July – December 2014

Six Month Action Plan
Following the 2012 state election, I made a commitment to publish six-monthly plans, and report on the work being undertaken to deliver the government's strong plan for a brighter future in Queensland.

The July-December 2014 Six Month Action Plan is the fifth of these regular plans, outlining a diverse range of initiatives and actions aimed at growing the economy, improving services, reducing red-tape, putting downward pressure on cost of living and providing better infrastructure and planning to support the people of Queensland.

Over the next six months we'll be releasing the Queensland State Infrastructure Plan, the Priority Development Infrastructure Co-Investment Program will commence and we’ll improve frameworks to make project evaluation and delivery more efficient.

We will continue assisting Queensland farmers in drought declared areas of the state, and a Beef Industry Action plan will be released with to help secure the industry’s strong growth.

The third DestinationQ forum will be held to maintain momentum for the Queensland tourism industry.

We'll continue to work on making Queensland a safer place to live, with a special focus on Queensland kids. We'll also provide support to sporting clubs and encourage more young people to get active in sport.

Queensland’s first dual sector university, combining Central Queensland University with the Central Queensland Institute of TAFE, will start contributing to Queensland’s first-class training system.

We'll also commence a two-year program to roll-out new Queensland Ambulance Services defibrillators to make sure Queensland’s paramedics are equipped with best equipment to help heart attack patients.

This latest action plan further demonstrates my government’s determination to get on with the job of delivering on our strong plan for a bright future in Queensland. I encourage Queenslanders to read, and by all means, follow our progress on this plan to ensure the government is held to account on the commitments we have made.

Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
Supercharging the economy

- Release the government response to the *Queensland Plan*.
- Release a draft long term sustainability plan for the Great Barrier Reef with the Commonwealth Government.
- Finalise the Cape York Regional Plan and establish an annual review process.
- Release the Queensland State Infrastructure Plan, including the introduction of 10 year Total Asset Management Plans which will lead to efficiencies in the delivery of services, through better whole of life management of the State’s assets.
- Introduce legislation governing Queensland ports development.
- Commence the Request for Detailed Proposal phase for the Queens Wharf and Integrated Resort Development projects.
- Commence the Regional Rail Trails Program.
- Commence the Mission Beach Safe Boating Infrastructure documentation to tender works.
- Commence the review of the Wide Bay and Mackay Regional Plans.
- Commence a draft South East Queensland Regional Plan for future community consultation.
- Commence the Priority Development Infrastructure Co-investment Program.
- As a response to the *Queensland Plan*, commence development of a plan to strengthen and grow Regional Queensland.
- Approve the 7,000th Great Start Grant for first home owners to get their new first home sooner.
- Introduce improvements to competition and productivity legislation.
- Complete expressions of interest process for the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing project.
- Open applications for the third round of *Supporting Women Scholarships*, designed to help women of all ages and backgrounds gain qualifications in traditionally male-dominated industries.
- Introduce final package of liquor and gaming red tape reforms.
- Start construction on the final 11.5km of the Townsville Ring Road.
- Respond to findings of the *Inquiry into rail freight use by agriculture and livestock industries*. 
• Release a Beef Industry Action Plan aimed at growing this vital sector of the Queensland economy.

• Continue to provide assistance to Queensland producers in drought-declared areas of the state.

• Commence operation of Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges (QATC) which modernises the previous Australian Agricultural Colleges Corporation (AACC).

• Introduce reforms to the Queensland Heritage Act to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden, strengthen protection for heritage places and help promote heritage development.

• Release the Waste – Everyone’s responsibility strategy to position Queensland as a national leader in waste management and resource recovery.

• Progress the second round of greentape reductions to decrease regulatory burden and delay costs while maintaining environmental standards.

• Introduce new legislation that will allow water licence holders to do business more efficiently.

• Roll out arrangements to allow rural water users to self-read water meters reducing meter read costs.

• Deliver the ResourcesQ Partnership and Action Plan to better plan for growth in Queensland’s resources sector.

• Release Cooper Basin Development Strategy.

• Release consultation draft of the new framework for resource tenure in Queensland.

• Trial a seismic monitoring technology that provides advanced warning of a potential mine collapse.

• Engage contractors to work on canoe launch facilities at Walkabout Creek and David Fleay Wildlife Park.

• Engage contractors to work on amphitheatre roof at Mon Repos.

• Commence trial of combined State and Commonwealth permit to reduce red tape for Great Barrier Reef tourism operators.

• Through Tourism and Events Queensland, finalise the Tourism Marketing Strategy for GC2018, outlining strategic tourism marketing and industry development opportunities.

• Hold the third DestinationQ Forum continuing impetus for growth in Queensland Tourism.

• Publish Best Practice Guide for Roadside Rest Areas.
• Hold 2014 Queensland Small Business Week, which will include over 100 events state-wide.

• Publish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Participation Action Plan.

