

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Walk this way to shape Queensland-first strategy

Queenslanders will have the opportunity to have their say over the next month to shape the first Queensland Walking Strategy (QWS).

Transport and Main Roads Director-General Neil Scales called on all Queenslanders to step up and get involved.

“We all know that walking is fun, healthy and an efficient way to get around, which is why we want walking to be part of every Queenslanders’ lifestyle,” Mr Scales said.

“When we talk about walking, this also includes jogging, running and moving with help from a mobility device like a wheelchair or a walking frame.

“Walking plays an important role in creating a more integrated transport system, improving health, liveability and the environment.

“The QWS will guide the investment of \$2.5 million over the next three years to deliver a range of walking initiatives.

“Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is developing the QWS in consultation with community members and stakeholders.

“This engagement will set the direction, policies and priorities that we need to focus on to get more people walking, more often, for more reasons.”

Mr Scales invited Queenslanders to have their say about the QWS through an online and telephone survey, plus a multi-media ideas wall on the TMR website.

“The ideas wall is like a digital sticky-notes wall where you can upload photos and ideas with the #WeWalkQLD hashtag to show your fellow Queenslanders where and how you walk and what you'd like to see included in the strategy,” he said.

“TMR is also conducting a phone survey with randomly selected community members from 30 November and this survey will also be available online until 3 February.

“I encourage everyone to make the most of this unique opportunity and help us put our best foot forward.”

Heart Foundation CEO Stephen Vines was supportive of the Queensland Government’s commitment to the walking strategy.

“We are pleased the Queensland Government has made a firm commitment with allocated funding to a state walking strategy,” Mr Vines said.

“Walking is a free, easy and preferred physical activity for most Queenslanders and we know the many benefits gained from regular walking can reduce cardiovascular disease.”

For more information on the QWS and to complete the survey visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/walking.

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