



QLD FUTURE

SUMMIT AUGUST 5  
TWENTY15

SUMMARY REPORT

## OVERVIEW

The Queensland Futures Summit concentrated on discussing issues from the five 'Futures Themes' adopted by the Queensland Futures Institute:

- **Queensland as a Global Hub for Education and Research;**
- **Taking Advantage of Emerging Technologies;**
- **Creating Thriving Regions;**
- **Valuing our World Class Asset – the Great Barrier Reef; and**
- **Growing and Benefiting from the Asian Century.**

The salient theme from the day was promoting a sustainable Queensland economy through education, innovation, entrepreneurship and tourism, in addition to the traditional reliance on the State's natural resource endowment. Discussions focused on a range of topics from the need for greater collaboration between industry and universities to drive the establishment and development of future innovation to enhancing our connection to and economic benefit derived from our connection with Asia.

Specific discussion explored the need for quality teaching in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) areas to support the development of innovation and entrepreneurship within school leavers; the need to promote and communicate the health of our natural resource areas such as the Great Barrier Reef, including its role in tourism; the importance of connectivity and digital infrastructure with rural Queensland; and promoting partnerships between universities and business.

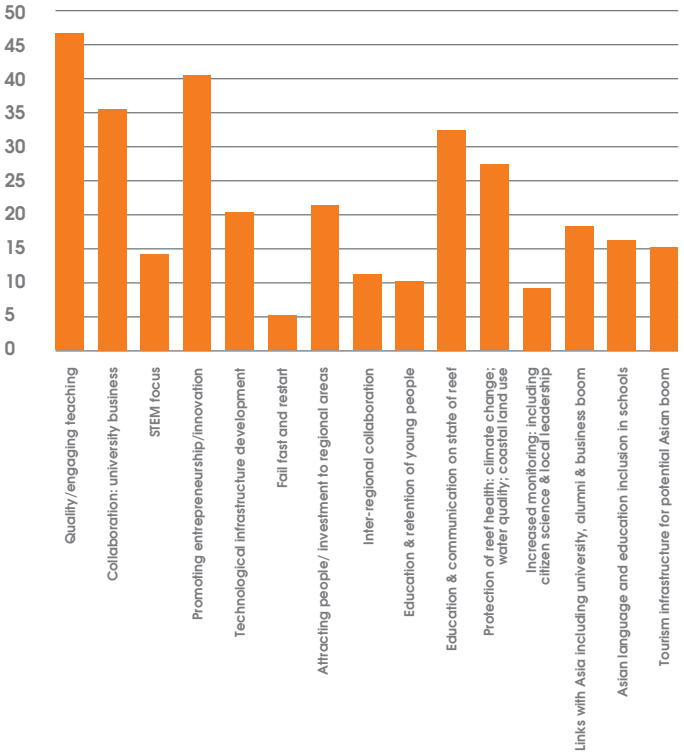
***Members of the Queensland Futures Institute are now considering the Full Report on the Futures Summit, aiming to initiate priority projects to lift Queensland's economic and social growth.***

**Want to have your say? Become a Member and Get Involved!**

Visit [www.qldfutures.com.au](http://www.qldfutures.com.au) for further details.

## AUDIENCE SUGGESTIONS

### TOP 3 SUGGESTIONS PER SESSION



### SESSIONS AND SPEAKERS AND AUDIENCE TOP 3 POLICY IDEAS

#### Session 1 – QUEENSLAND - GLOBAL HUB FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND MODERATOR – Professor Ian Frazer AC

#### PANELLISTS

**Professor Peter Coaldrake AO** Vice Chancellor, Queensland University of Technology

**Dr Geoff Garrett AO** Queensland Chief Scientist, Queensland Government

**Dr Stefan Hajkowitz** Principal Scientist in Strategic Foresight, CSIRO

**Professor Sandra Harding** Vice Chancellor and President, James Cook University

**Professor Peter Høj** Vice Chancellor and President, The University of Queensland

- Collaboration between university & business
- Quality/engaging teaching
- STEM focus within schools

## Session 2 – TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

### SPEAKERS

**Hon. Leeanne Enoch MP** Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Science and Innovation

**Ron Raffensperger**

Chief Technology Officer, Huawei

### PANELLISTS

**Terry Effeney** Chief Executive Officer, Energex

**David Parkinson** Regional IT Leader Oil & Gas, Australia and New Zealand, GE

**Anna Rooke** Chief Executive Officer, QUT Creative Enterprise Australia

**MODERATOR – Glen Norris** Senior Business Reporter, Courier Mail

- Promoting entrepreneurship/innovation
- Technological infrastructure development
- Fail fast and restart

## Session 3 – CREATING THRIVING REGIONS

### SPEAKERS & PANELLISTS

**Cr Jenny Hill** Mayor of Townsville

**Cr Bob Manning** Mayor of Cairns

**Ian McLeod** Chief Executive, Ergon Energy

**Cr Paul Pisasale** Mayor of Ipswich

**John Wagner** Chairman, Wagners

**MODERATOR – Professor John Cole** Executive Director of the Institute for Resilient Regions, University of Southern Queensland

- Attracting people/ investment to regional areas
- Education & retention of young people
- Inter-regional collaboration

## Session 4 – VALUING OUR WORLD CLASS ASSET – THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

### SPEAKERS & PANELLISTS

**Hon. Dr Steven Miles MP** Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, Minister for National Parks and The Great Barrier Reef

**Claire Hanratty** Managing Director, The Great Barrier Reef Foundation

**Dr Ian Poiner** Chair, Reef & Rainforest Research Centre

**Russell Reichelt** Chairman, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

**MODERATOR – Shane Doherty** State Political Reporter, Nine News

- Education & collaboration on state of reef
- Protection of reef health: climate change; water quality; coastal land use
- Increased monitoring: including citizen science & local leadership

## Session 5 – GROWING AND BENEFITING FROM THE ASIAN CENTURY

### PANELLISTS

**Hon. John Brumby** Former Premier of Victoria,  
Independent Director, Huawei

**Justin Fung** Chief Executive Officer,  
Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort

**Professor Russell Trood** Director,  
Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University

**Andrew Tulloch** Chief Executive Officer,  
Trade and Investment Queensland

### MODERATOR – Jessica Van Vonderen

ABC News Reporter & Presenter

- **Tourism infrastructure for potential Asian boom.**
- **Asian language inclusion in schools.**
- **Links with Asia including university, alumni & business**

*The Queensland Futures Institute acknowledges the support of the UQ Business School and PhD students Cristyn Meath and Belinda Wade for their sterling recording and analysis of the Summit proceedings.*



**QLD FUTURES**  
SUMMIT **AUGUST 5**  
TWENTY **15**



QUEENSLAND  
FUTURES  
INSTITUTE

INNOVATION . INDEPENDENCE . IMPACT

**COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND**

For further information on the Queensland Futures Institute  
Please contact Steve Greenwood CEO on 0488 721 156

[www.qldfutures.com.au](http://www.qldfutures.com.au)