Open Data Strategy 2020-21

Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning

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Our vision

The Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (the department) is committed to openness, transparency, accountability and active engagement with the community.

The department's Open Data Strategy 2020-2021 sets a plan for releasing departmental information that is freely available to the public through the Queensland Government Open Data Portal (the open data portal), so it can be reused and redistributed to anyone, anytime, and anywhere.

Our commitment

The department's intent is to release information that does not have valid privacy concerns or an information security classification that would prevent its release.

As a department, our key commitments are to:

- release data as it is identified as being suitable to release on the open data portal
- make data accessible and easy to find
- publish data in line with the open data principles
- inform our stakeholders and key service delivery areas of data for impending release
- maintain data as fit-for-the-purpose for which it was collected
- work with statutory authorities to realise the benefits of open data
- maintain a list of restricted data which is not suitable for publication due to legislative restrictions usually designed to protect the privacy of individuals.

Our goals

The department brings together the functions that support the Queensland Government's objectives for the community – to create jobs and a diverse economy by growing priority sectors, working collaboratively with industry, communities and all levels of government to attract strategic investment and stimulate economic growth.

The department collects and manages information related to state-wide:

- economic development
- delivery and performance of capital programs
- planning services and schemes
- infrastructure and resource management
- project development
- land and property management.

The department acknowledges the potential of open data to provide Queenslanders with economic and social benefits, including the opportunity to identify pathways to work with government, and provide feedback to improve government service delivery.

By releasing data, the department is fostering transparent, accountable, efficient and effective government, and will enable creative re-use and repurposing of data to provide new and exciting resources for the community.

Open data principles

The open data principles that underpin the strategy are that published data will be:

- available for open use under flexible licences wherever appropriate, allowing for reuse by the public including by business, researchers and individuals
- available free, except if the charge is statutory or if cost recovery has a clear nett benefit of the Queensland community
- in accessible formats and easy to find and easily discoverable through the open data portal in accessible formats that promote their reuse

- released within set standards and accountabilities and made available in a timely and relevant manner unless restricted for reasons of privacy, public safety, security, commercial confidentiality or compliance with the law. The department will be accountable for release of data in accordance with set standards.

Responsibilities

The department has day-to-day operating responsibilities as follows:

- publish open data as committed in our open data publication schedule
- update/refresh our open data as specified for each dataset
- monitor our open data email inbox
- respond to the open data portal requests
- respond to the open data portal general enquiries
- participate in Queensland Government open data forums – Senior Officers Working Group and Open Data Practitioners Community
- contribute to and adopt Queensland Government Enterprise Architecture policies and other documentation
- engage with industry and the open data community
- review and re-publish open data strategy every two years
- conduct open data maturity assessment periodically.

Action plan

The aim of the action plan is to encourage the release of new datasets, ensure the accuracy and currency of published information and build the department's employees' knowledge of open data principles and governance processes.

Open Data delivery	Activities	During 2020		During 2021	
		Jan to June	July to Dec	Jan to June	July to Dec
Objectives	1. **Proactively opening more data** – identify additional datasets that can be approved for release.				
	2. **Improve the quality of our open data** – ensure currently released and new datasets identified for release are in a format that is machine readable.				
	3. **Incorporate open data in business planning** – ensure business processes and business cases for new and upgraded systems consider open data requirements as part of the build.				
Maturity improvement	4. **Strategic oversight** – integrate oversight for the implementation of the open data strategy into the governance arrangements into the new information strategy.				
	5. **Knowledge and skills** – develop and implement a training and awareness program for data and asset owners, data managers and data publishers to ensure open data principles and guidelines to build maturity and promotion in correct open data assessment and release.				
	6. **Data management processes** – continually develop the open data resources that supports data owners, managers and custodians assess and obtain approval to release data.				
	7. **Customer support and engagement** – promote new data releases on the department's website.				

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Data publication responsibilities	8. **Maintain currency** – update and review existing datasets and resources according to set schedules.				
	9. **Refresh data publication schedule** – work with data owners, managers and custodians to identify new datasets for release.				
Open data maturity assessment	10. **Review open data governance –** annually review internal business and approval processes.				
	11. **Improve business process** – plan to include open data activities.				
	12. **Assess employees' knowledge** – periodically assess employee's knowledge and adherence to open data principles through online training module tests.				

Release schedule

The department's approved release schedule will be reviewed annually and incorporates details of all approved active and inactive datasets as well as a list of datasets that are not suitable to be published on the open data portal due to privacy, confidentiality or other reasons.

The departments datasets are available **here**.

Human rights compatibility

The department is committed to respecting, protecting and promoting human rights. Under the *Human Rights Act 2019*, the department has an obligation to act and make decisions in a way that is compatible with human rights and, when making a decision, to give proper consideration to human rights. When making a decision about open data, decision-makers must comply with that obligation.

For further information on the *Human Rights Act 2019* see: **https://www.qhrc.qld.gov.au/**