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Backing Jobs for Outback Queensland

Recovery and Resilience Against Natural Disasters

An estimated \$93.6 million for the provision of financial assistance for capital works to disaster affected communities in 2018-19.

Building our Regions

\$40.3 million allocated to 62 projects to provide funding for critical infrastructure in Outback Queensland to support economic development, including generating jobs.

(March 2015 to March 2019)

Drought Relief Assistance Scheme

\$32.2 million in financial assistance provided to 1,284 farms to help manage the adverse impacts of drought.

(March 2015 to April 2019)

Back to Work

\$5.7 million of payments have been paid to 250 employers to employ 631 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(July 2016 to May 2019)

Restoring frontline services in Outback Queensland

Growth from March 2015 to March 2019



68
extra
nurses
up
11.5%



32
extra
doctors
up
47.8%



38
extra
teachers
up
5.4%



12 extra
teacher
aides
up
5.6%

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

Infrastructure

\$436.9M

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around

1,600

jobs in this region in 2019-20.

Health

\$425.8M

for the Cairns and Hinterland, Townsville, Torres and Cape, North West, Central West and South West Hospital and Health Services.

Education

\$10M

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Outback Queensland.

120 estimated businesses in Outback 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**

Outback Queensland will also benefit from:

Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction

\$236.2M

for grants to local governments for recovery and reconstruction projects for natural disaster events statewide.

Country Racing Program

\$70.4M

over four years from 2017-18 to deliver a country racing package to support non-TAB clubs, including funding for racing club infrastructure across Queensland.

Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund & Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund

\$46M

over five years from 2017-18 to grow tourism state-wide by developing new and improved tourism experiences or products and develop tourism industry capability.



**Queensland
Government**

Outback Queensland

1 Leika Murrin restaurant and kiosk development

\$250,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$1 million total spend to renovate the Leika Murrin building, the site of the old Gununa Tavern, to provide a food service hub. Part of the \$515 million Building our Regions Program.

2 Mornington Island State School

\$729,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$757,000 total spend to replace air-conditioning.

3 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program

\$720,000 in 2019-20 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Normanton.

4 Adels Grove Conference Room and Camp Kitchen

\$112,500 for a new Camp Kitchen for campers and caravanners. Part of the Outback Tourism Industry Infrastructure Fund, delivered in partnership with the private sector.

5 Cobbold Gorge Glass Bridge

\$461,700 to construct a glass bottom bridge, spanning an 11 metre gap over Cobbold Gorge. Part of the Outback Tourism Industry Infrastructure Fund, delivered in partnership with the private sector.

6 Kennedy Developmental Road (Hann Highway)

\$11.3 million in 2019-20 out of a \$50 million total spend to pave and seal approximately 42km of the remaining unsealed sections between The Lynd and Hughenden. Part of the Northern Australia Roads Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

7 Gregory Downs-Camooweal Road

\$3.3 million in 2019-20 out of a \$4.5 million total spend to pave and seal sections of road and improve a floodway and intersections.

8 Moondarra to Mount Isa terminal reservoir pipeline upgrade

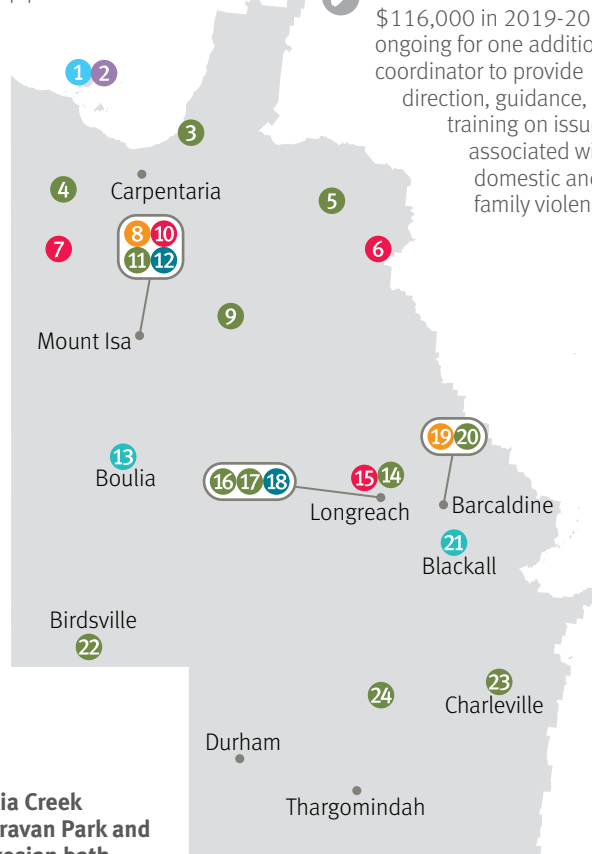
\$1.9 million in 2019-20 out of a \$2.8 million total spend to complete the renewal of selected sections of the pipeline.

11 Riversleigh Fossil Centre revitalisation

\$1.2 million, includes new interactive displays, modernisation of existing displays, improvements to accessibility, new cabinetry, theatrical lighting, audio and climate control. Part of the Outback Tourism Industry Infrastructure Fund, delivered in partnership with the Mount Isa City Council.

