Backing Jobs for
Central Queensland

The Queensland Budget will directly support Central Queensland with significant expenditure in 2019-20 including:

**Infrastructure**
$1.1B
for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around 3,600 jobs in this region in 2019-20.

**Health**
$622.8M
for the Central Queensland Queensland Hospital and Health Service.

**Education**
$43.7M
to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Central Queensland.

440 estimated businesses in Central Queensland will benefit from an increase to the payroll tax free threshold and the regional discount as part of the $885 million Payroll Tax Package.

Central Queensland will also benefit from:

**Capricorn Highway**
$89M
for upgrades to the Capricorn Highway, including duplicating a section between Rockhampton and Gracemere, in partnership with the Australian Government.

**Drought Assistance Package and Queensland Drought Reform**
$74.6M
up to $74.6 million over four years to support drought affected communities and for the commencement of Queensland Drought Reform.

**Hydrogen Strategy**
$19M
to establish an agenda for renewable hydrogen industry attraction and to incentivise job creation, regional growth, innovation and development.

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**Building our Regions**
$61.2 million allocated to 30 projects to provide funding for critical infrastructure in Central Queensland to support economic development, including generating jobs.

**Works for Queensland**
$48.3 million provided to regional councils to undertake 1,57 maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Central Queensland.

**Skilling Queenslanders for Work**
$23.3 million allocated to provide training to 2,949 people, including 1,780 people who have now been employed.

**Back to Work**
$21.5 million of payments have been paid to 1,049 employers to employ 2,256 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

**Restoring frontline services in Central Queensland**

168 extra nurses up 14%
95 extra doctors up 40.1%
185 extra teachers up 8.2%
71 extra teacher aides up 13.3%

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1. Yeppoon State School
   $250,000 in 2019-20 to refurbish the school tuckshop.

2. Yeppoon State High School
   $1.5 million in 2019-20 out of a $4.9 million total spend to construct a new building with administration and refurbish old administration into five learning areas.

3. Great Keppel Island Rejuvenation Pilot
   $17.7 million in 2019-20 out of a $25 million total spend to deliver enabling infrastructure to stimulate tourism development on the island and throughout the region.

4. Capricornia Correctional Centre expansion
   $68 million in 2019-20 out of a $243.2 million total spend to increase capacity by 348 cells, deliver infrastructure for increased prison industries, expand car parking, and upgrade wastewater, mechanical services and electronic security systems.

5. Bruce Highway (Torranoa Drive, Rockhampton)
   $15 million in 2019-20 out of a $36 million total spend to improve intersection of Torranoa Drive and Yaamba Road at Glenlee. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

6. North West Island campground
   $850,000 in 2019-20 out of a $900 million total spend to redevelop and upgrade the campground.

7. Bruce Highway, Rockhampton Northern Access upgrade
   $29.1 million in 2019-20 out of a $121 million total spend (stage 1) to widen the highway from two to four lanes between Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road intersection and Ramsay Creek. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

8. Rockhampton road train access
   $14.9 million in 2019-20 out of a $30 million total spend (stage 2) to complete improvements to intersections and road train access on Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road. Part of the State Infrastructure Fund and the Northern Australia Beef Roads Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

9. Rockhampton Ambulance Station and Operational Centre
   $1.3 million in 2019-20 out of a $7 million total spend to upgrade the facility.

10. Yeppoon rail line
    $1.1 million in 2019-20 out of a $5 million total spend to reinstate a section of track.

11. Capricorn Highway duplication (Rockhampton to Gracemere)
    $35.9 million in 2019-20 out of a $75 million total spend to duplicate a section of the highway from two to four lanes. Part of the Northern Australia Roads Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

12. Stanwell Power Station
    $5.2 million in 2019-20 out of a $342.6 million total spend for various refurbishments and improvements to deliver better service performance.

13. Emerald State High School
    $1.7 million in 2019-20 out of a $2.4 million total spend to replace air-conditioning.

14. Emerald Saleyards upgrade
    $504,732 in 2019-20 out of a $1 million total spend to upgrade the complex to provide a larger spelling area, double-decker dump ramp, all-weather hay shed, and grade structure as part of the $515 million Building our Regions Program. The Australian Government will also contribute funds.

15. Rookwood Weir
    $83 million in 2019-20 out of a $352 million total spend to support the construction of the 76,000 megalitre Rookwood Weir on the Fitzroy River that will provide drought contingency supplies for Rockhampton, Gladstone and Yeppoon. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

16. Black Gully Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade
    $1 million in 2019-20 out of a $5 million total spend to increase the capacity of the plant to 10,000 equivalent people and to produce Class C disinfected recycled water. Part of the $515 million Building our Regions Program.

17. Capricorn Highway (Rockhampton to Emerald)
    $16.8 million in 2019-20 out of a $19 million total spend to construct overtaking lanes and conduct wide centre line treatment between Gracemere and Emerald. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

18. Bajool-Port Alma Road
    $10.4 million in 2019-20 out of a $14.5 million total spend to widen pavement and conduct safety upgrades on a 10.7 km section of the road. Part of the Northern Australia Roads Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

19. Fairbairn Dam improvement project
    $18.6 million in 2019-20 out of a $40 million total spend to continue construction of gravity sidewalls in the spillway chute to enhance the dam to meet future extreme weather events.

20. Curtis Island National Park - Connor Bluff day use area development
    $140,000 in 2019-20 out of a $400,000 total spend to construct new day-use area and visitor access.

