

About our annual report

The *Department of Environment and Science Annual Report 2017–18* is the first annual report for our new department.

The report is an integral part of our corporate governance framework and a key tool in ensuring we are accountable to stakeholders, the Queensland Parliament and the community about our activities. It highlights the work, achievements, activities and strategic initiatives of our department, and satisfies the requirements of Queensland's *Financial Accountability Act 2009*.

This report details progress against the relevant sections of the 2017–2021 Strategic Plans and the 2017–18 Service Delivery Statements for the former Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP); the former Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing (NPSR); the former Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation (DSITI) and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC). It also details how our work contributes to the Queensland Government's objectives for the community. The report is structured around the Service Areas of our department - Environmental Protection Services; Species and Ecosystem Protection; Heritage Protection Services; National Parks; Science and Arts Queensland. It also details the achievements of the Corporate Administration Agency and outlines how we are working to unify Environment, Heritage Protection, National Parks, Science and the Arts.

Other reporting

Previously, annual reports published by EHP and NPSR included other reports that are required by legislation, but not required to be included in the respective departments' annual reports. These reports will now be tabled separately and can be found on our website at: www.des.qld.gov.au.

- Report on the administration of the *Marine Parks Act 2004*
- Report on the administration of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*
- Report on the administration of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*
- Annual report from the Queensland Heritage Council
- Annual report from the Board of Trustees of Newstead House.

Additional published information

Several annual reporting requirements are addressed by publishing information on the Queensland Government Open Data website. These are:

- consultancies
- overseas travel
- Queensland language services policy.

For further information, please visit <https://data.qld.gov.au>.