12 District domestic and family violence coordinators

\$116,000 in 2019-20 and ongoing for one additional coordinator to provide direction, guidance, and training on issues associated with domestic and family violence.



9 Julia Creek Caravan Park and artesian bath and landscaping

\$244,924 to construct two new 'boundary rider huts' and a network of pathways. Part of the Outback Tourism Industry Infrastructure Fund, delivered in partnership with McKinlay Shire Council.

10 Barkly Highway (Cloncurry to Mount Isa)

\$4.8 million in 2019-20 out of a \$8.3 million total spend to upgrade nine intersections from Abel Smith Parade intersection to Camooweal Street intersection. Part of the Northern Australia Roads Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

13 Boulia Community Hospital refurbishment

\$3.9 million in 2019-20 out of a \$7.2 million total spend to construct a replacement primary health care centre. Funded from the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

14 5 star Eco Lodges

\$510,000 to construct a mix of 5 star lodges in the form of permanent tents. The project is eco-friendly, utilising solar and water treatment plants. Part of the Outback Tourism Industry Infrastructure Fund, delivered in partnership with the private sector.

15 Landsborough Highway (Longreach to Winton)

\$15 million in 2019-20 out of a \$25 million total spend to widen and strengthen pavement between Dingo Creek and Darr River. Part of the Northern Australia Roads Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

16 QANTAS Foundation Super Constellation Interior Construction and Display Area

\$366,000 to construct a display area inside a rare Qantas Super Constellation aircraft in a 1950s style. A multimedia display area will explain the significance of the aircraft. Part of the Outback Tourism Industry Infrastructure Fund, delivered in partnership with the private sector.

17 Outback Rail Adventure

\$1 million to construct a workshop/storage shed for the rail and train and an undercover storage area. The tourist rail motor experience will be a 3 day 2 night tourist experience between Emerald and Winton. Part of the Outback Tourism Industry Infrastructure Fund, delivered in partnership with the private sector.

18 Longreach replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station

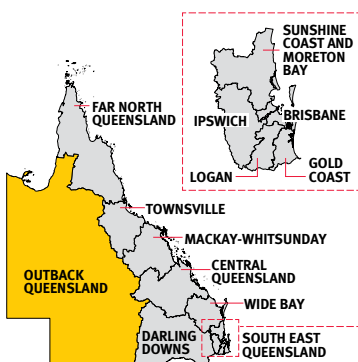
\$100,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$3.1 million total spend to replace the facility.

19 Barcardine power station and substation

\$3.4 million in 2019-20 out of a \$7.6 million total spend to upgrade the gas turbine and control systems and on protection refurbishment work to improve network performance.

20 Australian Workers Heritage Centre

\$1.7 million in 2019-20 out of a \$2.2 million total spend for a purpose designed entry building.



Adventure in the Outback

The Palaszczuk Government declared 2019 as the Year of Outback Tourism – a celebration of Queensland’s outback spirit through the promotion of outback tourism, history, culture, landscapes, events and achievements.

Tourism is vital for the outback’s future and the Queensland Government is committed to the growth of outback communities. The Government has invested considerably in Outback Queensland – providing communities and businesses with opportunities to access funding to help showcase what their region has to offer.

The Premier’s Outback Events Program provided \$3 million for councils, community groups and businesses to help establish new events or to extend existing events and throw out the welcome mat to tourists.

Part of the Government’s \$36 million Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund has been allocated to construct new infrastructure at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum in Winton. The museum is enhancing its tourism offerings to attract even more visitors from the growing paleo-tourism market.



Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum

Investing in Queensland’s mining industry

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the significant contribution our resources sector makes in promoting employment, exports and economic growth for Queensland.

The North West Minerals Province, centred around Mount Isa and Cloncurry, contains 75 per cent of the State’s base metal mineral endowment, containing copper, lead and zinc, as well as silver and phosphate deposits and rare earth potential.

Queensland Rail’s Mount Isa Line and the Port of Townsville form critical links between the region’s diverse mining activities and access to international markets.

To support the growth of Queensland’s mining industry, the Government has committed \$20 million per annum to subsidise below-rail user access charges on the Mount Isa Line. The rail subsidy is expected to support existing mining operations, increase the viability of mine expansions, and encourage new investment in the region.

The Government is also investing \$30 million over two years towards the construction and operation of loading and unloading facilities at the Port of Townsville, enabling increased capacity for containerised freight on the Mount Isa Line.

KEY

	Community wellbeing
	Utilities
	Health
	Education
	Transport and roads
	Justice and safety
	Government services
	Recreation and culture
	Statewide/region-wide
	Election commitment

21 Blackall Hospital redevelopment
\$2.7 million in 2019-20 out of a \$17.9 million total spend to construct a new community hospital in Blackall. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

22 Birdsville Court House Hologram Project
\$120,000 to install hologram technology on the old Birdsville Courthouse that tells the history of the courthouse. Part of the Outback Tourism Industry Infrastructure Fund, delivered in partnership with Diamantina Shire Council.

