somerset Dam Optimisation Studies.
 - Develop local management business plans for Queensland's eight channel irrigation schemes.
 - Deliver Master Plans for Mon Repos Turtle Centre, David Fleay Wildlife Park and Walkabout Creek Visitor Centre to increase access to protected areas and support growth in ecotourism.
 - In conjunction with Racing Queensland, commence the construction of a new greyhound racing facility in South East Queensland.
 - In conjunction with Racing Queensland, source a replacement venue for harness racing on the Gold Coast.

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- In conjunction with Racing Queensland, release the inaugural annual Strategic Plan for Racing Queensland.
 - Launch the 20 year plan for Queensland tourism.
 - Develop 2020 Destination Tourism Plans in partnership with regional tourism organisations.
 - Enable access to the Business and Industry Portal via additional online portals, including social media.
 - Launch the master plan for the Commonwealth Games Village.
 - Deliver tourism marketing campaigns in partnership with regional tourism organisations.
 - Amend legislation to cut red and green tape for the building and construction industry.
 - Amend the *Professional Engineers Act 2002* to simplify the legislation and cut red tape.
 - Continue the whole-of-government Procurement Transformation Program which has identified between \$150 and \$250 million in annual savings achievable by 2017/18.
 - Establish a Science and Innovation Advisory Council.
 - Release the Queensland Government's Digital Economy Strategy.
 - Deliver an Innovation Hub pilot round.
 - Release land use and land use change mapping for South East Queensland.

Better services for Queenslanders

- Begin the transaction, negotiation and agreement stage of the Government Land for Accommodation and Support Services program.
- Investigate extending Queensland's CTP schemes to meet the minimum benchmarks as part of the NDIS implementation.
- Announce initiatives to reduce smoking rates in Queensland.
- Pay the state's public sector nurses and midwives their third 3% pay increase since the LNP was elected to office.
- Establish the Office of the Health Ombudsman, with a 1 July 2014 operational commencement date.
- Re-open maternity services at the Beaudesert hospital.
- Finalise the operating model for the new public university hospital on the Sunshine Coast.
- Commence and complete the process of award modernisation for Queensland Health employees and reduce complexity of the system.
- Announce new initiatives to increase immunisation rates in Queensland.
- Clear the patient waiting list for cochlear implants as at 1 June 2013.
- Additional prep teacher aides to commence in 150 classes across Queensland.
- 54 schools to commence the 2014 school year as Independent Public Schools.
- Send the recipients of the Premier's Anzac Prize to Gallipoli to commemorate ANZAC Day.
- Open 13 new kindergarten services at state and non-state schools across Queensland.
- Launch *Solid pathways*, a new program in partnership with the University of Queensland to support high achieving Indigenous students reach their full potential.
- Commence pilot of structured annual performance reviews for teachers.
- Implement recommended actions from the Department of Education, Training and Employment Red Tape Reduction Taskforce.
- Implement a new streamlined community gambling grants system for Queensland.

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- Release the evaluation results from the QCAT Justice of the Peace Trial with a view to determining its future.
 - Respond to the Queensland Law Reform Commission's review of Queensland Guardianship Law to clarify guardianship laws and strengthen the system.
 - Deliver 200 additional services to the SEQ City Rail Network.
 - Announce second round of Community Road Safety Grants.
 - Continue the fight to eliminate criminal gangs.
 - Establish a police hub on the Gold Coast.
 - Establish a Police Helicopter Wing with two police helicopters servicing South East Queensland (1 x Brisbane, 1 x Gold Coast).
 - Appoint the Deputy Commissioner, Rural Fire and Emergency Services.
 - Continue renewal of the police service to provide better service delivery.
 - Continue the implementation of recommendations from the *Keelty Review of Queensland Police and Emergency Services* and the *Malone Review into Rural Fire Services in Queensland*.
 - Commence replacement auxiliary fire and rescue stations at Ingham, and Pomona, and complete auxiliary fire and rescue stations at Clifton and Mareeba.
 - Commence 'out of control parties and events' legislation.
 - Develop model operating conditions for sewage treatment plants and composting facilities that reduce greentape and deliver economic benefits to local government and businesses.
 - Notify the successful recipients of round two grant funding for koala rescue and rehabilitation services.
 - Acquire strategic protected estate for conservation purposes.
 - Share, state wide, stories of Queensland's heritage places by promoting them in the government's open data portal.
 - To mark the centenary of the ANZACs, release new guidelines for the care and conservation of Queensland's war memorials.

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- Finalise the framework for state-wide regulation of levee banks.
 - Announce key principles for reforming the Water Act.
 - Release the final 30 Year Electricity Strategy.
 - Release the final 30 Year Water Strategy.
 - Establish four new councils.
 - Fund the construction of the St George flood levee in accordance with contractual arrangements.
 - Fund the construction of the Roma flood levee in accordance with contractual arrangements.
 - Introduce reforms to the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*.
 - Release the local government infrastructure funding program.
 - Commence implementation of the Government's response to the Carmody Inquiry.
 - Finalise a full review of the *Guide, Hearing and Assistance Dogs Act 2009*.
 - Announce successful applicants from the second funding round of Elderly Parent Carer Innovation trial.
 - Commence implementation of the Social and Human Services Investment Blueprint.
 - Action digital technology initiatives under the Queensland Youth Strategy.
 - Announce successful applicants under round two of the Caring for our Communities grants.
 - Review online camping and permit booking system for National Parks.
 - Complete pilots of the campground hosts program for National Parks.
 - Expand on the Outdoor Recreation Strategy for Protected Areas to form a State-wide outdoor recreation framework.
 - Release Round 3 Get Started vouchers to support eligible children and young people with the costs of joining sport and recreation clubs.

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- Commence implementation of the Government's response to the "Start Playing, Stay Playing" report to increase the ongoing participation of women and girls in sport and recreation.
 - Initiate a trial to improve outcomes from more coordinated and efficiently delivered Indigenous programs and services.
 - Announce initiatives that will support the Government's Cultural Diversity Strategy.
 - Commence construction of the 20 bed supported accommodation facility for rough sleepers in Redcliffe.
 - Announce the sites for the 40 bed supported accommodation facilities for rough sleepers in Townsville and Cairns.
 - Commence construction of 202 new social housing dwellings for Queenslanders with the highest housing needs.
 - Complete the construction of 175 houses under the National Partnership Agreement for Remote and Indigenous Housing to reduce overcrowding in these communities.
 - Enable the delivery of at least 1000 new affordable dwellings in Queensland under the National Rental Affordability Scheme.
 - Implement Phase 1 of the One Stop Shop Plan for better government service delivery.
 - Commence implementation of the Arts for all Queenslanders strategy.