



## Queensland Blazing a Trail Towards Oil Resilience

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I am a Queenslander born and bred, so I think that I am allowed to point out that it is rare for words such as “forward thinking”, “courageous”, “radical” and “revolutionary” to be used in relation to Queensland’s elected representatives, but Andrew McNamara may just be an exception. Mr. McNamara is Queensland’s Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation, and he seems to be single-handedly trying to save the entire State of Queensland from some of the uglier problems that cloud our future.

As part of this process, McNamara is addressing the issue of oil vulnerability. An introduction to the approach can be found at [http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/publications/po2620aa.pdf/Towards\\_Oil\\_Resilien...](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/publications/po2620aa.pdf/Towards_Oil_Resilien...)

McNamara, in his introduction says:

Queensland has a choice. We can either plan for an oil restricted world or we can become victims of the global market.

With an oil-resilience strategy, Queensland has the opportunity to set its own future. We must get ahead of the game by designing how we live and move around in an oil-constrained world.

The Queensland Government does not want high oil prices to impact on the Queensland community’s capacity to travel, nor do we want our farms, mines and manufacturers to lose their competitive edge because they cannot get the necessary energy inputs.

The scope is ambitious:

Three key areas for action are proposed:

1. Creating oil-resilient transport networks
2. Promoting a sustainable fuel supply
3. Planning for oil-resilient towns and cities

We have an invitation to contribute to this strategy:

The Queensland Government welcomes your feedback on matters raised in this information paper. Comments will contribute to the next phase in developing an Oil Vulnerability Mitigation Strategy and Action Plan for Queensland.

Submissions must be in writing and may be submitted to:

Post: Environmental Protection Agency  
Oil Mitigation Strategy, File Ref: 33800  
PO Box 15155  
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Email: [oil.mitigation@epa.qld.gov.au](mailto:oil.mitigation@epa.qld.gov.au)

Marked "Oil Mitigation Strategy"  
Closing date for submissions is 5.00 pm on Friday 17 October 2008.

**This is a fantastic opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to this discourse. Talk to every peak-aware person you know, start thinking, start writing and put a submission together!**

A background to Queensland's Oil Vulnerability mitigation can be found at [http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/environmental\\_management/sustainability/oil\\_vu...](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/environmental_management/sustainability/oil_vu...)



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