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First steps in Queensland Walking Alliance

Queensland Walks is delighted to announce the establishment of the *Queensland Walking Alliance* funded by the Queensland Government, Department of Transport and Main Roads.

The *Queensland Walking Alliance*, will bring together a partnership of people and groups with a common interest in promoting walking and creating better environments, facilities and opportunities for walking across the state.

The first forum will step out at Parliament House on March 25.

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said the Palaszczuk Government was proud to support the alliance and associated projects through a \$300,000 commitment over the next two years.

“Queensland Walks will deliver projects and signature initiatives like *Walk at Work Week*, *Walk Hub*, and bring together a *Queensland Walking Alliance*” he said.

This funding aims to encourage people to choose walking as an option for health, recreation and transport, and to work in partnership to prioritise walking.

“Queensland Walks will get even more Queenslanders on their feet and thinking about more sustainable ways to get to work, home, school and vital services” said Minister Bailey.

“We know that walking and safe, easy mobility creates vibrant and connected communities, and benefits workplaces and business. The challenge is that many environments are not ideal for walking for all people” said Anna Campbell, Queensland Walks Executive Officer.

“With the release of Queensland’s first walking strategy *‘Walking: for everyone, everyday 2019-2029’*, walking is now on the agenda for government and Queensland Walks will continue to advocate to make walking the irresistible and easy choice.

“With 40% of Queensland adults, and 59% of Queensland children not getting enough physical activity, Queenslanders need to walk more for their health. Walking infrastructure and programs are critical to a healthier community” she said.

“Queenslanders walk more than 633 million kilometres each year. That’s the equivalent of travelling from Earth to Mars nearly three times,” Minister Bailey said.

“That’s why we’re rolling out a record \$23 billion for transport and roads, and making sure major projects like the \$1 billion M1 upgrade on the Gold Coast and \$400 million Ipswich Motorway upgrade include active transport infrastructure.

“Queensland Walks will build on their collaborations with 10,000 Steps, Heart Foundation Walking, Outdoor Queensland (formally QORF) and Bushwalking Queensland, as well as

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recreational groups like parkrun to identify opportunities to improve walking uptake and accessibility” said Ms Campbell.

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