



### **MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND**

Lace up those runners, its time to get active and be part of North Queensland's largest triathlon festival.

Held for the first time on the beautiful Townsville foreshore, The Strand, this picturesque setting makes for a great event for competitors of all levels of fitness, from the highly competitive to the very social.

Corporate teams are being encouraged to get a team together and compete in the triathlon which provides a great opportunity for workmates to participate in a social atmosphere outside of the workplace.

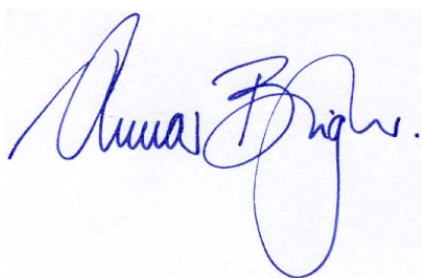
One of my Government's Toward Q2 ambitions is to make Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people, which is why we support events like the Townsville Triathlon Festival through the Queensland Events Regional Development Program.

This program has provided more than \$12.5 million to over 600 regional events since it started as a world-first initiative in 2001.

These events bring in business, create jobs, attract tourists, fuel growth and prosperity and give a tremendous sense of pride for the local host communities.

Across the State, thousands of individuals, community groups, local councils and in some cases entire towns, put countless hours into ensuring their events are a success.

The Queensland Government shares the passion and the achievements of the State's regions through this program. Good luck at the festival, I hope you will have an opportunity to discover more of Queensland's great events in the coming year.



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