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BUDGET OVERVIEW

DELIVERING
FOR QUEENSLAND



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This Budget is *Delivering for Queensland.*

Strengthening the foundation for a Fresh Start.

The Crisafulli Government's 2026-27 Budget continues to strengthen the foundation we've laid in making Queensland safer, restoring health services when Queenslanders need them most, playing our part to ease national cost of living pressures, as well as delivering generational infrastructure for all of Queensland.

BUDGET SNAPSHOT

\$7.2B

MAKING QUEENSLAND SAFER

To continue delivering stronger laws, more police, new early intervention and rehabilitation programs, as well as better resourced courts, more prevention and victim support for domestic and family violence, reform for child protection and child safety, and more support for victims of crime.

\$12.3B

A PLACE TO CALL HOME FOR MORE QUEENSLANDERS

To unlock more land for homes, deliver on the record number of social and community homes underway, deliver support for first homeowners, and support Queenslanders at risk of homelessness.

\$35.5B

HEALTH SERVICES WHEN YOU NEED THEM MOST

To deliver more free healthcare than ever before, in a record Health Budget that includes progressing the Hospital Rescue Plan, delivering more health workers, more ambulances and more health services.

\$55.9B

SAFER ROADS, BETTER TRANSPORT

To continue delivering the generational infrastructure, including roads and rail, needed to get Queenslanders home sooner and safer.

\$7.1B

GAMES DELIVERY PLAN

To start construction of the new Brisbane Stadium and progress other Games venues across Queensland.

\$23.1B

NEW SCHOOLS, SAFER CLASSROOMS AND MORE TEACHERS

To deliver safer classrooms for teachers and students, helping more kids catch up, keep up and stay in school with more schools and more teachers.

NO NEW OR INCREASED TAXES

Continued budget repair with funding for programs, services and staff the former Government left unfunded, while maintaining lower debt, reducing deficits and a return to surplus in 2029-30, all with no new or increased taxes. At a time when other governments are breaking promises, we are staying true to our word and delivering as we promised.

Budget Highlights



\$250M Keeping Our Kids Safe

Boosting the safety of children at childcare, in schools and in the community by implementing *In Plain Sight* recommendations and establishing a new Queensland Protection Commission.



\$80M Circuit Breaker Sentencing

Delivering new court-ordered remote rehabilitation-focused detention for youth offenders, to break the cycle of crime and make Queensland safer.



\$150M Back to School Boost

Better relief you can rely on with a 50% increase to the Back to School Boost, with \$150 for every primary school student.



\$50M Growing our Ag Industry

Supercharging Queensland's Primary Industries with on-farm innovation and investing in projects to boost Queensland primary production output to \$30 billion by 2030.



\$19M Fuel Security Plan

Fast-tracking the Taroom Trough Development Plan and investing in new refining and storage capability on Queensland soil.



\$8.8M Healthy Kindy Kids

Expanding program statewide, with free vision, hearing and speech development checks for children in kindergarten, giving them the best chance to be ready for school.



\$146M to unlock Critical Minerals

Accelerating the extraction, processing and export of high-quality critical minerals to the world, and driving new investment into projects and infrastructure.



\$200M Residential Care Repair

Fixing the broken Residential Care system and implementing the Commission of Inquiry recommendations as well as boosting foster care with more practical support for carers.



\$330M Reef Conservation

Investing record funding into the conservation and protection of the Great Barrier Reef, to protect it for future generations.



22 New Schools

Building the schools needed for our growing population, so kids can catch up, keep up and stay in school. This record \$2.3 billion investment includes nine new special schools to provide more choice for parents.



\$5.2B Energy Roadmap

Delivering our plan for affordable, reliable and sustainable electricity for Queenslanders, including passing on lower power prices for small businesses and families through Ergon.



3 new and 10 expanded hospitals

Delivering the fully-funded Hospital Rescue Plan with new Toowoomba, Coomera and Bundaberg Hospitals, the Queensland Cancer Centre of Excellence and 10 hospital expansions.

