1. In recognition of the impact of the global financial crisis on economic growth and employment in Queensland, the Queensland Government committed to the creation of 100,000 new jobs by March 2012.
2. In recognising that meeting this commitment would require a joint effort by government, industry, organisations and individuals, a four point plan was developed to outline key activity by government to support this commitment. *Jobs First: Delivering Jobs for Queensland* describes the four point plan and provides an overview of programs and initiatives being undertaken by government to create jobs; keep people in jobs; and get people back into jobs after unemployment to mitigate the growth of long-term unemployment and associated social costs.. The four point plan encompasses:
* building infrastructure – keeping Queensland’s record building program going;
* developing skills for the future – preparing for recovery;
* supporting new and traditional industries – enabling industries an businesses to emerge, grow and transform; and
* developing new jobs creation programs – assisting unemployed Queenslanders to get back to work.
1. Cabinet endorsed Jobs First: Delivering Jobs for Queensland.
2. Cabinet endorsed the development of an institutionalised pre-apprenticeship model subject to ongoing discussions with some industry sectors and unions and final approval by the Training and Employment Recognition Council of both the framework of the model and the associated transitional arrangements.
3. Cabinet endorsed Jobs Assist as a state-wide integrated support package for workers and business, with key activities focussed on local priority employment areas to complement the Commonwealth’s *Keep Australia Working* strategy.
4. *Attachments*
* Nil.