

impressive numbers, and they have all come about through private investment in a region that was proudly built on private enterprise whether it was tourism, agriculture or resources.

016 For the record, with 1.2 million passengers a year Mackay airport is the fifth busiest in the state, with the four airports in front of us all having international status. I am told that in time Mackay will eclipse Townsville in terms of passenger movements. Mackay airport, owned by North Queensland Airports which also owns Cairns airport has already flagged trans Tasman flights by 2019. That is probably no surprise given that Auckland International Airport has a significant financial stake in NQ airports. It was interesting to see the peak national industry body Tourism and Transport Forum release their paper 'Bringing Our Neighbour Closer' including four reforms to maximise tourism from New Zealand, which is Australia's largest market for international visitors.

One of the key messages in that report is to open up more regional airports to trans Tasman flights and to provide access to more and indeed Queensland regional destinations. One of the recommendations specifically was developing a new joint border agency model for small, rapidly deployable teams of cross-trained officers for regional airports like Mackay or perhaps Proserpine's Whitsunday Coast Airport, which is owned by the council. Either location would serve a huge slice of Queensland and bring international visitors to our region.

Today I call on the federal government to provide all necessary assistance in delivering a regional model when it comes to customs, immigration and quarantine processing for an international airport in our region that would connect our region—the place I call paradise—to the world and open up opportunities for people from all corners of the planet.

(Time expired)

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Dr Robinson): Order! The time for matters of public interest has expired.

## QUEENSLAND PLAN BILL

### Introduction



**Hon. CKT NEWMAN** (Ashgrove—LNP) (Premier) (12.00 pm): I present a bill for an act to provide for the development and implementation of the Queensland Plan and related purposes. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Finance and Administration Committee to consider the bill.

*Tabled paper:* Queensland Plan Bill 2014.

*Tabled paper:* Queensland Plan Bill 2014, explanatory notes.

I am pleased to introduce the Queensland Plan Bill 2014. The bill enshrines in legislation *The Queensland Plan: Queenslanders' 30-year vision* (the plan), which I was honoured to launch in Hervey Bay on 31 July 2014. I now table the Queensland Plan.

*Tabled paper:* Queensland Government document titled 'The Queensland Plan, Queenslanders' 30-year vision'.

The Queensland government announced the development of the Queensland Plan to address the community's desire for a long-term approach to state planning that goes beyond electoral cycles. This bill further supports the achievement of this aim. The Queensland Plan is the culmination of the largest community engagement activity of its kind in Australian history and one of the largest in the world—a massive and exemplary exercise in listening and consulting that involved discussion forums from summits and community think tanks to boardroom workshops and robust family debates. The vision that the 80,000 participating Queenslanders have set for our state is one worth aspiring to. It is bold, ambitious and, if achieved, would see Queensland become an even more remarkable place to live, work and raise a family.

The 30-year vision set by Queenslanders for our state is as follows. In 30 years Queensland will be home to vibrant and prosperous communities. Our state will be well planned, with the right infrastructure in the right places to support a population that has grown across every region. We will value education as a lifelong pursuit where we gain practical skills, enrich our lives, find secure jobs and improve the competitiveness of our economy. Our brightest minds will take on the world and we will work collaboratively to achieve the best results for Queensland. We will be the greatest state in which to live, work and play and guardian of a sustainable natural environment that inspires an active lifestyle and supports healthy communities. We will have a community spirit that embraces our diversity and unique culture and gives everyone the opportunity to shine. We will not leave anybody

behind. Government cannot do this alone, but as a community working together we can achieve everything we want for our state's future.

The Queensland Plan is not the government's plan; it is the people's plan. It is only by working together that the shared vision, supported by 35 goals and 20 measureable targets, will be achieved. The bill provides for the development, reporting and updating of a plan, known as the Queensland Plan, and gives guidance about the plan's purpose and principles. The principles that underpin the plan include that it is long-term, visionary, strategic, community driven, bipartisan, measureable and based on joint implementation. As outlined in the bill, my intention is to seek ratification of the Queensland Plan by the Legislative Assembly. The plan reflects the views of Queenslanders from every electorate in our great state, and I will encourage honourable members to support their community's vision.

The bill provides an implementation framework for the plan, including development of a Queensland government response (the government response), local government alignment to the plan's strategic direction and establishment of the Queensland Plan Ambassadors Council—a group of eminent Queenslanders who will promote awareness and advocate implementation of the plan within the community, business and industry.

The government response will outline the state government's approach and contribution to implementing the plan. Public authorities—defined as Queensland government departments and statutory bodies—will be required to ensure their policies, programs and the services that are delivered are consistent with the strategic direction of the government response. Local governments, in preparing their corporate plans, will need to have regard to the plan's strategic direction, and their annual reports will need to include a statement about actions relating to the plan. A whole-of-state annual progress report on implementation of the plan, prepared in consultation with the ambassadors council, is to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly by 30 November each year.

The bill has been developed in consultation with principal stakeholders including the Queensland Council of Social Service and several business and industry representatives including the Property Council of Australia, the Queensland Tourism Industry Council, the Queensland Resources Council and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland. Targeted consultation was also undertaken with local government bodies including the Local Government Association of Queensland, selected regional organisations of councils and individual local governments including the Brisbane City Council and a number of regional councils. I commend the bill to the House.

### First Reading

**Hon. CKT NEWMAN** (Ashgrove—LNP) (Premier) (12.05 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.


Bill read a first time.

### Referral to the Finance and Administration Committee

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Dr Robinson): Order! In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Finance and Administration Committee.

## ~~MAJOR EVENTS BILL~~

### ~~Introduction~~

 **Hon. JA STUCKEY** (Currumbin—LNP) (Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games) (12.06 pm): I present a bill for an act to provide for the holding of major events, the safety of visitors and spectators at major events, to allow visiting health practitioners to provide health care services for major events without becoming registered under state law, to protect the rights of event organisers and sponsors at major events and for related purposes, to amend this act, the Commonwealth Games Arrangements Act 2011, the Environmental Protection Act 1994, the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 and the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998, and the acts mentioned in schedule 1, for particular purposes, and to repeal the Motor Racing Events Act 1990 and the Health Practitioners (Special Events Exemption) Act 1988. I