



# Media Release

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## **The Public Trustee to establish new \$750,000 Regional Office**

The Sunshine Coast is receiving a boost from the Government with the announcement of Kawana as the location of the Queensland's newest \$750,000 Public Trustee Office.

The Public Trustee of Queensland, Peter Carne today announced contactors were engaged for the new Sunshine Coast Regional office to be located at 20 Innovation Parkway, Birthinya.

'This new regional office location was chosen after extensive research and analysis of the area, including information from the Government Statistician's Office,' Mr Carne said.

'The Kawana location was chosen as it meets the Government's *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031* in terms of growing population, numbers of seniors in the area and it's location near a major infrastructure route.

'As Public Trustee of Queensland, I am determined to bring our services to more Queenslanders and this new regional office is an important step in ensuring everyone can access our specialist advice, including our free Will making service.

'Not only will our existing Nambour Office remain open, we will also be commencing travelling visits throughout the region, including to Caloundra and Noosa to better serve the community,' Mr Carne said.

The Public Trustee of Queensland was established in 1916 and makes over 22,000 free Wills each year, it has 15 regional offices throughout the state and provides economical and accessible trustee and associated services to all Queenslanders.

Services provided by the Public Trustee include administration of deceased estates, financial management for people with impaired capacity for decision making and obtaining probate for private executors.

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