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Six month action plan for QLD launched

Hinchinbrook MP Andrew Cripps, has welcomed the release of the Newman Government's Six Month Action Plan for Queensland; the next phase of getting the State back on track.

Premier Campbell Newman released details of the plan during a speech at the LNP State Convention in Brisbane on the weekend.

Mr Cripps said the plan and its action items set out clear delivery targets.

"It is vital that the Government and its MPs continue to share our plans with Queenslanders and set out clear delivery targets," Mr Cripps said.

"We're committed to delivering on our promises and remaining accountable.

"There is a lot to do, and for the next six months, this comprehensive action plan will be both a map and a report card."

Some of the 149 actions in the Six Month Action Plan of most interest to the Hinchinbrook electorate include:

- Starting consultation on a 30 year strategic plan for agriculture and developing a timber industry plan;
- Delivering a first draft of the 10 year plan for the Bruce Highway;
- Improving access for tourism and ecotourism operators in national parks and reducing the number of entry permits by 50 per cent;
- Delivering 15 new frontline officers to strengthen Queensland's Biosecurity;
- Supporting country racing by introducing a new clubs cooperation scheme and start rolling out 20 additional country race meetings;
- Amending the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act* to get rid of the waste levy;
- Finalising guidelines to improve flying fox damage mitigation permits;
- Providing funding to vets for protective suits to assist in the fight against Hendra virus;
- Investing in the future of the sugar industry by providing first funding to the BSES;
- Completing a strategic pest management program for Queensland's national parks;

- Delivering, in partnership with the sugarcane and beef industries, a framework for a best management program to protect the Great Barrier Reef;
- Expanding the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme

The Six Month Action Plan, from July to December 2012, clearly sets out actions which are divided under the five pledges the LNP Government promised at the March Election.

“I’m proud to be part of a Government that continues to act on its commitments and gets things done for Hinchinbrook families and business,” Mr Cripps said.

Mr Cripps encouraged residents to log on to www.qld.gov.au and download a copy of the plan to keep track of the Government’s achievements.

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