



Queensland Futures Institute Research Policy

The QFI commissions and project manages evidence-based research reports as the basis for its policy development and reform proposals.

Research undertaken by the Queensland Futures Institute must always be conducted with complete independence and full transparency. This is to ensure that the QFI policy recommendations and policy reform solutions are never open to question regarding inappropriate influence on research outcomes from its partners.

Partners can engage in the QFI research and policy development processes in two key ways:

Annual Research Projects

The QFI aims to seek input from its partners annually to priorities key projects to initiate and managed from the QFI's base funding.

Subject to available funds, the research reports aim to address key issues of importance to a wide range of partners.

Partner Initiated Joint Research Projects

The QFI also invites partners to initiate research projects with the QFI that are of a high priority for two or more partners.

Partner Initiated Joint Research Projects enable partners to jointly contribute and share the cost of research projects.

Partner Initiated Joint Research Projects are conducted with complete independence and full transparency – the initiating partners are unable to direct or influence the outcomes of the research.

These projects will only be supported and project managed by the QFI if:

1. The partners agree to fully fund the cost of the research project
2. The QFI CEO or Board approves the research project and its intent
3. The research project falls within the QFI's mandate
4. That the research project is undertaken by a fully independent Research Provider, as approved by the QFI
5. The partners acknowledge that while they will have the ability to determine the direction and broad scope of the research project, the final Terms of Reference and decision on the Research Provider will be as determined by the QFI CEO
6. The partners agree that the recommendations and findings of the research project are not to be amended by the partners
7. The partners acknowledge that if they do not wish the findings of the research report to be released beyond the QFI, that this decision must be made by all partners investing in the report.