

Open Data Strategy

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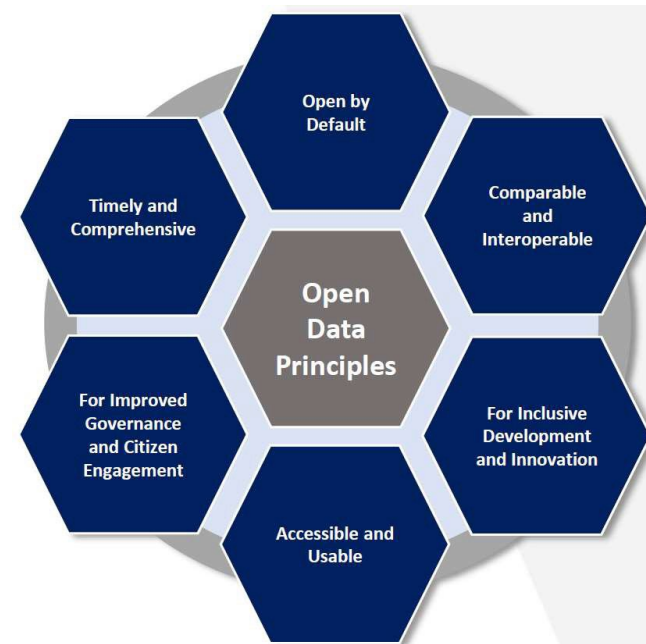


Principles

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...

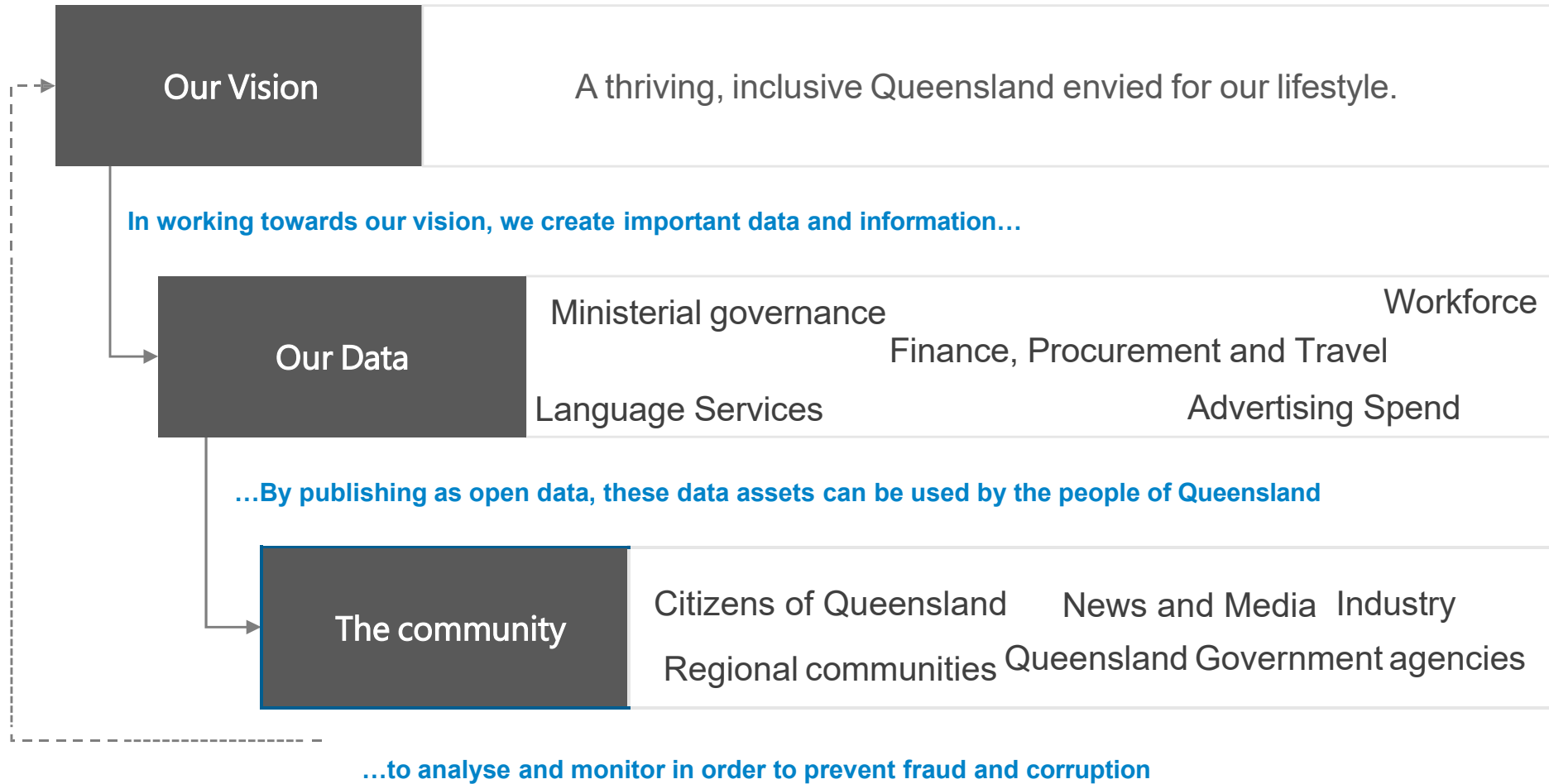
- Foster transparent, accountable, efficient, responsive and effective government

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	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.qgcio.qld.gov.au/documents/information-access-and-use-policy-is33
<i>Right to Information Act 2009</i>	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 https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/pdf/inforce/act-2009-014
<i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i>	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/act-2009-014
Queensland Procurement Policy	Requires the disclosure of procurement contracts over \$10,000.	Queensland Procurement Policy, available at Queensland Procurement Policy 2021 For government Queensland Government
Annual Reporting Requirements	Various open data requirements to support annual reporting activities	Annual Report Requirements or Queensland Government Agencies.
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: DIGITAL1ST Queensland Government (initiatives.qld.gov.au)



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 Policy Statement

The Queensland Government holds large amounts of data that will be made open. The Queensland Government objectives in publishing open data are to:

- ***Stimulate economic activity** and innovation by making government data available for commercial reuse*
- ***Improve public services** by using and sharing government data to support evidence-based policy and program design*
- ***Increase transparency, accountability and public trust** in the Queensland Government*

Success Metric:

- *Contribute to Open Data Plan Policy outcomes through regular department releases and open data maturity development.*

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.
- Respond to customer enquiries through our open data inbox.
- Respond to data.qld.gov.au data requests.
- Support and train new open data publishers.
- Participate in Government open data forums such as the Senior Officers Working Group administered by the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy.
- Contribute to and adopt Queensland Government Enterprise Architecture policies and other documentation.
- Review the department's open data strategy annually.
- 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.

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 • 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 the Queensland Government Open Data Policy Statement.

Governance

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

	Frequency	Reporting Requirements
DPC Information Technology Sub-Committee	Annually	Status update of data release schedule and review of the DPC Plan and Handbook
Open Data Senior Officers Working Group (administered by the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy)	As scheduled	Information Services provides an update on open data activities in DPC

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Appendix 1 – Exclusions

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.