Capital projects

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

- > Barron River Bridge
- > Barlow Park upgrade
- > New Youth Justice School
- > Cairns Hospital upgrade

NORTH and NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND

- > New Crime Prevention and Special Schools
- > Townsville University Hospital upgrade
- > Kirwan Police Complex Stage 2
- > CopperString

WESTERN and SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND

- > Support for Taroom Trough
- > Longreach Water Security
- > Diamantina Developmental Road upgrade
- > Alpha-Tambo Road upgrade

DARLING DOWNS

- > New Toowoomba Hospital
- > Equestrian Centre of Excellence
- > Brigalow Gas Peaker
- > A new Back Creek Bridge at Cooyar

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FOR QUEENSLAND

MACKAY-WHITSUNDAYS

- > Harrup Park upgrade
- > Mackay Hospital expansion
- > Mackay-Bucasia Road upgrade
- > New Rural Fire Brigade Stations at Abbot Point and Mount Ossa

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

- > Upgrades for Olympic and Paralympic rowing and canoeing
- > Gracemere High School and Health Sciences Academy
- > Rockhampton Youth Foyer
- > Rockhampton Hospital ED upgrades

WIDE BAY-BURNETT

- > Paradise Dam rebuild
- > Manufacturing Hub in Maryborough
- > New Bundaberg Hospital and Hervey Bay Hospital expansion
- > Hervey Bay Fire Station

THE SUNSHINE COAST

- > The Wave all the way to the Sunshine Coast Airport
- > Mooloolah River Interchange
- > Caloundra Congestion Busting Plan
- > Upgrading Sunshine Coast Stadium

METRO NORTH and METRO SOUTH

- > Hospital Rescue Plan upgrades to Redcliffe, Prince Charles, Princess Alexandra, QEII, Logan and Ipswich hospitals and Queensland Cancer Centre of Excellence
- > Bribie Island Bridge
- > New special schools at Wynnum-Manly, Berrinba, Beenleigh, Moreton Bay South, Springfield-Redbank, Ipswich West and Logan Reserve
- > New TAFE Centre of Excellence in Moreton Bay and a Marine Centre of Excellence on Russell Island

THE GOLD COAST

- > Gold Coast Transport Plan
- > New Coomera Hospital
- > New Coomera Special School
- > New Wildlife and Marine Hospitals

A Message from the Treasurer

This Budget is strengthening the foundation we've laid for a Fresh Start.

We are *delivering for Queensland*, just as we promised.

This year's Budget strengthens the foundation for a fresh start, in the face of significant international and national pressures.

Rising interest rates and surging inflation, a national fuel crisis caused by global war, uncertainty from the Federal Budget and the budget challenges we inherited, have all placed considerable pressures on the Queensland Budget. Despite these challenges, the 2026-27 Budget continues to deliver on our commitments, all with no new or increased taxes.

This is a Budget delivering better services through a stronger economy for all Queenslanders with relief you can rely on, building Queensland's future with generational infrastructure and a place to call home for more Queenslanders, and making Queensland safer with more police, stronger laws, early intervention and rehabilitation.

We've avoided the easy decisions made by other jurisdictions that have chosen to increase taxes and reduce services. We are continuing budget repair after a decade of the former Government's fiscal mismanagement left Queensland with record debt, ongoing deficits and unfunded pressures baked in.

This Budget continues the calm and methodical delivery of our promises with respect for Queenslanders' money, a focus on helping Queenslanders through the tough times and making responsible decisions for now, and in the future.

This Budget is *delivering for Queensland*.



Hon David Janetzki MP

Treasurer, Minister for Energy
and Minister for Home Ownership

A Message from the Finance Minister

This Budget is *delivering for Queensland* with relief you can rely on through responsible decisions for now and in the future.

This Budget continues restoring respect for Queenslanders' money while also delivering on all our commitments, despite significant pressures due to global uncertainty, rising inflation and interest rates, and decisions taken in the Federal Budget.

Since coming to Government, we have been open for business, repairing our international reputation, supporting our exporters and providing investment certainty and stability to strengthen our economy, which is delivering benefits for all Queenslanders.

While the Federal Budget has left both households with uncertainty and State Governments with additional costs, we remain committed to a Budget that plays our part in easing costs on families and businesses from both global uncertainty and national cost pressures, all with no new or increased taxes.

