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

You could be forgiven for thinking the Crocodile Trophy involved the wrestling of our Northern ancient creatures, but it is about a 1300km mountain bike endurance adventure race through tropical North Queensland.

Internationally the Crocodile Trophy has a reputation for being the hottest, most grueling, challenging and difficult mountain bike race on the planet.

For nine days competitors will make their way from the Tablelands in Cairns through to Cape Tribulation, sweating it out to be crowned the Croc King or Queen.

My Government through our Toward Q2 initiative has the ambition to make Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people. That's why we support events such as The Crocodile Trophy through the Queensland Events Regional Development Program.

This program has provided more than \$12.5 million to 600 regional events since it started as a world-first initiative in 2001.

These events bring in business, 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 watching the race unfold, 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**