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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

Cycle Queensland is a nine-day adventure holiday – and every year the scenery changes.

In 2010 riders will travel from Yeppoon to Bundaberg via the Capricorn Coast, Callide Valley and North Burnett, making this one of the best ways to discover the beauty of our region, from the coast to inner-east.

More than just a bike ride, the event is well known for its friendly, party atmosphere, with stops along the way enjoyed by all, whether you're a professional cyclist or an amateur.

One of my Government's Toward Q2 ambitions is to make Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people. That's why we support events like Cycle Queensland 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 jobs, attract tourists, fuel growth and prosperity and give a tremendous sense of pride for the local host communities.

Across the State, thousands of individuals, community groups, local councils and in some cases entire towns, put countless hours into ensuring their events are a success.

Enjoy Cycle Queensland 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