

Open Data Strategy

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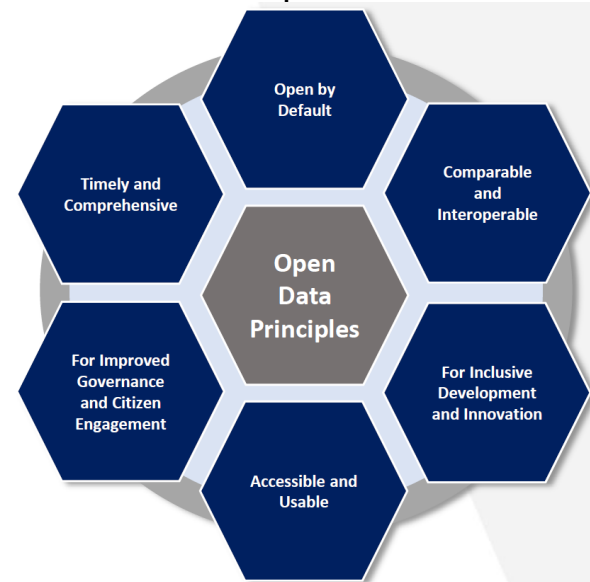
Our Principles

Principles

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) shares the Queensland Government's commitment to open data as outlined in the Queensland Government Open Data Policy Statement¹.

The Policy Statement commits to the six principles from the International Open Data Charter. These principles are:

1. Open by default
2. Timely and comprehensive
3. Accessible and usable
4. Comparable and interoperable
5. For improved governance and citizen engagement
6. For inclusive development and innovation



We aim to be continually improving the way we publish open data, following these principles.

¹Queensland Government, Open Data Policy Statement, available at <https://www.qld.gov.au/data/qld-data-policy-statement.pdf>.



Why Open Data is Important

Benefits of Open Data

We recognise our important obligation to publish data about DPC's spending, operations and performance to...

- Foster transparent, accountable, efficient responsive and effective government

We also recognise how open data can be used to benefit Queensland...

- Support the design, delivery and assessment of better services for citizens and businesses
- Improve the evidence-base for policy and programs
- Provide major opportunities for innovation and underpin growth of the digital economy

Alignment to our Vision

Open Data supports our department's strategic vision when we make our open data accessible to the people of Queensland.



Obligations

We also have specific obligations to publish open data.

Document	Summary of Relevance to Open Data	Citation
Queensland Government Open Data Policy Statement (2017)	Cabinet endorsed the Queensland Government commitment to open data, including various specific obligations for all agencies	Queensland Government, Open Data Policy Statement, available at https://www.qld.gov.au/data/qld-data-policy-statement.pdf
Information Access and use policy (IS33)	The Policy mandates departments to “provide government information to the public to the maximum extent possible”, free of charge and with consistent licensing	Queensland Government, Information access and use policy (IS33), available at https://www.ggcio.qld.gov.au/documents/information-access-and-use-policy-is33
Right to Information Act 2009	The Queensland Government is obliged to give access to information in the government’s possession or control unless it is in the public interest not to.	Queensland Government, Right to Information Act 2009 available at Home - Queensland Legislation - Queensland Government
Information Privacy Act 2009	This includes various responsibilities to protect personal information, including not disclosing personal or identifying information as open data.	Queensland Government, Information Privacy Act 2009, available at https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/pdf/inforce/current/act-2009-014
Queensland Procurement Policy 2019	Requires the disclosure of procurement contracts over \$10,000.	Queensland Procurement Policy, available at https://www.hpw.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/3377/qldprocurementpolicy.pdf
Annual Reporting Requirements	Various open data requirements to support annual reporting activities	Queensland Government, Annual Reporting Requirements, available at https://www.forgov.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/annual-report-requirements.pdf
Queensland Government On-time Payment Policy	The On-time Payment Policy outlines the details of the Queensland Government’s commitment to pay penalty interest to small business for all eligible invoices on contracts of any value paid after 20 calendar days on a correctly rendered undisputed tax invoice.	Queensland Government On-Time payment Policy available at: https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/7cbfbed2-eb03-4ef8-a4c3-0db1decc2217/resource/0b451189-eac1-40fb-8b3c-52ab6ca8ceb7/download/queensland-government-on-time-payment-policy.pdf
DIGITAL 1ST: Advancing our digital future	The strategy commits to deliver on the Open Data Policy by implementing the Open Data Action Plan, co-designing high-value open data sets and supporting GovHack	Queensland Government DIGITAL1ST: Advancing our digital future available at: Digital and ICT strategic planning Queensland Government Enterprise Architecture (ggcio.qld.gov.au)



Our Strategic Plan

Objectives

To realise value, our specific focus will be to...

Improve the quality of our open data

We recognise it is important to users that our open data is of adequate quality and easy to understand. We will identify our most valuable open datasets and target the requirements to improve the quality of these datasets, including timeliness and metadata.

Success Metric:

- *Maintain Data usability rating on our datasets.*

Support the Queensland Government Open Data Action Plan 2019-21

The Queensland Government Open Data Action Plan 2019-21 aims to:

- *ensure Queensland Government information is publicly available through open data*
- *stimulate use and realise value from open data*
- *strengthen the open data community*
- *improve government open data practices*

Success Metric:

- *Contribution to Open Data Plan initiative outcomes.*

Responsibilities

We also have a number of day-to-day responsibilities.

- Publish open data as committed in our open data publication schedule.
- Update/refresh our open data as specified for each dataset.
- Monitor our open data email inbox and respond to customer enquiries.
- Respond to data.qld.gov.au data requests.
- Support and train new open data publishers.
- Participate in Government open data forums – Senior Officers Working Group.
- Contribute to and adopt Queensland Government Enterprise Architecture policies and other documentation.
- Review the department's open data strategy.
- Conduct open data maturity assessments.

Action Plan

A maturity assessment has been undertaken and a number of initiatives have been identified to improve DPC's Open Data maturity.

Category	Initiative Title	FY2020/21			FY2021/22		
Maturity Improvements	1.1 Refresh DPC Open Data Strategy						
	1.2 Improve quality, timeliness and governance of open data						
	1.3 Promote open data in DPC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish and maintain content of Open Data initiative on intranet • Publish and maintain the DPC Open Data Handbook • Include Open data guidance as part of Manager Induction program 						
Objectives	2.1 Maintain Data usability rating on our datasets						
	2.2 Support Open Data Policy in the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy to publish data required in the QG Open Data Action Plan 2019-21						
Data Publication	N/A	As specified in Appendix 1 – Release Schedule					

Governance

To ensure we are meeting our commitment, we will report progress to the following committees.

Committee	Frequency	Reporting Requirements
DPC Information Steering Committee	Every 6 Months	Status update of data release schedule
Open Data Senior Officers Working Group (administered by the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy)	Every 2 Months	Information Services provides an update on open data activities in DPC

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Appendix 1 – Published Data and Publishing Schedule

As at March 2021 DPC has seventeen (17) datasets published to data.qld.gov.au. For an updated list of all datasets published, please refer to the [Release Schedule for DPC](#).

We will continue to review our datasets and as suitable datasets are identified we will add these to the schedule and ensure they are published.

Appendix 2 – Closed Data

We will not publish information, the disclosure of which, would be contrary to the public interest, as set out in:

- the *Right to Information Act 2009* – as being exempt information (section 48) or contrary to public interest information (section 49); or
- the *Information Privacy Act 2009* – in line with our obligations to comply with the eleven Information Privacy Principles (section 26 and section 27).

We also will not publish information which is subject to commercial-in-confidence and Cabinet-in-confidence obligations.