1. Australia's federal structure requires intergovernmental engagement as more than 43% of Queensland Government revenue in 2013-14 came from Federal Government payments.
2. Most current intergovernmental activity takes place through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), which is dominated by the priorities of the Federal Government.
3. Intergovernmental activities are all activities involving international governments, the Federal Government, other Australian state/territory governments, including but not limited to:

* Council of Australian Governments (COAG), Council for the Australian Federation and their officials
* COAG councils and other Ministerial councils
* all intergovernmental agreements (IGAs), including funding agreements made under the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations* (for example, national partnership agreements, project agreements) and non- funding agreements (for example, IGAs providing policy direction agreed by ministerial councils; international memoranda of understanding)
* other official engagements with Commonwealth Government agencies, state/territory government agencies, including participation in committees and working groups.

1. The Queensland Government’s principles are underpinned by a desire to improve the well-being of Queenslanders, preserve Queensland’s constitutional roles and responsibilities, and through its intergovernmental activities support the government’s desire to work with the private and not-for-profit sectors to deliver better service delivery outcomes. Participation in all intergovernmental activities will be assessed within this context. The principles can be used to guide assessment of continued participation in current intergovernmental activities as well as future activities.
2. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government principles for engagement in intergovernmental activities.
3. *Attachment*

* [Queensland Government Principles for Intergovernmental Activities](Attachments/Principles.PDF)