**COMMUNIQUÉ**

**The Queensland PlanAmbassadors Council**

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| **Meeting** | Thursday 10 March 2016 |
| **Location** | Brisbane |

The Queensland Plan Ambassadors Council (the Council) met on 10 March 2016 to discuss priorities for delivering the community’s 30-year vision outlined in *The Queensland Plan* (the Plan)*.*

The Ambassadors also met with the Honourable Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk MP. The Ambassadors advised the Premier of their continued enthusiasm for the Plan and considered how to continue to advocate for its implementation and encourage participation across the state.

The Council and the Premier discussed a range of issues including economic diversity, job creation, innovation, social service provision, infrastructure and opportunities in tourism, agriculture and education.

The Council identified the foundation areas of people, economy and regions as being key areas of focus for 2016.

A number of focus areas for engagement activity were discussed, including:

* Sustainable tourism
* National Disability Insurance Scheme
* Economic diversification and jobs
* Regional development
* Innovation and social entrepreneurialism
* Investigating gaps and impediments to achieving the Plan’s vision, such as infrastructure, technology and training in the regions.

The Council identified four priority areas for further discussion (see below) and agreed to confirm 2016 priorities and activities through out-of-session communication, facilitated by the Council secretariat. The priority areas were:

* Tourism – leadership and vision
* Regional resilience and connectivity
* Future workforce and digital technology (encompassing education and social entrepreneurs)
* Social innovation.

The Council also discussed four year fixed terms of government and the alignment with a governance goal in the Plan. The Council agreed to prepare a media statement supporting the introduction of four year terms.

The Council agreed an engagement strategy should be developed to guide activity for 2016.

The Council will hold its next meeting in Brisbane in May 2016.

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