

Stakeholder engagement

During the year, our Director-General travelled across the state to chair and attend forums on Transport and Main Roads' issues with key government partners, the private sector, contracting and engineering peak bodies, universities, Indigenous communities, and environmental groups and agencies. These forums provide the means for effective face-to-face dialogue on our policies, programs, investment decisions and services.

In 2014–15, stakeholder (see glossary) forums and meetings included:

- the South West Regional Roads and Transport Group (RRTG, see glossary) and South West Regional Economic Development meetings in Roma in July, which focused on regional collaboration
- an industry briefing for companies involved in the 2014–15 State Planning Program. The August briefing provided industry with an understanding of the strategy, the type of skills required, the method of procurement, and the timing of the work entering the market. It was attended by 197 attendees representing more than 140 businesses
- a discussion forum with north-west Queensland councils in Richmond in August. The event provided a unique opportunity for councillors to raise local issues with our Director-General and identify opportunities for us to work together
- the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ) annual conference in Mackay in October. Our Director-General, as Chair of the Roads and Transport Alliance Board, led a formal discussion forum with Regional Roads Transport Group members on issues impacting local government with almost 200 attendees. Our attendance at the conference is part of our ongoing engagement with LGAQ (see glossary).
- following a number of fatalities during the 2015 Easter long weekend, a road safety forum was convened in April to share ideas and strategies to maintain safety on our roads. Attended by more than 50 of the state's road safety stakeholders, including RACQ and CARRS-Q, the forum looked at a number of short and long-term initiatives to curb the state's road toll. Themes from the forum will be incorporated into the development of a new road safety strategy and action plan to be released in August 2015. For more information (see page 19).
- ongoing visits to regional and remote communities, including the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council in central Queensland.

In addition, the department's Executive Leadership Team (ELT) continued to convene the Stakeholder Consultative Committee, established by the Director-General in 2013. The committee provides the forum for direct contact between the department's senior leaders and industry groups, enables industry groups to meet in an informal environment and facilitates business solutions through their interactions. The committee is comprised of the department's top 25 stakeholders (see page 80) and meets four times a year.

Working with local government

We work with the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and local governments under a cooperative governance arrangement (known as The Roads and Transport Alliance) to invest in and regionally manage the Queensland transport network.

Under the alliance, Regional Road and Transport Groups (see glossary) comprising local governments and district staff, work together to prioritise a two-year fixed, two-year indicative continuous works program funded by the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme. The alliance has led to increased collaboration, capability building and engagement in the regions.

In addition, through the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2014–15 to 2017–18* (see page 57, see glossary), we locally engage with communities to ensure smooth project delivery, provide transparency about our planned investments, and integrate transport and land use planning so that developments have appropriate access and land use supports sustainable transport options.

Working with national stakeholders

Our managers and staff represent Queensland's interests nationally on peak Australian transport and road bodies, such as the Transport and Infrastructure Council, Transport and Infrastructure Senior Officials Committee (TISOC), Austroads, Roads Australia and Australian Roads Research Board (ARRB) Ltd (see glossary).

We also established an external advisory group, comprising key industry, community and government thought leaders to guide implementation of *The Queensland Plan* (see glossary) and the department's Long Term Transport Strategy (see glossary).

The department is recognised nationally and internationally for its contribution to the roads and transport agenda.

Major events

During the year, the department played a key role in the 2014 G20 Brisbane Summit and worked closely with the Queensland Police Service and government partner agencies, and the Australian Federal Police security services, to implement public transport plans in the lead up to, and during, the event.

We also continued to engage with the GC2018 Organising Corporation and the City of Gold Coast to develop GC2018 transport plans and strategies.

Transport security and disruptive events

We continue to support surface transport stakeholders when changes occur to the National Terrorism Public Alert Level, coordinating response measures, communicating with Queensland mass

passenger transport operators, and issuing transport security bulletins to all major stakeholders, including transport infrastructure owners and port chief executive officers.

We also engage our stakeholders to minimise the impact of disruptive events, such as cyclones and extreme wet weather on the transport system (see [Director-General's message, pages 18 to 21](#)).



In 2014–15, stakeholder engagement helped develop, refine and finalise Transport and Main Roads' policies, strategies and initiatives, such as the:

- *TMR Cultural Diversity – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Position Statement*
- *Queensland Road Safety Action Plan (QRSAP) 2013–2015*
- *Statewide Speed Limit Review.*



TMR Director-General, Neil Scales, met with members of the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council and its Chief Executive Officer during the year.