21. RG Tanna Coal Terminal projects
    $36.8 million in 2019-20 out of a $258.2 million total spend to upgrade and maintain the terminal at the Port of Gladstone.
Queensland Hydrogen Industry Strategy

The Palaszczuk Government has released the $19 million Queensland Hydrogen Industry Strategy, to support regional Queensland to develop a world-class sustainable hydrogen industry.

The Government has allocated $15 million of this funding to an industry development fund to advance renewable hydrogen projects in Queensland.

While the growth of the hydrogen industry will benefit all of Queensland, regional Queensland is in prime position to benefit, with large-scale developments expected to be in regional locations.

Gladstone has already benefited from Government support for the industry, with funding to support CSIRO in undertaking a pre-feasibility study on establishing a hydrogen demonstration plant.

Gladstone has been identified as a potential hydrogen hub for good reasons. Its existing industries, gas infrastructure, access to a deepwater export port, and an existing skilled workforce make it an attractive location for a growing industry.

Rookwood Weir progress

The $352 million Rookwood Weir project will enhance both water security and agricultural and industrial development in Central Queensland. The project is expected to create 100 jobs in regional Queensland during construction.

It is estimated the weir could add 76,000 megalitres of water for agricultural production along the Fitzroy River, as well as an eventual back-up supply for Gladstone, Rockhampton and Livingstone Shire.

The Queensland and Australian governments are working in partnership to deliver the project. In parallel, Sunwater has progressed preparatory works, with early works for the project expected to commence in the second half of 2019.

In addition to the new weir, the project includes the construction of low level bridges at Riverslea and Foleysvale crossings, upgrades to Thirsty Creek Road and the Capricorn Highway intersection at Gogogo, and the installation of culverts at Hanrahan Crossing.

To see more Palaszczuk Government initiatives for Central Queensland visit budget.qld.gov.au

KEY

- Community wellbeing
- Utilities
- Health
- Education
- Transport and roads
- Justice and safety
- Government services
- Recreation and culture

- Statewide/region-wide
- Election commitment

Gladstone Port services
$32.4 million in 2019-20 out of a $87.2 million total spend relating to East Shores Stage 1B, channel duplication investigations, marina bulk earthworks, and upgrade stormwater culverts at Bryan Jordan Drive.

Gladstone Hospital emergency department
$22.1 million in 2019-20 out of a $42 million total spend to construct a new emergency department including a new main hospital entrance and bridging link. Part of the Enhancing Regional Hospitals Program.

Toooola State High School
$1.9 million in 2019-20 out of a $4.6 million total spend to construct a new building with four specialist areas.

Gladstone-Benaraby Road
(Dalrymple Drive to Bruce Highway intersection)
$9.4 million in 2019-20 out of a $20.6 million total spend to conduct various safety improvements.

Bruce Highway (Benaraby to Calliope River)
$21.4 million in 2019-20 out of a $40.3 million total spend to conduct safety works and widen pavement. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

Hatchery relocation project
$5.3 million in 2019-20 out of a $6.7 million total spend to relocate the Gladstone Fish Hatchery to new site at Awoonga Dam.

Muster Point
$1.6 million in 2019-20 out of a $1.7 million total spend to construct an emergency shelter near Awoonga Dam to assist in the event of a flood.

Agnes Water State School
$860,000 in 2019-20 to improve traffic safety for students, staff and the community.

Callide Power Station
$97 million in 2019-20 out of a $142.4 million total spend for CS Energy to undertake overhauls, replacement, enhancement and refurbishment of assets, and for Powerlink to install a new transformer, reconfigure the 132KV network and retire Callide A substation to ensure continued reliability of supply to the area.

Kroombit National Park
$390,000 in 2019-20 out of a $736,000 total spend to improve visitor facilities to meet levels of visitation and expected future increases.

Biloela replacement police facility
$200,000 in 2019-20 out of a $2.1 million total spend to replace the police facility.

Great Barrier Reef Rejuvenation Program
$24.9 million in 2019-20 out of a $25 million total spend to help industry rejuvenate the Great Barrier Reef Island resorts and offer world-class experiences to visitors.

Rockhampton Drug Rehabilitation and Treatment Facility
$988,000 in 2019-20 out of $9.5 million total spend for a new 42-bed residential alcohol and other drug rehabilitation and treatment facility in Rockhampton. The facility will include 32 beds for residential rehabilitation, eight beds for withdrawal stage treatment, two family units and the capacity for a non-residential day program. Part of the Action on Ice Strategy.

Please note: Not all Government expenditure for the region is shown. Dollar amounts may include capital and operating expenditure, though may not represent the entire funding allocated.

Rookwood Weir artist impression
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+ From joint commitments totalling $39 million for business and industry, the Queensland and Australian governments will provide a $22 million Beef Recovery Package, to tackle devastation from the North and Far North Queensland monsoon trough. The Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority will administer Australian Government funding of $300 million over three years to assist primary producers and their stock get back on their feet.

Payroll Tax Package

$885 million of targeted payroll tax initiatives to support business and create employment, including:

- an increase to the payroll tax free threshold for small business from $1.1 million to $1.3 million
- a discount of 1 percentage point on the relevant payroll tax rate for employers with more than 85% of their employees residing outside SEQ
- a rebate for taking on additional full-time employees of up to $20,000
- an extension of the 50% payroll tax rebate for businesses that employ apprentices and trainees.

2019–20 Revenue

Grants revenue: 46.4%

Other revenue: 11.3%

State taxation revenue: 25.1%

Dividends and tax equivalents: 3.7%

Interest income: 3.5%

Sales of goods and services: 9.9%

2019–20 Expenses

Transport: 10.5%

Public order and safety: 9.4%

Environmental protection, recreation and culture: 2.3%

Social protection, housing and other community services: 9.2%

Education: 24.9%

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