23 Enriching Outback Tourism: Experience the Brisbane Line

\$1.2 million for an experiential lab that will recreate virtual reconstructions of the ‘top secret’ US base station and other infrastructure. Part of the Outback Tourism Industry Infrastructure Fund, delivered in partnership with Murweh Shire Council.

24 Quilpie Rugby League
\$200,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$207,680 total spend to replace existing playing surface to support rugby league. Part of the Footy Facilities Fund.

25 Disaster recovery and reconstruction
\$62.1 million in 2019-20 to reimburse Local Government for recovery and reconstruction projects for natural disaster events which have occurred between 2017 and 2019. In partnership with the Australian Government. Part of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

26 Freedom Parks in Aramac, Jericho and Muttaborra
\$572,000 for a trail of freedom parks, which will cater for self-sufficient campers. Part of the Outback Tourism Industry Infrastructure Fund, delivered in partnership with Barcaldine Shire Council.

27 Homelessness services
\$5.2 million in 2019-20 for homelessness services in Outback Queensland.

28 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
\$990,000 in 2019-20 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Mount Isa and Longreach.

29 Mount Isa Transitional Hub
\$829,000 in 2019-20 for a transitional hub in Mount Isa to deliver after hours diversion services to high risk young people.

30 Public library grants
\$307,000 in 2019-20 to supply public library resources to public libraries in Outback Queensland.

31 Remote Indigenous Housing
\$228.3 million in 2019-20 to support better housing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in remote and discrete communities statewide, including construction of new dwellings. Includes the Indigenous Home Ownership Program and funding under the National Partnership on Remote Housing.

32 Rural staff accommodation - Hughenden and Richmond hospitals
\$572,952 in 2019-20 out of a \$2.5 million total spend to construct staff accommodation to attract and retain qualified staff. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

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.

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

Jobs supported by infrastructure

40,500

Total infrastructure program over four years

\$49.5B

Total spend on road and transport in 2019-20

\$5.6B

Youth Justice Investment over five years

\$332.5M

Education and training in 2019-20

\$14.9B

Health in 2019-20

\$18.5B

Additional justice system investment over five years

\$847.9M

Lowering cost of living

\$5.7B

Payroll Tax Package

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

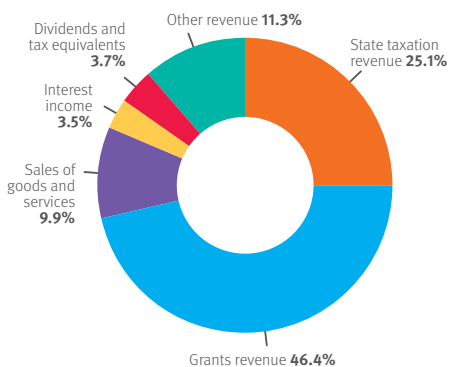
- + an increase to the payroll tax free threshold for small business from \$1.1 million to \$1.3 million
- + a discount of 1 percentage point on the relevant payroll tax rate for employers with more than 85% of their employees residing outside SEQ
- + a rebate for taking on additional full-time employees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

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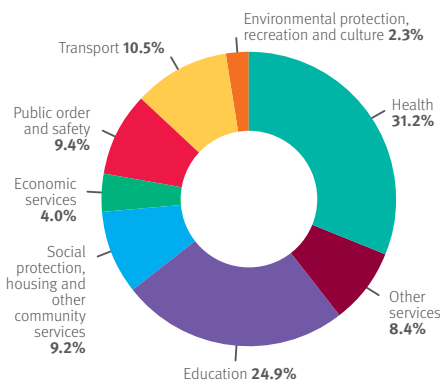
Queensland's diversified economy provides a unique business environment that places the State ahead of the pack. The Palaszczuk Government continues to work with and support businesses to create employment opportunities and community prosperity.

- + \$12.9 billion capital works program to directly support 40,500 jobs across Queensland in 2019-20.
- + \$250 million to CleanCo for new renewable energy generation, creating more jobs on top of the 4000 Queensland jobs in the solar, wind and hydro sectors.
- + \$2.7 billion to support safe, secure, reliable and cost-effective energy and water, and to enhance the productive capacity of businesses, industries and communities.
- + \$420 million towards Skilling Queenslanders for Work, to help eligible Queenslanders get the skills, qualifications and direct assistance they need to enter and stay in the workforce.
- + \$2.4 billion police operating budget as well as \$69.8 million capital for new, upgraded and replacement police facilities, including \$28 million to continue work on the \$52.2 million Counter-Terrorism and Community Safety Training Centre at Wacol.
- + \$22 million towards 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.
- + \$1.2 billion education portfolio capital program, including new schools, education facilities, and refurbishments.
- + \$777.7 million for health infrastructure to support service delivery.
- + \$479.3 million for new social housing and upgrades.
- + 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.
- + \$254 million in joint funding with the Australian Government for additional natural disaster recovery packages.

2019-20 Revenue



2019-20 Expenses



Economic Growth