This is a Budget that is protecting jobs, growing the frontline, investing in our skilled workforce and the infrastructure for Queensland's future, and putting a handbrake on the growth of the senior executive, to continue restoring respect for Queenslanders' money after the financial mismanagement of the former Government.

That's why a focus of this Budget is building a stronger economy by restoring our sovereign capabilities. This includes restoring our ability to drill, refine and store fuel, open new gas exploration, and extract, process and export our highly sought critical minerals to the world.

Only by making the responsible decisions for now and in the future are we able to continue making Queensland safer, building Queensland's future and delivering better services through a stronger economy.



Hon Ros Bates MP

Minister for Finance, Trade,
Employment and Training

Delivering for Queensland

Strengthening the foundation for a fresh start, across youth crime, health, housing, cost of living, with a plan for the Games and Queensland's future.

This Budget is **delivering better services through a stronger economy** by restoring our sovereign capabilities, with a Fuel Security Plan for Queensland, including fast-tracking the delivery of the Taroom Trough Development Plan to reach mass production sooner, and investing in new refining and storage capability on Queensland soil. The Budget unlocks Queensland's critical minerals with a new fund to accelerate extraction, processing and export of high-quality critical minerals to the world, driving investment in new critical minerals projects as well as reopening former mines to extract critical minerals.

The Budget continues to deliver relief you can rely on, with no new or increased taxes, a larger \$150 Back to School Boost, the continued rollout of Women's Career Grants supporting women returning to work after a career break, and *Play On!* Sports Vouchers to support families. The *Energy Roadmap Price Drop* will pass on power price savings directly to all Ergon customers, saving families around 7% and small businesses 8% on their bills, complemented by the continued indexation of energy rebates for vulnerable households.

To continue **building Queensland's future**, the Hospital Rescue Plan is delivering three new and ten expanded hospitals and a health workforce to operate them, with new CT Scanners, MRIs, Transit Lounges and *Step Up, Step Down* services boosting health services in regional Queensland. Already investments in the health system are delivering results, with ambulance ramping down to a half-decade low and the elective surgery waitlist not only stabilised but coming down month on month for the first time in half a decade. Over 200 new beds will be delivered this financial year.

The Budget continues a record investment into new schools and the teachers to staff them with 22 new schools, including four new primary schools, three new high schools, and nine new special schools. This will be supported by safer classrooms with more safety officers and support, and the next phase of red tape reduction to free teachers up from admin, to help kids catch up, keep up and stay in school.

This Budget delivers a place to call home for more Queenslanders, with a super-charged second round of the Residential Activation Fund, doubled to \$1 billion, and a record number of social and community housing under construction. This Budget also delivers the nation-leading Boost to Buy home ownership scheme and first home owner grants, and locks-in law abolished Stamp Duty for first buyers on new homes, for relief you can rely on.

A record pipeline of safer roads and better transport will be delivered in this Budget with *The Wave* Stage 1 progressing through design, construction continuing on Faster Rail to the Gold Coast, continued rollout of Country Roads Connect and the \$9 billion Bruce Highway Targeted Safety upgrades, as well as a new Gold Coast Transport Plan. *Permanent 50 Cent Fares* have been locked-in law in this year's Budget, all to help get Queenslanders home sooner and safer.

This Budget is building for 2032 and beyond, with delivery underway on the new Brisbane Stadium and venues like Barlow Park, Sunshine Coast Stadium, Sunshine Coast Mountain Bike Centre, Logan Indoor Sports Centre, Redland Whitewater Centre and the Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre, as well as athlete villages all progressing, as we plan to deliver a Games for all of Queensland.

To continue **making Queensland safer**, this Budget delivers more police and the next tranche of critical early intervention and rehabilitation programs, to turn young lives away from crime. The Budget supports construction

of Youth Justice Schools and Crime Prevention Schools, and the first new results driven Proven Initiatives early intervention programs, as well as the ongoing rollout of Staying on Track, and more police equipped with the resources they need to take the next steps in restoring safety where you live. Already victim numbers are down 7.2% under these programs in the first year of Adult Crime, Adult Time.

