

Regional Growth Framework

Approach

The Regional Growth Framework is a coordinated approach to the delivery of Regional Infrastructure Plans and statutory Regional Plans, aligned to key industries driving economic and industry growth. This approach will support well-planned and liveable communities.

Under the Regional Growth Framework, seven Regional Infrastructure Plans will be delivered between 2022-24.

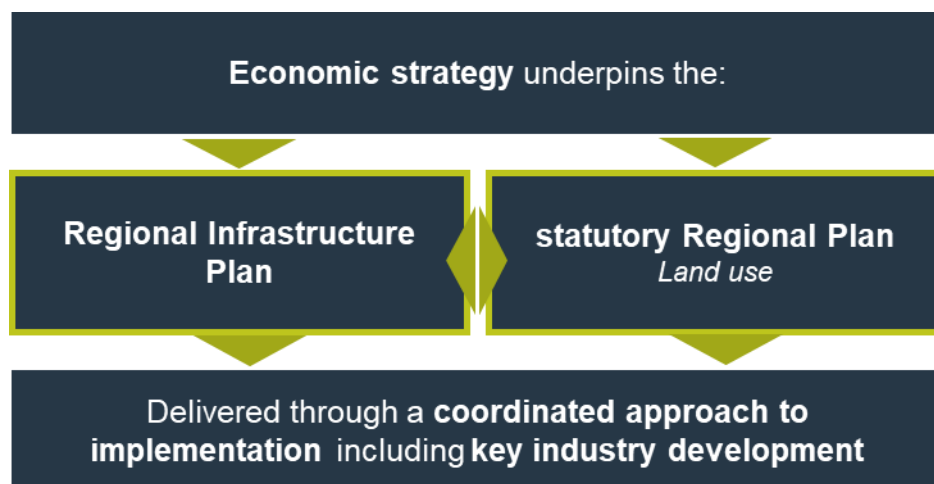
Also delivered under the Regional Growth Framework will be a 'fit for purpose' review of nine of the existing statutory Regional Plans and the one non-statutory Gulf Regional

Development Plan. This review will be completed between 2022 and 2025.

Underpinning these plans will be an economic strategy that identifies the industries and enablers for growth and prosperity.¹

The delivery of the plans will be sequenced to consolidate stakeholder engagement where possible and maximise alignment of policies.

The plans will be supported by a place-based implementation approach and regular monitoring of progress.



Integrated stakeholder consultation

Broad community and stakeholder consultation will identify, economic, social and environmental issues by interrogating challenges and opportunities. This will occur during all three phases of the Regional Growth Framework.

The Regional Growth Framework will draw together a range of community, government, and private sector stakeholders to advise on the delivery of regional priorities.



¹ Delivery of the Regional Growth Framework in South East Queensland (SEQ) differs from other regions. The SEQ Infrastructure Plan will not set an economic narrative for the region and does not lead the development of the statutory regional plan (which is still contemporary).

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Far North Queensland

Delivery of the Regional Growth Framework in Far North Queensland (FNQ) will be undertaken in three distinct and related phases that will build on one another: an economic strategy, a Regional Infrastructure Plan, and a review of the statutory Regional Plan.

Phase 1 - Regional economic strategy

Phase one will identify an economic strategy, detailing the key industries with potential to drive economic growth.

It will detail the key economic foundations – infrastructure assets, transport connections and workforce – that will be critical enablers to unlock the growth potential of the region.

The economic priorities will be informed by both data analysis and local stakeholder insights.

Phase 2 - Regional Infrastructure Plan

Phase two will develop the FNQ Infrastructure Plan confirming the regional economic and social priorities. The plan will identify the infrastructure priorities and agency planning responses to deliver on the regional priorities for the region. These infrastructure priorities will be socialised with Local Government.

Phase 3 - statutory Regional Plan

Phase three will be the review of the FNQ Regional Plan.

The FNQ Regional Plan will build upon the first two phases, to align with and inform land use planning, growth management, infrastructure and industry development, environmental management and protection, and social outcomes.

Further details are provided on the following page.

Note: the boundary for phases one and two of the FNQ RGF includes the current FNQ and Cape York Regional Plans. The boundary of the FNQ Regional Plan is to be determined.

Timeline



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Far North Queensland Regional Land Use Plan Review

The FNQ Regional Plan will play a strategic role in supporting economic, environmental, social and cultural priorities across the region and will reflect the needs of diverse stakeholders and communities.

The review will deliver a fit-for-purpose FNQ Regional Plan comprising of key elements that can be tailored to respond to region-specific challenges and opportunities.

The intent of the fit-for-purpose review is not to re-litigate every single issue in the current regional plan, but to focus on value-adding amendments that advance key priorities for the region.

The review will be informed by significant evidence including the regional economic strategy, land use and development research and data analysis, independent and expert advice, and consultation with stakeholders

throughout key touchpoints of the project. The review will draw on evidence and consultation undertaken during phases one and two of the FNQ RGF.

FNQ Regional Plan will

- confirm the regional vision
- identify a spatial framework
- set the land use and development outcomes for:
 - economic opportunities
 - liveable communities
 - housing
 - resilience and hazards
 - environmental considerations

FNQ Regional Plan project

The FNQ Regional Plan project will build upon foundations and outcomes of the FNQ Infrastructure Plan to identify key issues and opportunities for the region.

