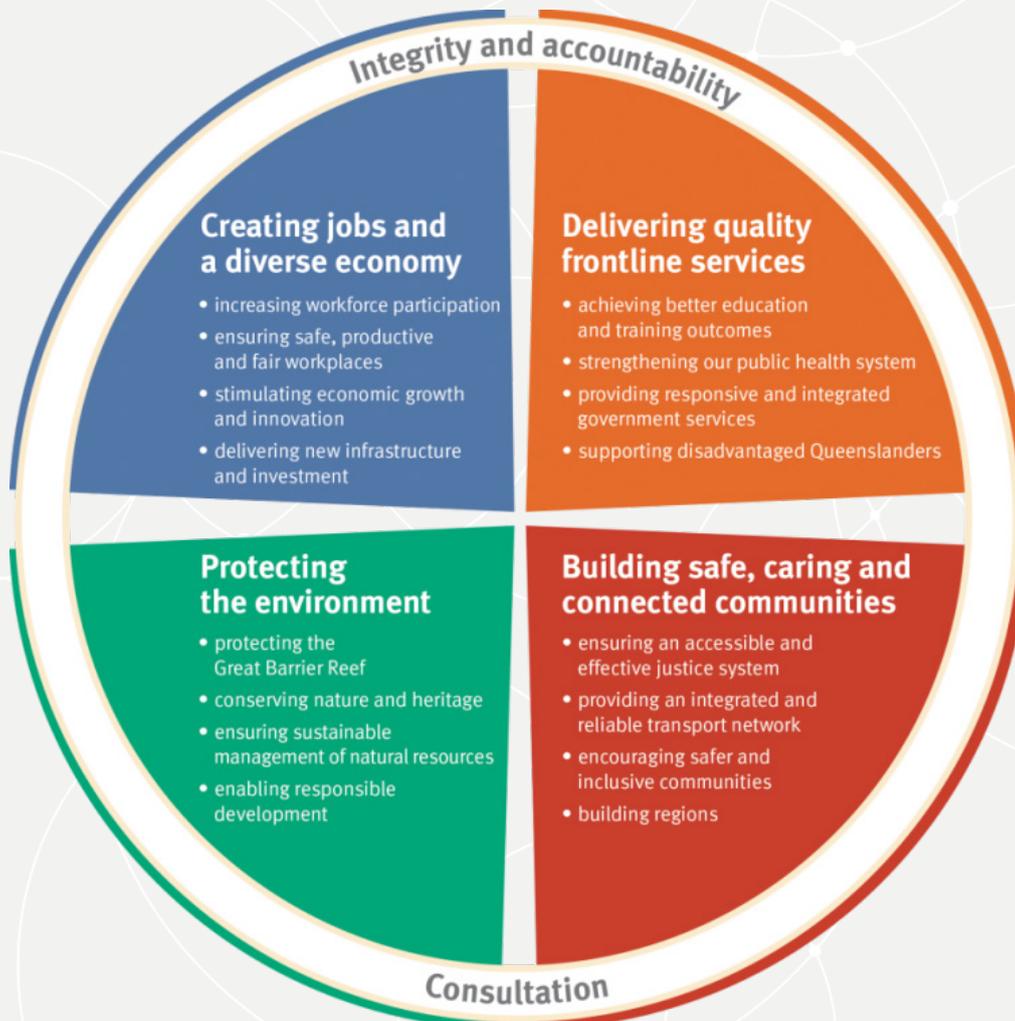


# Delivering on the Queensland Government's objectives for the community

The department contributed to the Queensland Government's objectives for the community throughout 2016–17 by:

- undertaking projects and programs that support job creation within a diverse and vibrant economy
- promoting and contributing to safe and environmentally aware development
- delivering quality advice and services
- working collaboratively with our partners and stakeholders, in particular Queensland's 77 local governments
- undertaking projects that encourage community cohesion and connectedness.



### **Contributing to job creation within a diverse economy, the department:**

- worked on the Cross River Rail Economic Development and Investment Strategy – a 40-year jobs generation and economic growth strategy for South East Queensland
- recognised the importance of attracting and retaining talent and investment, fostering start-ups and embracing new jobs centred on knowledge and advanced manufacturing in the Brisbane Inner City Strategy
- assessed underutilised land for potential reinvigoration projects across Queensland
- supported more than 700 projects in 65 local governments through the Works for Queensland program
- established the Cities Transformation Taskforce ensuring a cohesive approach to urban growth and design
- finalised transition to the *Planning Act 2016*, establishing a modern and efficient planning system for Queensland.

### **Delivering improved frontline services, the department:**

- combined the Community Resilience Fund, the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program and the Natural Disaster Resilience Program, to streamline the application and assessment process for local governments and to expedite approvals
- administered the 2016–17 local government borrowing program
- managed infrastructure policy and planning efficiently through the Infrastructure Portfolio Office
- developed and delivered a comprehensive Local Government Capacity Building Program.

### **Recognising the importance of environmental protection, the department:**

- developed the whole-of-government's 'Better Design Agenda' which recognises that high quality design outcomes across Queensland's cities and towns contribute directly to community health and wellbeing
- contributed to development of the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia's revised rating scheme, which facilitates evaluation of environmental, social and economic sustainability of infrastructure projects
- transitioned to a new planning system with a focus on ecologically sustainable development and the protection of places of heritage significance for the benefit of future generations of Queenslanders
- secured funding to commence a strategic assessment for South East Queensland
- supported environmentally sustainable outcomes in providing funding to Brisbane City Council to secure South Bank and Roma Street Parklands Green Flag awards.

### **Acknowledging the significance of connected and cohesive communities, the department:**

- supported developments such as *The Village* in Townsville to deliver high quality affordable housing in vibrant inclusive communities
- recommended an integrated and reliable transport network for Brisbane as a key component of the Inner City Strategy
- addressed the shortage of housing for older people in rural and remote communities through the pilot Ageing in Place initiative
- released the Bundaberg 10-Year Action Plan for flood mitigation
- launched the Density and Diversity Done Well design competition
- appointed a new chief executive officer to the South Bank Corporation bringing vision and experience to the role of overseeing the precinct, which includes Brisbane's iconic parklands which are celebrating their 25th year
- worked with Brisbane City Council to launch *Connecting Brisbane*.