This Budget delivers major reform for child protection and child safety with the new Queensland Protection Commission to spearhead the implementation of the *In Plain Sight* review, and funding to support reform recommended by the Child Safety Commission of Inquiry. It also continues to support victims of crime, with the rollout of the landmark Victims Advocate Service to connect victims with the assistance they need.

This Budget strengthens the foundation to continue making Queensland safer, building Queensland's future, and delivering better services through a stronger economy.

Better Services through a Stronger Economy

This Budget is strengthening the foundation for relief you can rely on, health services when you need them, a plan to restore sovereign capability, and a boost to tourism.

This Budget continues delivering a fresh start for Queensland with better services through a stronger economy.

For too long Queensland's economy was crippled by fiscal mismanagement and lack of respect for Queenslanders' money with budget blowouts and blackholes under the former Government. An uncertain tax and regulatory environment saw Queenslanders struggle under the weight of broken promises of new and increased taxes. Service delivery deteriorated, and youth crime, health, housing and cost of living crises were impacting Queenslanders' daily lives. After this decade of decline, the Crisafulli Government is delivering a fresh start and this Budget is strengthening the foundation of change.

This Budget continues the important work of Budget repair, to restore services, deliver relief Queenslanders can rely on and strengthen our economy through industry, trade and tourism.

This Budget delivers the largest ongoing cost of living relief package in Queensland's history, starting with lower power prices due to the Crisafulli Government's investment in the *Energy Roadmap*, which will be passed on in full to regional Queenslanders through the *Energy Roadmap Price Drop*, for all Ergon customers. South East Queenslanders will also benefit from lower wholesale power prices as our plan for affordable, reliable and sustainable energy

continues to be rolled out and we have urged retailers to follow the Crisafulli Government's lead to pass on the savings in full.

A larger \$150 Back to School Boost for primary school students as well as *Play On!* Sports Vouchers is offering families genuine relief from national cost of living pressures, so Queensland kids can stay active and take advantage of everything school has to offer. The Women's Career Grants will support more women who are choosing to return to work after career breaks, to boost women's economic security.

This Budget locks-in law our long-term cost of living relief with *Permanent 50 Cent Fares*, axing the Patients' Tax, and abolishing stamp duty on new homes for first buyers. It's all part of permanent relief Queenslanders can rely on.

A new Fuel Security Plan will be delivered by the Crisafulli Government to restore our ability to drill, refine and store in Queensland. Mass production at the Taroom Trough will be fast-tracked and production optimised at Cooper-Eromanga basin, with new refinery capabilities and a major boost to storage capacity to be delivered under this Budget.

The Budget will strengthen the economy by unlocking our critical minerals with a new fund to accelerate extraction, processing and export of high-quality critical minerals to the world. Our plan will drive investment in new projects as well as reopening former mines to process critical minerals from tailings.

Our plan will also strengthen our economy with new tourism opportunities, as part of the Destination 2045 plan, unlocking our national parks for new ecotourism experiences. Queensland's largest ever investment to preserve and protect the Great Barrier Reef by reducing the impacts of agriculture and land run-off, will ensure this remains a powerhouse of tourism for decades to come while our world-class agricultural sector can continue to grow and thrive.

This Budget also continues restoring health services when Queenslanders need them most, with the free Kindy Kids Health Checks expanding statewide, more life-changing elective surgeries sooner under Surgery Connect, securing and reopening maternity services for regional Queensland and more free flu vaccines. The Crisafulli Government is committing every dollar of the Mental Health Levy into mental health services and infrastructure, just as we promised.

We have responded to Queenslanders who have told us faster processing for Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme claims would deliver cost relief, by investing in system improvements to deliver faster reimbursements. To help Queenslanders with the increasing costs of fuel, the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme will also be boosted by almost a third with an additional 11 cents per kilometre fuel subsidy available to patients, bringing the rebate to a nation-leading 45 cents per kilometre. These actions further support our work to deliver more free healthcare than ever before into regional Queensland, with easier access to health services, closer to home.

To back small business in Queensland with less red tape, more opportunity and greater access to government procurement, this Budget will provide access to micro-credential courses, financial counselling and coaching, wage relief through the Small Business Apprenticeship Pilot Program and easier access to government services and support.

Our veteran community will continue to be supported with access to more wellbeing services and programs. This Budget will deliver funding for commemorative events and funding to upgrade our memorials, to allow our community to commemorate the sacrifices of our servicemen and women.

