

Director-General's report

For the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, 2017–18 focused on delivering government objectives to build a safer, fairer, more inclusive and prosperous Queensland.

In 2017–18 the department focused on engaging Queenslanders in tackling key social issues—bullying and cyberbullying, the scourge of ice in Queensland communities and addressing domestic and family violence.

We established the Queensland Anti-Cyberbullying Taskforce, holding 59 consultations with the Queensland community and developed the 'Bullying is not ok' public awareness campaign.

More than \$100 million over five years was identified to implement the foundation initiatives to reduce the supply, demand and harms of ice use in Queensland through the *Action on Ice* plan.

DPC continued the domestic and family violence whole-of-government reform program and launched the *Queensland Government Bystander Campaign* to encourage Queenslanders to speak up and do something about domestic and family violence.

On 23 November 2017, I was proud to announce that after a 12 month journey, DPC was accredited as a White Ribbon Workplace and is now officially recognised by White Ribbon Australia (WRA) as a pioneer in contributing to cultural change to prevent and respond to violence against women.

To support jobs and Queensland's economic growth, DPC supported investment in Queensland jobs through the *Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund Panel*, to build the appeal of Queensland and attract new business to our great State.

We also delivered exciting, future-focused strategies such as the *Queensland Drones*

Strategy, the first of its kind in Australia, to build on Queensland's strengths and leverage the state's innovation success.

The *Advance Queensland Screen Industry 10-year Roadmap and Action Plan* to target emerging opportunities in the sector was released, aiming to build Queensland as a global commercial and creative leader.

Following the 2017 State Election, DPC delivered the swearing-in of the new ministry at Government House on 12 December 2017.

Following the machinery of government changes, we also farewelled our colleagues from Arts Queensland, the Corporate Administration Agency and Queensland Family and Child Commission and welcomed Trade and Investment Queensland into the Premier's portfolio.

The department undertook significant planning for the April 2018 Commonwealth Games, including media strategy planning, and coordinating three Royal Advance Visits ahead of Their Royal Highnesses' visit to Queensland.

As the centenary of the First World War continued, the department supported commemorative projects and activities across the state through the Queensland Anzac Centenary grants program. The department progressed the development of the Anzac Legacy Gallery at the Queensland Museum, South Bank, including relocation of the First World War German tank *Mephisto* from Ipswich, and completed community awareness and engagement activities regarding the fourth and final stage of restoration and enhancement works of Anzac Square, Brisbane.

After heading up the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel (OQPC) as Queensland Parliamentary Counsel, and delivering the legislative program for Queensland Government agencies since 2016 (and as Deputy Parliamentary Counsel since 2010), we farewelled our valued colleague Annette O'Callaghan. Annette took up the position as the New South Wales Parliamentary Counsel in June 2018. I'd like to thank Annette for her leadership and contribution and wish her all the best in her new position. Throughout 2017–18, OQPC drafted 315 legislative instruments that totalled 9,855 pages.

In June 2018, DPC finalised development of *Our Future State: Advancing Queensland's Priorities* leading the process to assist the Cabinet and government to develop its whole-of-government priorities for the next term of government. We also established governance arrangements to implement the priorities, including www.ourfuture.qld.gov.au to track progress.

While a lot has been achieved, there is still much to accomplish as we strive to make a real and tangible difference to the lives of Queenslanders. I thank the dedicated, hard-working and innovative staff in DPC and look forward to working together to continue to make a positive difference for all Queenslanders.



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