

Queensland Walking Strategy

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In August 2019, the Queensland Government launched the first *Queensland Walking Strategy (2019–2029)*. Over the last 12 months, a range of Queensland Government departments and agencies, transport professionals and community groups have worked together to initiate and champion a comprehensive range of actions to make walking an easy choice for everyone, every day.



What we've delivered



Queenslanders have told us they want to walk more, and we've introduced the new **Model Code for Neighbourhood Design** to ensure **new communities** will be more walkable.



We've piloted new **inclusive mapping platforms** that provide better information about the **footpath network and access to public transport** for people using wheelchairs and other mobility devices.



To help promote walking as a **convenient, no cost, sustainable and healthy** transport option, we've included it in planning for new **Mobility as a Service (MaaS)** digital options into the future.



We've worked with **Austrroads** to ensure transport and planning professionals have the information they need to **plan safe and convenient** places for walking.



We've developed the **Queensland Heatwave Risk Assessment** which supports the need to **prioritise shade** to protect people walking from the effects of heatwaves and climate change.



We've provided information and training to support local governments implement **lower speed limits** in and around schools, public transport stations and other activity centres to make them safer and more attractive for walking.



In line with our **Road Safety Policy**, we're delivering new projects that make it safer and easier for pedestrians, particularly people with disability, to cross roads.



Queensland's best national park and forest short and multi-day walks have been promoted through Queensland National Parks' (Department of Environment and Science) **Life's Best Moments** campaign and their '**Great Walks**' campaign in collaboration with the National Trust of Australia (Qld).



We've partnered with **Queensland Walks** to establish the **Queensland Walking Alliance** to engage and encourage communities to advocate for improved places to walk.

By leading the *Action Plan for Walking (2019–2021)*, the Queensland Government is working to improve walking environments and promote more walking for transport, health and recreation. If Queenslanders of all ages and abilities can walk safely and comfortably, where and when they choose, it helps achieve all the objectives of *Our Future State: Advancing Queensland's Priorities*.

There's lots more to come

We've already delivered these actions and we're working on more exciting initiatives now. See what else we're up to on the next page. →

We're also working on...



State-wide roll out of **smart crossings** which use innovative technology to provide people with **more time** to finish crossing the road.



Piloting new **planning guidelines** to improve walking environments around activity centres such as **public transport stations, schools, shops** and other **local facilities** and **attractions**.



Introducing **lower speed limits** in at least 20 areas around the state that have high numbers of people walking.



Creating safer environments for **walking to school** as part of the \$20 million **School Transport Infrastructure Program**.



Promoting best practice case studies and guidelines to increase the amount of **shade** that is provided for places where people walk.



Promoting new ways for local governments to **reallocate road space** to revitalise local centres and improve the quality of walking environments to **facilitate social distancing**.



Developing a new tool to help communities, developers and local governments **audit neighbourhood streets** to identify the barriers and opportunities for improving walking.



Developing guidance on options to change **traffic signal timing** to minimise crossing delays and better coordinate signals for people walking in busy pedestrian areas – a so called **'green wave'**.



Developing new guidelines for **directional signage** to make walking an obvious and easy choice.



Developing **training for design, transport and planning professionals** to create better walking environments.



Supporting **Heart Foundation Walking** and **10,000 Steps** to **encourage walking** through individual and workplace participation, community engagement and by creating supportive environments.



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