DELIVERING BETTER SERVICES AND A STRONGER ECONOMY WITH RELIEF YOU CAN RELY ON:

- > Locking-in lower power prices for Ergon customers as part of the *Energy Roadmap Price Drop*, saving families around 7% and businesses 8% by passing on the full power price reduction.
- > Easing cost pressures on South East Queensland households by freezing bulk water prices for two years, saving families around \$130.
- > Reducing cost pressures on families with a 50% increase to the Back to School Boost with each primary school student to receive \$150 a year, with a \$282.7 million investment over four years.
- > Boosting women's economic security with the Women's Career Grants, reducing the costs of returning to work after a career break with \$10 million for future funding rounds.
- > Unlocking Boost to Buy for more Queenslanders as part of the \$330 million program.
- > Boosting transport affordability with *Permanent 50 Cent Fares* locked-in law.

- > Stopping Queenslanders paying more when they visit the doctor, by locking-in law the removal of the Patients' Tax, saving Queenslanders over \$100 million each year.
- > Locking-in relief for first homeowners with \$72 million for \$30,000 First Home Owner Grants for four years.
- > Making home ownership easier by locking-in law Stamp Duty relief for first home buyers on new builds.
- > Boosting the accessibility of children's sport and reducing cost pressures on families with \$200 *Play On!* Sports Vouchers, with \$250 million over four years.

DELIVERING BETTER SERVICES AND A STRONGER ECONOMY BY RESTORING SOVEREIGN CAPABILITIES:

- > Delivering the Fuel Security Plan by fast-tracking the Taroom Trough Development Plan, accelerating the development of production in the Taroom Trough, optimising production in the Cooper-Eromanga Basin, and investing in new refining capability on Queensland soil with \$19 million over two years.
- > Boosting Queensland's onshore fuel storage capacity by unlocking land near ports and fast-tracking new investment, including unlocking up to \$100 million investment by BP in additional fuel storage.
- > Unlocking Queensland's Critical Minerals, accelerating the extraction, processing and export to the world, and driving new investment into projects and infrastructure, with over \$146 million over three years.
- > Boosting advanced manufacturing, and securing local jobs for the Wide Bay Burnett region, with a new Manufacturing Hub in Maryborough to resource small business manufacturers, develop skills capability and build local supply chains, with \$925,000 over two years.
- > Securing local jobs and trains for Queensland's transport network, with the first train being manufactured in Maryborough under the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program, with \$410 million committed in 2026-27 towards the \$9.5 billion program.

DELIVERING BETTER SERVICES AND A STRONGER ECONOMY WITH HEALTH SERVICES WHEN YOU NEED THEM:

- > Giving our kindy kids a healthy start to their education by expanding free Healthy Kindy Kids health checks statewide, with \$37.5 million over five years.
- > Directing every dollar of the Mental Health Levy into new and existing mental health services.
- > Delivering more healthcare than ever before with the continued free flu vaccination program, with \$31 million in 2026-27.
- > Delivering easier access to healthcare services for regional and remote Queensland with faster payments under the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme and a boost to a nation-leading 45c/km for the fuel subsidy, the first increase in eight years with \$11.7 million from 2026-27.

- > Supporting Queenslanders with life-changing and life-saving surgeries, delivering more elective surgeries sooner with \$297 million in 2026-27 to deliver 30,000 surgeries under Surgery Connect.
- > Increasing reliability of maternity services in regional Queensland and reopening maternity services in Biloela and Cooktown, with a \$57.7 million investment into maternity services across Queensland over the next four years.

DELIVERING BETTER SERVICES AND A STRONGER ECONOMY WITH SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND VETERANS:

- > Securing employment for more Queenslanders in small business by upskilling through micro-credential courses, with \$11.5 million over three years.
- > Empowering small business through the Small Business Support Network with financial counselling and coaching, with \$16.8 million over three years.
- > Securing a pipeline of skilled workers for Queensland's future and supporting small businesses with assistance to cover the cost of apprentice wages during offsite training, under the Small Business Apprenticeship Pilot Program, with \$19 million over four years.
- > Backing more small businesses to grow and access government procurement through training and support, reduced red tape, and easier access to government services, under the Small and Family Business First Action Statement, with \$100 million.
- > Boosting regional business opportunities with support for chambers of commerce, councils, industry, trade and business networks, with the Regional Business Gateways program, with \$16 million.
- > Recognising the contribution of servicemen and women with upgrades to war memorials and commemorative events, under the Honouring our Veterans Grants, with \$1.4 million in 2026-27.
- > Delivering better support for veterans and veterans' families, by delivering the State's first Veterans and Veterans' Families Strategy.

