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

- **Infrastructure**
  - $587.8M
  - for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around 2,200 jobs in this region in 2019-20.

- **Health**
  - $2.7B
  - for Wide Bay, Darling Downs and Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Services.

- **Education**
  - $46.2M
  - to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Wide Bay.

**480** estimated businesses in Wide Bay will benefit from an increase to the payroll tax free threshold and the regional discount as part of the **$885 million Payroll Tax Package**

Wide Bay will also benefit from:

- **Skilling Queenslanders for Work**
  - $420M
  - over six years to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation.

- **Ambulance Vehicle Purchases**
  - $105.1M
  - to continue procuring Queensland Ambulance Services (QAS) operational vehicles to ensure the continued effectiveness of QAS response teams.

- **Bruce Highway Upgrade Program**
  - $6.5B
  - for upgrades to the Bruce Highway including safety improvements for the Wide Bay region in partnership with the Australian Government.
Backing Jobs for Wide Bay

1. Mon Repos Turtle Centre and Conservation Park
   $7.5 million in 2019-20 out of a $21.1 million total spend to redevelop the visitor centre. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

2. Gooburrum State School
   $2.2 million in 2019-20 out of a $3.6 million total spend to construct a new building with four learning areas.

3. Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
   $518,000 in 2019-20 to protect environmental and indigenous cultural heritage values in Bundaberg as part of the $12 million 2019-20 Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program. Delivered in partnership with the private sector.

4. Bundaberg Hospital pathology department refurbishment
   $3 million in 2019-20 out of a $4 million total spend to upgrade the pathology department including redesign of the workspace and electrical works. Part of the Priority Capital Program.

5. Bundaberg State High School
   $7.7 million in 2019-20 out of a $10.5 million total spend for refurbishment and upgrade works to improve educational facilities.

6. Branyan Road State School
   $1.4 million in 2019-20 out of a $2.9 million total spend to construct a new building with four learning areas.

7. Gin Gin substation rebuild
   $6 million in 2019-20 out of a $22.8 million total spend to replace aged substation assets to ensure continued reliability of supply to the surrounding area.

8. Burrum Heads Bowls Club
   $61,875 in 2019-20 out of a $125,000 total spend to construct an outdoor assembly area and an all-weather walkway.

9. Hervey Bay State High School
   $2.5 million in 2019-20 out of a $10 million total spend to construct a performing arts centre and additional classrooms.

10. Howard substation upgrade
    $3.5 million in 2019-20 out of a $8.2 million total spend to carry out substation refurbishment to improve network performance.

11. Torbanlea-Plaia Road
    The jointly funded $30 million upgrade, between Torbanlea and Hervey Bay, will upgrade an intersection and floodway along a 3km section of road.

12. Paradise Dam improvement project
    $7.8 million in 2019-20 out of a $12.1 million total spend to continue planning works to enhance the spillway to meet future extreme weather events.

13. Eidsvold Multi Purpose Health Service
    $600,000 in 2019-20 out of a $2.2 million total spend to complete the redesign, refurbishment and remodelling of the facility in order to improve patient flow, models of care, security, storage and service delivery. Part of the Priority Capital Program.

    $480,000 in 2019-20 to protect environmental and indigenous cultural heritage values in Hervey Bay and K’gari (Fraser Island), as part of the $12 million 2019-20 Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program.

15. River Heads boat ramp
    $50,000 in 2019-20 out of a $497,094 total spend to deliver a new carpark and boat ramp apron area at River Heads on the Fraser Coast. Part of the $515 million Building our Regions Program.

16. Searle Street, Maryborough, depot
    $3 million in 2019-20 out of a $4.7 million total spend to continue redevelopment of the depot.

17. Maryborough Hospital
    $5.5 million in 2019-20 out of a $14 million total spend to refurbish the emergency department and other general upgrades and improvements.

18. Maryborough State High School
    $6 million in 2019-20 out of a $10.5 million total spend for refurbishment and upgrade works to improve educational facilities.

19. Eskdale Park Trust
    $695,000 in 2019-20 out of a $500,000 total spend to upgrade lighting and irrigation and replace perimeter fencing to support rugby league at Maryborough.

20. Maryborough-Cooloola Road, Poona and Maaroop Road intersection upgrades
    $100,000 in 2019-20 out of a $850,000 total spend to improve the Poona turnoff and Maaroop turnoff.