• Hold ConstructionQ forum to facilitate long term growth of the construction industry in Queensland.

• Undertake community consultation as part of the Plumbing and Drainage Act and Building Act reviews to cut red tape.

• Consult with community to cut red tape for farm buildings.

• Complete 30 dwellings under a partnership with Economic Development Queensland.

• Announce the successful applicants for the first round of the Accelerate Ideas program.
Better Services for Queenslanders

- Release the government response to the *Queensland Plan*.
- Commence operation of the Family and Child Commission to oversee Queensland’s child protection system.
- Open the Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital complemented with a record investment in children’s health.
- Expand the Queensland Artificial Limbs Service to provide free recreational prosthetics to assist people up to 18 years of age to participate in community activities.
- Commence two-year program to roll-out Queensland Ambulance Services defibrillator replacement program.
- Announce first round of mentor teachers under the *Great Teachers= Great Results* plan.
- Announce next round of Community Learning Grants.
- Announce the third round of the Fixing our Schools Maintenance Fund.
- Announce the high schools students to attend overseas ANZAC ceremonies in 2015.
- Commence operations at Queensland’s first dual sector university, which merges Central Queensland University with the Central Queensland Institute of TAFE.
- Announce funding details for the *Great Results Guarantee* in 2015 to help build student literacy and numeracy skills in state schools.
- Announce the next round of Independent Public Schools commencing in 2015 to give principals and parents a greater say in their local schools’ operations.
- Commence operations of the Office of Public Guardian.
- Roll out Safe Night Out Strategy to address alcohol-fuelled violence issues.
- Complete child sex offender legislation review.
- Complete review of motorcycle laws, as part of the road safety action plan.
- Deliver the third year of freezing car registration costs and deliver the rollout of stickerless registration.
- Provide policing services to support the safety and security during the G20 Leaders Summit, including rolling out 1,250 mobile devices in South East Queensland.

- Take delivery from manufacturer of three police catamarans. One each for Cairns, Townsville and the Whitsunday Water Police Bases.

- Develop a new child alert system for child abductions using social media to support the Government’s commitment to a safer Queensland.

- Deliver safer streets in Northern Queensland through the rollout of the Townsville Rapid Action and Patrols Police Hub.

- Commence delivery of training programs for disaster management stakeholders with delivery in Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton and Brisbane.

- Introduce legislation to strengthen Queensland’s environmental protection penalties.

- Announce the recipients of Round Three of Everyone’s Environment Grants to support sensible, local environment projects.

- Establish the Electricity Expert Panel to assist in delivering actions under PowerQ, Queensland’s 30-year strategy for a more resilient, cost-effective and consumer-focused electricity sector.

- Establish the WaterQ industry-led innovation panel to drive Queensland water-specific solutions, and showcase best practice.

- Pass important changes to the Local Government Electoral Act to better support Queensland Local Councils.

- Launch of Safety and Compensation one-stop-shop services.

- Launch of “Work Safe Home Safe” education awareness campaign.

- Announce Queensland Youth Strategy Ambassadors.

- Commence new programs to assist young people in care to successfully transition to independence and adulthood.

- Complete first stage of sector capacity building activities for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

- Announce a new framework for the Business Discount Scheme for Seniors and Carers.

- Commence consolidation to create single agreements with the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services-funded service providers, to reduce red tape.
• Appoint a third agronomist in Toowoomba in partnership with Grains Research Development Corporation.

• Allocate 26 staff to supercharge frontline extension services in the Reef catchment areas to support beef, sugar and horticulture industries uptake of best management practices by 2019.

• Commence recruitment for an additional ten Indigenous Rangers in Cape York.

• Engage contractors to control predators around turtle nests.

• Commence formal public consultation on proposals for declared fish habitat areas in Central Queensland to support a brighter future for recreational, traditional and commercial fishing, and boating activities.

• Announce successful applicants of the new Get Out, Get Active program for women.

• Announce round three of Get Going and Get Playing grants for sporting clubs.

• Deliver the 8,500th new NRAS property.

• Announce successful proponent for the Gold Coast Housing Renewal Project.

• Open Douglas House, Cairns as a supported accommodation facility.

• Announce winners of the inaugural Premier’s cultural diversity awards.

• Hold over 20 events state wide between Saturday 30 August and Sunday 7 September 2014 to support the Queensland Cultural Diversity Week.

• Announce valuing diversity grants for culturally diverse groups across Queensland.

• Publish improved frameworks to enable state government agencies to adopt leading practices in key areas of project evaluation and delivery.

• Complete implementation of phase 1 of the One-Stop Shop program for better delivery of government services.

• Support G20 Leaders Summit in Brisbane using newly implemented Government Wireless Network (GWN) equipment and infrastructure.

• Complete the Cultural Precinct Master Plan - prioritise delivery items and key actions.

• Open Trade and Investment Queensland’s new Jakarta trade office in Indonesia.