DELIVERING BETTER SERVICES AND A STRONGER ECONOMY BY ENHANCING ECOTOURISM AND PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT:

- > Protecting the Great Barrier Reef for future generations with \$330.5 million over five years to boost water quality and reduce agricultural run-off.
- > Unlocking our national parks with more nature-based ecotourism opportunities, as part of our plan to deliver 45 new ecotourism experiences by 2045.
- > Preserving our unique environment by expanding National Parks and protected areas more in four years than the previous decade combined, with \$126.3 million over four years.
- > Protecting our primary industries from invasive pests and diseases with a boost to biosecurity, including re-establishing the northern line of defence at Coen, and more frontline biosecurity officers, with \$59.1 million over four years.
- > Delivering a bigger and better Beef Week in 2027 with \$4.5 million to support primary producers and supporting the Central Queensland economy.

DELIVERING BETTER SERVICES AND A STRONGER ECONOMY WITH SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS, INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY:

- > Making classrooms safer and reducing violence, with an extra 139 work health and safety officers in our schools, including 30 in special schools across the State, as part of an \$83.9 million investment.
- > Helping kids catch-up, keep-up and stay in school with more school chaplains, more teachers and teacher's aides, supported with more professional development and behavioural management support, as part of a \$23.1 billion education budget.
- > Supercharging Queensland's Primary Industries with \$50 million toward on-farm innovation and projects to boost Queensland primary production output to \$30 billion by 2030.
- > Delivering better health and essential infrastructure for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities with 21 new projects to improve drinking water supply, wastewater management, waste infrastructure and social infrastructure, under Round 2 of the Closing the Gap Priorities Fund, with \$74 million.
- > Empowering more volunteers, including funding for Volunteering Queensland and Volunteer Resource Centres, through \$1.2 million over three years.
- > Unlocking home ownership for Palm Island residents through the rent-to-buy program, with \$2 million over 10 years.
- > Modernising our firefighting fleet to keep Queenslanders protected from bushfires, with a \$43.4 million investment in 2026-27.
- > Boosting firefighting capacity in regional Queensland with 11 new or replacement fire stations to start construction this year including Hervey Bay, Kingaroy, Abbot Point, Ayr, Bennett, Biarra, Bondoola, Ilkley, Mount Binga, Mount Ossa and Wartburg with \$15 million in 2026-27.
- > Encouraging civic engagement with \$1.9 million over two years to continue supporting Queensland Youth Parliament and the Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program.
- > Supporting Indigenous Councils to deliver programs and services for their communities with \$40.5 million.

Building Queensland's Future

This Budget is strengthening the foundation for infrastructure for our future with new and upgraded hospitals, new schools and TAFE Centres of Excellence, the *Energy Roadmap*, more homes and generational road and rail.

This Budget continues delivering a fresh start for Queensland with our plan to build Queensland's future.

For a decade, Queensland wasn't investing in the hospital beds, schools, roads and rail needed for our growing population, or unlocking the land needed for new houses. The Health Crisis left the worst ramping in the nation and skyrocketing elective surgery lists. The Housing Crisis left Queenslanders struggling to keep a roof over their head and put home ownership out of reach for many.

After a decade of decline, the Crisafulli Government is delivering a fresh start, and this Budget is strengthening the foundation of change. Our plan to build Queensland's future is supported by the largest ever infrastructure pipeline, with a \$29.616 billion investment in the 2026-27 Budget and \$119.242 billion over four years, which will directly support 71,500 Queensland jobs.

Our plan to build Queensland's future with the Hospital Rescue Plan is already starting to deliver, with ambulance ramping at half-decade lows and the elective surgery waitlist not only stabilised but having decreased for the first time in many years.

