



EDO NQ FACTSHEET SERIES

**Who's Who and Regulates What –
Restructured State Agencies in the QLD
LNP Government**

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1.0 Introduction

The March 2012 Queensland state elections brought massive changes to state government. The 24 March elections swept Labour from power and ushered in the first Liberal National Party (“LNP”) government in over a decade. The changes in Parliament have been mirrored in the shakeup and reconfiguration of state agencies and parliamentary portfolios. The purpose of this email is to provide the public with “at a glance” information regarding the LNP government’s structure as it impacts matters of environment and planning legislation and regulation.

In addition, the Parliamentary committees of particular impact on the environment, and their membership is also provided for members of the public interested in the bodies that have charge of shepherding bills through Parliament.

2.0 Relevant State Ministers

Campbell Newman, Premier (MP, Ashgrove)

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Email: <http://www.thepremier.qld.gov.au/tools/contact.aspx>

Jeff Seeney, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning

(MP, Callide)

Phone: (07) 3224 4600; Fax: (07) 3224 2490

Email: deputypremier@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Responsible for investment and infrastructure, major projects, land use planning, urban growth, state development - including regional economic development and local industry policy, and the reconstruction.

Other Relevant Officials:

Ian Walker (MP, Mansfield)

Assistant Minister for Planning Reform

Phone: (07) 3849 3488

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Barry Broe

Coordinator-General

David Edwards Director-

General

Scott Emerson, Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MP, Indooroopilly)

Phone: (07) 3237 1111; Fax: (07) 3224 2493

Email: transportandmainroads@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Responsible for air services, bus ways, land transport and safety, main roads, maritime, passenger transport, ports, railways, transport infrastructure and TransLink.

John McVeigh, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (MP, Toowoomba South)

Phone: (07) 3239 3000; Fax: (07) 3211 8199

Email: agriculture@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Responsible for agriculture, fisheries, and forestry – including food and fibre production, and biosecurity – including plant and animal disease protection, exotic pest management and animal welfare.

Andrew Powell, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection (MP, Glass House)

Phone: (07) 3239 0844; Fax: (07) 3224 2496

Email: environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Responsible for environment, climate change science and policy, coastal management, ecologically sustainable development, environmental planning, protection of flora and fauna, historical cultural heritage, pollution management, and waste management.

Andrew Cripps, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines (MP, Hinchinbrook)

Phone: (07) 3225 1861; Fax: (07) 3224 2491

Email: nrm@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Responsible for mining and petroleum - including mine safety and health, land management and use, land titles, valuations, state land, land protection and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land interests, and native title.

Other Relevant Officials:

Lisa France (MP, Pumicestone)

Assistant Minister for Natural Resources and Mines

Phone: (07) 3408 6436

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Dan Hunt, Director-General

Mark McArdle, Minister for Energy and Water Supply (MP, Caloundra)

Phone: (07) 3896 3691; Fax: (07) 3012 9115

Email: energyandwater@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Responsible for energy and water utilities, clean energy - including energy efficiency, and energy industry development and bulk water supply, distribution and retail arrangements.

Other Relevant Officials:

Tim Spencer, Acting Director-General

David Crisafulli, Minister for Local Government (MP, Mundingburra)

Phone: (07) 3234 1870; Fax: (07) 3012 8901

Email: localgovernment@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Responsible for regulation of local government - including corporate governance, auditing of councils, local government boundaries and elections, planning and development regulation, and building stronger relationships between Queensland Local Councils and the State Government.

Steven Dickson, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

(MP, Buderim)

Phone: (07) 3224 7477; Fax: (07) 3012 7725

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Responsible for marine parks management, national parks management - including access to national parks, and recreation, racing, and sport.

Other Relevant Officials:

John Glaister, Director-General

Glen Elmes, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MP, Noosa)

Phone: (07) 3235 4562; Fax: (07) 3224 2494

Email: atsi@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Responsible for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy, rights and culture, multicultural affairs, and assisting the Premier with public service industrial relations.

Other Relevant Officials:

David Kempton (MP, Cook)

Assistant Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

Phone: (07) 4051 3849

Email: Cook@parliament.qld.gov.au

3.0 Relevant State Environmental Agencies

The following is a current list of relevant state agencies with jurisdiction over matters that affect, or could affect, Queensland's environment. The scope of responsibility of each agency is subject to change.

3.1 Department of Natural Resources and Mines (“DNRM”)

Minister Andrew Cripps; Director-General Dan Hunt

The new DNRM has been spun out of the former Department of Environment and Resource Management (“DERM”). DNRM’s scope of responsibility includes:

Mining and Petroleum including:

- Extractive Resource Planning
- Gas Pipelines
- Geological Survey, Exploration Promotion and Investment Attraction
- Greenhouse Gas Storage
- Land Access Policy
- Mineral and Energy Resources
- Mineral Resource Impacts on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Interests
- Mining and Petroleum Industry Development
- Mining, Petroleum and Geothermal Tenures
- Pipeline Licences
- Rents

Safety and Health including:

- Abandoned Mines, Explosives, Extractive Industries, Gas, Geothermal, Mining and Petroleum

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander matters including:

- Land Interests
- Land Titles
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage

Commercial Water Services

Land including:

- Allocation, Management and Use of State Land
- Compulsory Acquisition
- Conservation
- Information
- Land Protection
- Land Titles
- Department of Natural Resources and Mines
- Strategic Cropping Land
- Surveying and Mapping
- Valuations

Management of Strategic Cropping Land

Native Title

Natural Resource Management including

- Catchment Management
- Water Resource Management

Place Names

Quarry Sales under the Forestry Act 1959

Selling allocation of State quarry material under the Water Act 2000

Registration of Valuers and Surveyors

Water Recycling Strategy

3.2 Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (“DEHP”)

Minister Andrew Powell; Director-General Andrew Chesterman

Likewise, the new DEHP was created out of the former DERM. DEHP’s responsibilities and jurisdiction extends to:

- Climate Change Policy and Science
- Coastal Management
- Contaminated Land
- Ecologically Sustainable Development
- Environment (including management of mining)
- Environmental Planning
- Historical Cultural Heritage
- Pollution Management
- Waste Management
- Wet Tropics Management

3.3 Department of Energy and Water Supply (“DEWS”)

Minister Mark McCardle; Acting Director-General Tim Spencer

DEWS jurisdiction extends to the following matters:

Energy and Water Utilities, including:

- Clean Energy
- Electricity and Gas Sectors and Market Regulation, Monitoring and Consumer Protection

- Energy Efficiency, Conservation and Demand Management
- Nuclear Energy Policy
- Renewable Energy
- Reticulated Fuel Gas Distribution and Retail
- Sufficiency of Supply of Fuel Gas and Liquid Fuel

Bulk Water Supply, Distribution and Retail Arrangements

3.4 Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

Minister Steve Dickson; Director-General John Glaister

Marine Parks Management

National Parks

Nature Conservation Recreation (excluding Nature Resource Recreation and Education)

Racing

Sport

4.0 Further Information

If you have any further questions or concerns about any of these matters, then please contact us on the details below. While EDO NQ has limited resources, often we can give you quick advice over the phone or direct you to someone who may help on a free or reduced rate basis.

Stay in contact with your local Environmental Defenders Office.

5.0 Useful contacts

EDO NQ

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EDO (Qld)

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To become a member of the Environmental Defenders Office of Northern Queensland, or for more information about factsheets and legal advice, please contact us at edong@edo.org.au or on 07 4031 4766. Our web address