

Our priorities for 2019–20: innovative, responsive and sustainable

We will:

- work with industry to create the conditions to drive innovation, productivity and jobs
- build capacity of agribusinesses and communities to meet sector challenges
- promote responsible use of national resources to underpin productivity, environmental sustainability and healthy lifestyles.

The key actions planned for each our service areas in 2019–20 are given below.

Agriculture

- Develop a strategy for development of agribusiness and the food industry to encourage employment growth and private sector investment.
- Promote Queensland's agricultural products and innovations internationally to grow exports and attract investment.
- Continue to implement the *Queensland agriculture and food research, development and extension 10-year roadmap and action plan*.
- Provide grants of up to \$250 000 (matched with co-contributions from grant applicants) for projects under the Rural Economic Development Grants program, to promote industry development and jobs in rural communities. (These grants are administered on our behalf by QRIDA.)
- Support agricultural industries in Great Barrier Reef catchments to improve Reef water quality outcomes through practice change.
- Negotiate with industry to determine a 10-year roadmap to create a pathway towards zero net emissions in the agriculture sector by 2050.
- Support the rebuilding of rural communities and industries by providing assistance to northern and western Queensland recovery operations and by maintaining assistance under the existing Drought Relief Assistance Scheme.
- Continue to build strong partnerships to grow the effectiveness of the Drought and Climate Adaptation Program.
- Implement the Intergovernmental Agreement on National Drought Program Reform.
- Reshape vocational education and training in the state's central west by implementing modern, cost-effective training modules, working closely with the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training.
- Work with industry to investigate the feasibility of abolishing stamp duty on agricultural insurance products and removing the reliance of primary producers on government assistance during natural disaster.

Biosecurity Queensland

- Continue to position Queensland as a leader in preparedness and enhance Queensland’s biosecurity prevention and response capability through the Biosecurity Capability Implementation Program.
- Implement the *Queensland biosecurity strategy: our next five years 2018–2023* and develop action plans for each of the themes, in collaboration with key stakeholders.
- Deliver Queensland’s obligations under the national biosecurity system (including strengthening of Australia’s fruit fly system).
- Provide grant funding through the Queensland Feral Pest Initiative to help producers construct wild dog exclusion fencing. This funding is targeted in drought-affected sheep-and wool-producing areas with the ultimate goal of bringing large numbers of sheep back to these areas.
- Continue eradication programs including those for red imported fire ants, electric ants, exotic fruit flies in the Torres Strait, varroa mite and four tropical weeds.
- Continue the monitoring and management of Panama disease tropical race 4 in banana-growing areas.
- Implement recommendations approved by the Minister following the Animal Welfare Advisory Board’s review into companion animal welfare.

Fisheries and Forestry

- Continue to implement the *Queensland sustainable fisheries strategy 2017–2027* to support fisheries reform.
- Review the Fisheries Regulation 2008 to create a legislative framework for recreational fishers that is contemporary, simple to understand and reflective of community expectations.
- Establish fish-aggregating devices in South East Queensland to promote recreational fishing.
- Upgrade the fisheries compliance system.
- Improve swimmer safety through:
 - continuing the Shark Control Program
 - undertaking research and trialling the application of new technologies (including drones) to mitigate risk
 - delivering education and awareness programs in partnership with the Department of Innovation, Tourism Industry Development and the Commonwealth Games (DITID), and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services.
- Develop a Queensland Government policy on the future of timber production in state-owned native forests.
- Supply state-owned forest products and quarry material on a commercial and environmentally responsible basis.

Corporate

To support these service areas and enable them to deliver outcomes for Queenslanders effectively and efficiently, the following key actions, aligned to our values, are planned for 2019–20.

Customers first	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement our impact and investment framework to deliver services valued by the community and build long-term financial sustainability.• Implement an information security management system to ensure the protection, integrity and availability of critical information. <hr/>
Ideas into action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage employees in the vision of <i>FutureDAF</i> and draw on their diversity to empower innovation. <hr/>
Unleash potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Begin to transform our operations and improve the ability to work and access services from anywhere through the priority actions of the <i>DAF digital strategy 2018–22</i>.• Implement our stakeholder engagement strategy and promote use of the toolkit to clarify expectations on ways of engaging and influencing the department's policies and services. <hr/>
Be courageous	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a program to reduce net carbon emissions from our operations to provide a leading example for industry and communities. <hr/>
Empower people	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roll out our strategic workforce plan and further the recommendations from the department's capability blueprint review to build the capabilities needed now and in the future.• Reinvigorate our health and safety system to improve the management of hazards and minimise our people's exposure to risk. <hr/>