21. Bakers Road Floodway
    $95,000 in 2019-20 out of a $272,000 total spend for Bakers Road Floodway for recovery from STC Debbie.

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.
Abandoned Mine Lands Program - Rainbow Beach
$599,000 in 2019-20 out of a $2.5 million total spend to manage sand mining legacy issues at Rainbow Beach. Part of the Abandoned Mine Lands Program.

Rainbow Beach replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station
$200,000 in 2019-20 out of a $2 million total spend to replace the auxiliary fire and rescue station.

Tooralla Forest substation upgrade
$1.4 million in 2019-20 out of a $5.4 million total spend to carry out transformer replacements to improve network performance.

Bruce Highway (Fleming Road to Fishermans Pocket Road)
$4.8 million in 2019-20 out of a $11.5 million total spend to upgrade intersections near Chatsworth. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

James Nash State High School
$530,000 in 2019-20 out of a $4.3 million total spend to construct a new building with four learning areas and two specialist areas.

Football Gympie Inc.
$23,913 in 2019-20 out of a $44,950 total spend to upgrade an officials room and install a parents’ room in the clubhouse to support female participation. Part of the Female Facilities Program.

One Mile State School
$1.5 million in 2019-20 out of a $2.7 million total spend to replace a school block.

Murgon State High School
$3.4 million in 2019-20 out of a $10 million total spend to construct a hall and a new purpose built administration building.

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- Utilities
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- Government services
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Kingaroy Hospital redevelopment
$23.8 million in 2019-20 out of a $73.9 million total spend for redevelopment that will enable the delivery of contemporary and future models of care, increasing the range of surgical services available. This project will increase the number of patient treatment spaces to improve the hospital’s role as a hub for trauma, paediatric, obstetric, rehabilitation and mental health services. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

Tarong Power Station
$101.7 million in 2019-20 out of a $353.7 million total spend to design and construct a Fly Ash plant, as well as a range of refurbishments and improvements.

Meandu Mine
$34.8 million in 2019-20 out of a $201.2 million total spend to develop future mining areas and to replace and refurbish assets.

Social housing
$28.7 million in 2019-20 to expand and improve social housing in the Wide Bay region.

Turtle centre upgrade investment

One of Bundaberg’s most iconic tourist attractions is set to benefit from increased Palaszczuk Government investment to deliver a world-class, year-round ecotourism and research attraction.

The new $21.1 million Mon Repos Turtle Centre will provide a new visitor centre, upgraded visitor facilities and an immersive ecotourism experience.

Located at Mon Repos Conservation Park, the marine turtle nesting centre provides a unique wildlife experience for visitors and supports Bundaberg’s economy and tourism industry.

The new Mon Repos Turtle Centre will include state-of-the-art marine turtle interpretation designed to harmonise with the site’s history, people and landscape. Other site works include a cycling/walking track and upgrades to boardwalks, pathways, carparks and the park amphitheatre.

Most work on the centre has been contracted to local Bundaberg or other Queensland businesses.

Upgrades for Wide Bay hospitals

The Palaszczuk Government is upgrading the Wide Bay’s key hospitals to care for a growing population.

In 2018-19 the Hervey Bay Emergency Department expansion was completed, and in 2020 the $14 million upgrade of Maryborough Hospital will be completed. These upgrades will support 15 jobs over one year and will deliver sufficient capacity to accommodate current and future service demand and support contemporary models of care.

The upgrade of the Maryborough Hospital will include over 2,000 m² of refurbishment and extensions which will create an average of 11 new jobs over two years. This includes increasing the existing emergency department to six treatment spaces, delivering a more contemporary outpatient facility for the specialists outpatient department, providing the hospital its first CT scanner, and improving the hospital’s main façade.

The Kingaroy Hospital will also be redeveloped to improve service delivery and facilities to support a growing population.

Key improvements include the extension and upgrade to the emergency department, redevelopment of perioperative areas, maternity services upgrade, inpatient and outpatient facilities including specialist consultation rooms, dialysis and new day infusion services, and a medical imaging department. Construction will create an average of 54 jobs over four years.
Back ing Queensland Jobs

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.
+ $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.
+ $2.6 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.
+ $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.
+ $254 million in joint funding with the Australian Government for additional natural disaster recovery packages.
+ $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.
+ $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.
+ 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.