

National Competition Principles

Queensland implementation timetable

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| Principle 1 – Governments should harness the benefits of competition | | | |
| Internal review of competition impact assessment policies and procedures | Consideration is being given to how to extend government's assessment of competition impacts to broader decisions, including policy. Key policy and administrative documents will be reviewed to ensure that they include updated and extended competition impact assessment guidance and requirements. | Final amendments to policy documents by end of 2026 | N/A |
| Principle 2 – Governments should support consumers to benefit from competition | | | |
| | State legislation and regulation will be reviewed against the objective of extending their consumer empowerment reach. Members of the Queensland Government NCP interdepartmental committee will be asked to consider whether there are any potential consumer empowerment measures which can be developed within their areas of responsibility. | Implementation of any changes by end of 2026 | N/A |

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| Principle 3 – Reform of public monopolies, including privatisation, should not harm consumers | | | |
| | No actions required. | N/A | N/A |
| Principle 4 – Government and private businesses should compete on a level playing field | | | |
| Review of the competitive neutrality regime | <p>A review of competitive neutrality (CN) will consider the requirements of the updated principle, and several other potential changes to Queensland's CN regime.</p> <p>Queensland Treasury will review the State's competitive neutrality regime (with stakeholder consultation), against the requirements of Schedule 4.</p> <p>Following this review, Queensland Treasury will ensure appropriate changes to the competitive neutrality regime where the review has shown these are required for compliance with the Schedule.</p> | Implementation of any changes, including legislation if required, by December 2026 | N/A |
| Principle 5 – Governments should promote a single national market | | | |
| | <p>Queensland's regulators will be asked to consider the compliance of their regulatory arrangements and decisions with the requirements of the updated principle to promote national markets.</p> <p>Queensland Treasury will work with regulators on appropriate regulatory arrangements if changes are required.</p> | Initial contact with regulators January to March 2026; follow-up April to July 2026 | N/A |

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| | Queensland is also a participant in the National Reform Agenda aimed at promoting the single national market. | | |
| Principle 6 – Government pricing practices should be efficient and transparent | | | |
| Review of existing government charging and costing policy guidelines | <p>Queensland Treasury will review the State’s existing ‘Principles for Fees and Charges’ and ‘Full Cost Pricing’ guidelines to ensure they adequately encompass efficient charging principles and practices.</p> <p>Following this review, Queensland Treasury will ensure appropriate changes to the policies and guidelines where the review has shown these are required for compliance with the Schedule.</p> | Review of existing guidelines and preparation of updated material January to June 2026. | N/A |
| Principle 7 – Access to significant infrastructure facilities should be on reasonable terms and prices | | | |
| | Changes to Queensland’s access regime are not required. | N/A | N/A |