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

Queensland is the perfect place to soak up the sun and enjoy the great outdoors, especially in the Tropical North where the eco-friendly Mission Beach Film Festival is set to inspire and invigorate.

This two day, three night cinematic experience presents a diverse range of short films from guest filmmakers who capture what our world could be, encouraging the consideration of alternative, sustainable solutions and perspectives on how we live, play, do business and function as a community.

One of my Government's Toward Q2 ambitions is to protect our lifestyle and environment. That's why we support events like the Mission Beach Film Festival through the Queensland Events Regional Development Program.

This program has provided more than \$15.3 million to 705 regional events since it started as a world-first initiative in 2001.

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

It is exciting to see thousands of Queenslanders; community groups, local councils and in some cases entire towns, put countless hours and so much effort into ensuring their events are a success.

Enjoy the Mission Beach Film Festival and I hope you will have an opportunity to discover more of Queensland's great events in the coming year.

**ANNA BLIGH MP**  
**PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND**