1. The COVID-19 global pandemic exposed the fragility of global supply chains for hygiene personal protective equipment (PPE) and other essential products. Queensland responded well to the COVID-19 emergency with Queensland manufacturers pivoting their operations to address PPE shortages.
2. To protect Queensland against future supply chain disruptions due to COVID-19 and other pandemics and ensure that Queenslanders, especially front-line workers, have access to PPE, the government committed to supporting the local manufacture of PPE and other essential products.
3. A directions statement has been developed which provides a whole-of-government approach to developing local manufacturing capability of PPE and other essential products to strengthen supplies of these critical products during future epidemics, pandemics and disasters.
4. The directions statement focuses on four strategic areas:
	* supporting a local approach to procurement;
	* driving skills and capability development;
	* increasing productivity and improving international competitiveness; and
	* assisting the onshoring and reshoring of manufacturing activities.
5. Cabinet approved the public release of the Personal Protective Equipment and Other Essential Products Directions Statement.
6. *Attachments*
* [Personal Protective Equipment and Other Essential Products Directions Statement](Attachments/DirS.PDF)