

# Profile

- Queensland covers approximately 1.7 million square kilometres, representing 25 percent of Australia's land mass.
- Queensland's population is approaching 4 million.
- The Service was established in 1864 pursuant to the *Police Act 1863 (Qld)*.
- The Service now consists of some 9,003 police officers and 3,133 staff members operating under the legislative framework established principally by the *Police Service Administration Act 1990 (Qld)* and the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 (Qld)*.
- The functions of the Service, outlined in s.2.3 of the *Police Service Administration Act*, are to preserve peace and good order; protect the community; prevent crime; detect offenders; uphold the law; ensure the fair and efficient administration of law; and provide services in emergency situations.
- The Service expended \$1,009M in the 2003-04 financial year across its six outputs: Proactive, Problem-Oriented Policing; Crime Detection, Investigation and Prosecution; Preservation of Public Safety; Combating Organised and Major Crime; Traffic Policing, Speed Management and Camera Operations; and Ethical Standards and Public Accountability.
- These outputs represent the core activities of the Service and are strategically aligned to the whole-of-government priorities including Safer and More Supportive Communities.
- There are two specialist units and one command that report directly to the Commissioner: the Office of the Commissioner; Media and Public Relations Branch; and the Ethical Standards Command.
- To facilitate policing at a local level, the Service is divided into eight geographical regions. In addition, there are two functional commands, established centrally, to provide specialist support as required.
- Each of these regions and commands is managed by an Assistant Commissioner who reports to the Deputy Commissioner, Deputy Chief Executive (Operations).
- The CMC Police Group is a command in its own right with an Assistant Commissioner (Director of Witness Protection and Operations Support). The CMC Police Group is primarily concerned with combating serious and organised crime, misconduct investigations, and providing a State witness protection program.
- There are four divisions that collectively deliver the corporate support functions of the Service. Each division is managed by a Director who reports to the Deputy Chief Executive (Resource Management).
- The organisational chart on page 13 depicts these organisational units and reporting relationships.
- The regionalised structure of the Service with specific information provided in respect of each region is shown on pages 14 to 16.

