

Transforming Queensland's economy to build resilience, eco-efficiency and productivity is critical to the viability of our communities and businesses. The next state government must prioritise investments and policies that accelerate a sustainability led transformation to advance our economy, enable industry diversification and develop future workforce skills.



BUSINESS FRIENDLY

Governments that reduce operating costs and complexity



CONNECTED BUSINESSES

Advancing technology to generate opportunities



SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Developing and enhancing products and services for future sustainability



SMART INFRASTRUCTURE

Connecting regions to build resilience



SKILLED WORKFORCE

Support upskilling, emerging industries and markets

SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT

- Break -up tenders for SMEs
- Simplify tender processes
- Dashboard for procurement
- Cut payment terms to 5 days
- Develop a whole-of-government delivery model for SMEs

COMMIT TO NO NEW OR INCREASED TAXES ON BUSINESS

- Remove or amend inefficient State taxes:
 - Stamp duties
 - Payroll tax
 - Land tax

DEREGULATION AND REGULATORY REFORM

- Liquor Licensing- simplification of the process
- Food Safety - reduce duplication across councils
- Permits and fees - reductions and/or waivers

LOWER ENERGY COSTS

- Improve network regulation and integration of renewables to reduce cost

IMPROVE DIGITAL CAPACITY

- Prioritise high-speed internet for regional Queensland

CONNECTING WITH BUSINESSES

- Invest in whole-of-government knowledge sharing and collaborative platforms for interactions with SMEs

INCENTIVISE DIGITAL ADOPTION

- Develop a digital approach that promotes e-commerce as best practice

SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS PRACTICES

- Targeted funding for SMEs to adopt sustainable practices as a model for business growth and diversification
- Grants for SMEs to invest in technologies that accelerate improved energy, water and waste usage
- Program support for SMEs to scale and grow sustainable products and services for domestic and international markets

BOOST INVESTMENT IN RE-SEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

- Targeted funding to support 'sustainability best-practice' in high-skill and high-value manufacturing industries.

ACCELERATE ECO-EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

- Increase the level of funding and attract private investment for sustainable projects that develop recycling, resource recovery and circular economy industries in regions
- Prioritise renewable energy integration without raising electricity costs
- Commit to water security projects

REFOCUS INVESTMENT IN ROAD, RAIL, RUNWAY & PORTS

- "Last-mile" rail connectivity to ports of entry
- Improve connectivity between transport nodes, for example fast rail
- Invest in strategic airline route development to support domestic and international recovery

INCENTIVISE UPSKILLING IN EMERGING SECTORS

- Incentivise retraining in disrupted industries to support skills needs in emerging sectors
- Strengthen STEM skills

REINVIGORATE THE REGIONS

- Simplify migration schemes and incentivise skilled and seasonal workers to relocate to regions
- Strengthen linkages between universities and TAFE to provide flexibility in delivery and access to training and skills that better meet regional workforce needs
- Deliver market diversification support for export-ready SMEs

IMPROVING FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

- Support education and training programs focused on sustainability, technology and data analysis
- Extend apprentice and traineeship subsidies with a focus on future skills needs

IMMEDIATE

MID-LONG TERM

FUTURE