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**Governing for Growth Economic Strategy and Action Plan**

 **Hon. JW SEENEY** (Callide—LNP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.47 am): Our government is well prepared to continue the great work of the last two years to get Queensland back on track, as the Premier has outlined. But from the beginning our government recognised that an important part of the long-term solution to the financial calamity left to us by Labor was to grow the Queensland economy. Reining in the unsustainable levels of government spending was our first priority, and under the guidance of the Treasurer every department has achieved that goal.

But from day one my department has led a strategy of boosting economic growth across the four pillars of our economy. Our entire government's disciplined, methodical approach has ensured that we are well on track to making Queensland the No. 1 performing economy in the nation. To guide the continuation of these achievements into 2014, I am today releasing the Governing for Growth Economic Strategy and Action Plan. I table a copy for the benefit of the House and I commend it to every member of the House.

*Tabled paper:* Governing for Growth, Economic Strategy and Action Plan—February 2014 [[4452](#)].

It is a clear strategy and an action plan to achieve sustained levels of economic growth in Queensland in 2014 and across the next decade. The Governing for Growth Strategy identifies the priority reforms, the actions and the programs that will help continue to revitalise the Queensland economy into 2014 and beyond. It will ensure that all government departments and entities remain focused on the task of growing the state's economy and delivering the aspirations and targets set out in the Queensland Plan by the people of Queensland themselves. The state government has a critical role to play in establishing the right economic policy settings and programs to lay the foundations and steer the economy on a path to higher growth.

We recognise that the private sector is the engine of economic growth, and the Newman government is determined to shape our economy with reforms in areas such as planning and development, property and land, regulatory and business environment, science and innovation, infrastructure and major projects, and skills and education.

Our objectives remain clear. We aim to provide the best business environment in the nation to start or grow a business. We aim to ensure that Queensland has the infrastructure that best connects people to jobs, businesses to markets and visitors to our exceptional destinations. We aim to ensure that the state government plays its full role in delivering strong, prosperous and resilient regional economies. Our strategy will continue to reduce the cost of doing business and make it easier to start, operate and expand a business in Queensland.

Our strategy will also focus on the regions, as the backbone of Queensland's economy, to ensure that our regions continue to prosper and thrive. We will continue to work with other levels of

government to make it easier for Queensland companies to grow and to export to world markets. We will assess whether the infrastructure to support expansion of our export base is constraining growth, particularly for mining and agriculture. We have developed a list of infrastructure priorities that will drive economic development across the state. We will seek opportunities to stimulate economic development through public and private infrastructure investment in roads, rail, port, water, electricity and community services.

The Governing for Growth strategy and action plan creates a pathway to a more productive and resilient Queensland economy—a pathway that will boost jobs growth and deliver greater prosperity for all Queenslanders, no matter where they live. It is a strategy that will develop and evolve as circumstances change, but what will never change is our government's determination to pursue economic growth and to get Queensland back on track in 2014 and beyond.