



**John Kenny, Executive Director Commercialisation and Development  
Department of Innovation and Information Economy**

Since the establishment of the Queensland Department of Innovation and Information Economy in March 2001, John Kenny has been Executive-Director of the Commercialisation and Development Program. The Commercialisation and Developments Program incorporates the BioIndustries Taskforce which John Kenny headed and was part of the Queensland Department of State Development.

Prior to his appointment as head of the BioIndustries Taskforce, John Kenny was Commissioner of the Queensland Government Office in Los Angeles for a period of four years and Commissioner of the Queensland Government Office, Japan and South East Asia for a period of ten years.

John has worked in the public and private sectors in the areas of international business development and marketing as well as management. He has held directorships on a number of Boards including the publicly listed Jupiters Management Ltd.

John is currently on the Board of Directors for i.lab Incubator Pty Ltd and the Innovation Centre Sunshine Coast. He is also a member of the Queensland University of Technology Brisbane Graduate School of Business Advisory Committee

John is a graduate of the University of Queensland and undertook post-graduate study in social psychology at Swinburne in Melbourne.

**Mark Bermingham, Executive Director, Office of Small Business  
Department of State Development**

In his current position Mark provides expert advice and information to the Minister and the Director-General on key issues impacting upon small business in Queensland. Develop and implement policies and initiatives that create a small business environment conducive to growth.

Mark currently manages the Office of Small Business with its annual budget of \$8 million and over 70 staff. The Office provides a broad continuum of business development services encompassing:

- Regulatory Reform
- Retail Shop lease dispute resolution
- Business information and licensing services
- Business matching services
- Small business research and policy
- Business development services