The Department of Infrastructure’s Executive Management Group has responsibility for ensuring the effective and efficient performance of the agency, providing the Director-General with strategic advice and ensuring his decisions and commitments are implemented.

Ken Smith
Coordinator-General, Director-General

Ken Smith was appointed as Coordinator-General and Director-General of the newly formed Queensland Department of Infrastructure on 15 January 2007.

Prior to this appointment, Ken served as Director-General of the Department of Education and the Arts for a period of almost four years where he led a number of significant educational reforms as well as major achievements in the arts and cultural sector highlighted by the development of the Millennium Arts Program.

Within the Queensland Government, Ken has served as Director-General of the Department of Employment and Training (2001–2002), the former Department of Families and Disability Services Queensland (from 1998) and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning.

He is a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators and Adjunct Professor of Education at the University of Queensland, Griffith University and University of Sydney and has previously held the position of Adjunct Professor in the School of Social Work and Social Policy at the University of Queensland.

Ken has extensive experience at all levels of government in areas of major public policy, service delivery and organisational change. He also has experience in the non-government sector and has served as chair and member of a number of boards and statutory authorities at state and national levels.

Mr Smith has served as a CEO to a number of Ministerial Councils, as a member of the Prime Minister’s Youth Pathways Taskforce, Financial Literacy Foundation, University Councils, and chaired a number of national companies and boards in the education, training, community services and housing portfolios.
Bob McHugh (BA, MBA) commenced his career as a secondary school teacher of English and Modern History. This was followed by periods as a secondary school deputy principal and principal. He then moved to a Regional Executive Director position in the Department of Education and was subsequently appointed to various Assistant Director-General positions responsible for schools operations, education services, planning, resourcing and organisational performance. He has served on various education statutory bodies and working parties at the state and national level. Bob then spent some time in the Department of State Development where he was responsible for industry development and investment, and, subsequently, Queensland Treasury. When the new Department of Infrastructure was established on 15 January 2007, Bob moved to the position of Deputy Director-General, Governance and Strategy.

Lindsay Enright (BE (Civil)) is the Executive Director of the Office of Urban Management. He has more than 25 years’ experience in regional planning and infrastructure planning, design and construction. Over this period, Lindsay has worked with state and local governments in Queensland and New South Wales as well as with private industry groups.

In Queensland, he has worked on projects such as the Far North Queensland Regional Plan; Whitsunday, Hinterland and Mackay Regional Plan; Gulf Regional Development Plan and the South East Queensland Regional Plan.

Dave Stewart (BE (Hons), MBA, MEngSc, FIE Aust, CPEng, MAICD) is Deputy Coordinator-General, Infrastructure Delivery. Dave is responsible for the delivery of the South East Queensland Water Grid, Airport Link and associated sections of the Northern Busway projects. Prior to joining the Department of Infrastructure, Dave was a member of Brisbane City Council’s Executive Team, where he led the Major Infrastructure Projects Office. He was responsible for delivery of the public-private partnership for the North-South Bypass Tunnel, the feasibility study looking into Airport Link and delivery of the Green Bridge project.

Scott Kessell is the Executive Director of the Office of the Director-General. His responsibilities include Cabinet and executive services, communication and marketing, and the general management of the Office of the Director-General.

Colin Bunker (GDip URP, Registered Valuer) is the Executive Director of Infrastructure. He has served on various education statutory bodies and working parties at the state and national level. Scott is currently studying an Executive Masters of Public Administration through the Australian and New Zealand School of Government and expects to finalise the program this year.

Michael Schaumburg (BE (Civil) (Hons), GDipBusAdmin, MIE Aust, CPEng, RPEQ) was appointed to the position of Executive Director of the Project Delivery and Infrastructure Planning Group in the Department of State Development and Innovation in January 2005. He now holds the position of Acting Deputy Coordinator-General, Economic Development and Innovation. Prior to the above positions with the Queensland Government, Michael spent seven years managing the infrastructure for 10 ports owned by the Ports Corporation of Queensland. His responsibilities included capital expansions and major infrastructure upgrades, major maintenance projects, infrastructure condition audits and master planning.

Colin O’Byrne (BCom, MFM, CPA) is the Assistant Coordinator-General, Specialist Services. Colin has also worked for the Department of State Development and Innovation and Queensland Treasury.

Colin Dickie (BSc, GDipEc, PhD) was appointed as Acting Deputy Coordinator-General on 26 February 2007. Geoff has worked in mining and petroleum exploration and development in Australia and Canada.

Geoff is a board member of the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining and the University of Queensland.

Colin has over 40 years’ experience in land administration, valuation and property management and over 20 years’ experience in urban and regional planning.

Over this period he has worked in a range of government agencies, the electricity supply industry and the private sector.

Prior to his current appointment he was Director of Land Planning and was responsible over the last decade for major economic development land and infrastructure planning throughout Queensland and with particular emphasis on South East Queensland.
Phil Dash was appointed as Acting Assistant Coordinator-General, Major Projects from 26 February 2007. After starting his career as a mineral exploration geologist in the mid-1970s, Phil joined the Queensland Government in 1980, working in the coal exploration unit. Phil’s role evolved over time from exploration to project facilitation and between 1995 and 2004, Phil was involved in the facilitation of Queensland’s major coal petroleum and mineral mining projects, in his role as the Manager, Project Facilitation in the Mines portfolio. This led in turn to a change in his focus to infrastructure supporting mining projects and energy infrastructure.

Laura Doughty (BASc (Hons)) is the Executive Director of the Program Management Office. Laura’s role involves coordinating delivery of the $82 billion South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2007–2026. Previously, Laura was the Manager of Project env@ble, removing barriers to the rollout of broadband infrastructure. She has also worked in various capacities in local government covering strategy and policy, environmental and land use planning and community development, with a focus in more recent years on delivering coastal infrastructure under the South Australian Coast Park initiative.

Maurice Harvey (Registered Valuer) is the Executive Director, Property Services Group and is a registered valuer with extensive experience in property development and management. Maurice has been involved in managing state government property portfolios for several years as an employee of a number of government agencies.

Paul Herd (BA, BApp Sc (Hons), GDip Finance) is the Executive Director, Strategic Development. Paul has extensive experience in the private and public sectors in project and construction management. During his time with the Coordinator-General, he has worked on the assessment and facilitation of numerous major resource, industrial and urban development projects such as the Millmerran Power Station, Sun Metals Zinc Refinery and the North Bank Redevelopment. Prior to joining the department he was the Manager of the Major Projects division of the Gold Coast City Council, which was responsible for major capital works projects and strategic economic development initiatives.

Bill Turner (BCom, FCPA, GAICD, FCIS) is Acting Assistant Coordinator-General, Infrastructure Evaluation and Procurement. Bill has significant experience in the areas of public sector finance and financial management and has held several senior financial management positions in various public transport and road organisations throughout Australia. He is a graduand of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Peter Dann (BEcon (Hons), BCom, MBA, ASCPA, FAIM, SAFin) is the Assistant Coordinator-General, SEQ Water Grid. Peter has over 15 years’ experience working with Queensland Treasury, most recently as Executive Director of the Office of Government Owned Corporations. Prior to that he worked in a range of roles focused on structural economic and commercial reform. Peter has also held management accounting positions within Brisbane City Council and Australia Post. He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management, and currently holds a position on the Queensland Regional Council of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia (Finsia). In 2003 Peter completed an MBA program at the prestigious Judge Business School at the University of Cambridge.

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