

# SCHOOLS PACKAGE—METROPOLITAN AND NORTH COAST REGIONAL GROWTH CORRIDORS

## RESPONSIBLE AGENCY

Department of Education and Training

## PROPOSAL STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

Preliminary business case complete

## PLANNED STAGE END DATE

Not applicable

## ESTIMATED COST OF DELIVERY

\$160–\$195 million\*

## BUILDING QUEENSLAND'S ROLE

Assisted with preliminary business case



### NEED

The capacity of the existing state schools in the North Lakes/Mango Hill and Ripley Valley areas is not considered sufficient to meet future enrolment demand.

The North Lakes/Mango Hill area has experienced higher than projected population growth over the past five years—particularly in the school-age population. Rapid population growth is expected to continue due to the considerable degree of residential development in the area.

Ripley Valley is a large master-planned greenfield development that is expected to experience significant population growth. Forecast growth is expected to exceed the capacity of the existing state secondary schools by 2020 and state primary schools servicing the area by 2021.

### PROPOSAL

The North Lakes/Mango Hill proposal investigated the delivery of additional state secondary schooling capacity for local students. This included options to augment existing schools and options to deliver a new school.

The Ripley Valley proposal investigated the construction of a new local state primary and secondary school in Ripley Valley to address forecast growth in the school-age population.

### BENEFITS

The schools package is expected to:

- » improve student wellbeing and teacher satisfaction
- » increase local accessibility to secondary education services
- » provide a cost-effective and efficiently utilised school network
- » foster an improved sense of community and improved amenity and facilities.

### NEXT STEPS

Commence detailed business case.