

SOE Reporting

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'State of the Environment' Reporting: 1990 – 2017

Queensland leads the way in environmental reporting

In 1990, Queensland published its first State of the Environment (SOE) Report. This 33 page document was a pacesetter in environmental reporting in Australia.

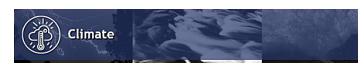
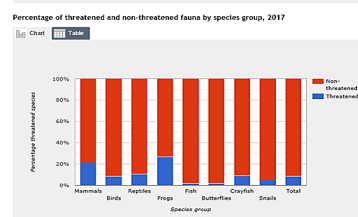
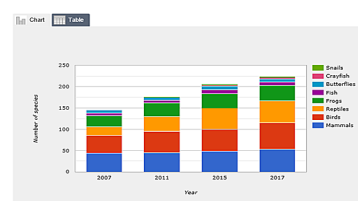
It predated any legislative requirement to report on the status of Queensland's natural heritage, its nature reserves, waterways, waste management or pollution.

By 2007, the SOE Report had grown to 495 pages. It was a comprehensive report on the condition of our environmental assets, the pressures upon them, and the actions being taken to preserve them.

The next decade saw Queensland's SOE reporting mature, win awards and set a benchmark for other states and territories. The 2015 report was the first in Australia to be produced online.

The 2017 State of the Environment Report is a sophisticated, intuitive and interactive web-based report. Experts and everyday Queenslanders can access and understand a world of useful data.

The user-friendly digital format, with videos and interactive graphics, is easy for users to explore. It makes this important information available and meaningful to all Queenslanders.



Watch the Climate video



Climate observations



Coasts and oceans

Climate is the long-term pattern of prevailing weather conditions (rainfall, temperature etc.) for a particular locality or region, while weather refers to the state of the atmosphere at or for a brief period of time.

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Sea surface temperatures around Queensland (particularly in the Coral Sea, but also in the Gulf of Carpentaria) provide an indicator of the likelihood of the formation and development of tropical cyclones and east coast lows.

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State of the Environment reports from 1990 to 2011. The next report, in 2015, was Australia's first State of the Environment Report to be published online. The latest SOE is available at: www.stateoftheenvironment.des.qld.gov.au



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