Delivery of more than 2,600 new hospital beds as expansions of 10 hospitals continue, alongside the build of three new hospitals in Toowoomba, Coomera and Bundaberg. This Budget will continue the delivery of more health workers than ever before, new and expanded Transit Lounges, new and upgraded ambulance stations and extra paramedics, new CT scanners and MRIs, *Step Up Step Down* youth mental health services,

as well as more free healthcare than ever before for Queenslanders.

Our plan to build Queensland's future with a place to call home for more Queenslanders is delivering a record number of new social and community homes, and unlocking land for more than 98,000 new homes under the Residential Activation Fund. The Residential Activation Fund will be doubled, with \$1 billion for Round 2 of the program, to unlock more land for homes, sooner. We are also continuing to deliver on the 6,500 social and community homes currently underway, with a record \$5.725 billion investment.

In this Budget, our plan to build Queensland's future with the roads and rail to get Queenslanders home sooner and safer is taking shape. With Bruce Highway upgrades and generational road and rail underway, we are delivering the infrastructure needed to preserve our Queensland way of life.

The Wave all the way to the Sunshine Coast Airport is the beginning of the generational infrastructure being delivered on the Sunshine Coast, with Stage 1 construction funded in this Budget. The Mooloolah River Interchange is being fast-tracked by the Crisafulli Government, as part of delivering future stages of *The Wave*, to connect Mudjimba all the way through to Brisbane.

A new multi-modal Gold Coast Transport Plan has been funded in the 2026-27 Budget to help future proof our State's second-largest city for decades to come, supported by the continued delivery of Faster Rail to the Gold Coast, with works for the level crossing removal at Kuraby to commence in the year ahead.

The record \$9 billion Bruce Highway upgrade program, delivered with a restored 80:20 investment with the Federal Government, continues in 2026-27, with a further \$243 million to be invested by Queensland in the coming year.

The Crisafulli Government is also building Queensland's future to deliver a Games for all of Queensland. Shovels are in the ground for the Brisbane Stadium, and planning works continue on the upgrades to Barlow Park and Sunshine Coast Stadium, as well as a new Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre and athlete villages. The \$250 million *Games On!* generational grassroots sport infrastructure investment continues, with Round 2 of the program delivering upgrades to community sporting clubs across the State this year. The Queensland Legacy Fund will equally invest in grassroots sport upgrades and upgrades to Suncorp Stadium with more seating, new entertainment zones, and 360-degree screens.

The Budget is also building Queensland's future with the *Energy Roadmap*, with \$5.2 billion to help deliver affordable, reliable and sustainable energy, and the delivery of CopperString with a record \$3.2 billion investment in this Budget.

The Budget also includes a major investment in water security, with new weirs and water storage, as well as capacity-restoring upgrades to existing dams which will boost capacity by more than twice the size of the Bjelke-Petersen Dam in the South Burnett, as well as the rebuild of Paradise Dam.

This Budget will also deliver more schools to help Queensland kids catch up, keep up and stay in school, with new primary schools in our fast-growing regions, new high schools in Gracemere and Ripley Valley as well as new special schools to deliver more choice for parents. Four new TAFE Centres of Excellence in Rockhampton, Caloundra, Moreton Bay and Petrie will also be progressed in this Budget.

DELIVERING THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR FUTURE WITH MORE THAN 2,600 MORE HOSPITAL BEDS IN THE HOSPITAL RESCUE PLAN, INCLUDING:

- > Building three new hospitals at Coomera, Bundaberg and Toowoomba to accommodate the growing regions and deliver world-class healthcare for Queenslanders, as part of the fully funded Hospital Rescue Plan.
- > Completing the current stage upgrades at Hervey Bay Hospital and Cairns Hospital, with work continuing on the expansion of Redcliffe, Townsville, Mackay, Logan, Ipswich, QEII, Princess Alexandra and Prince Charles hospitals and the Queensland Cancer Centre of Excellence, as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan, to deliver health services when Queenslanders need them most.
- > Delivering new and expanded transit lounges in hospitals with a boost to allied health, pharmacy and transport services for when patients are ready to go home.
- > Delivering 30 new perinatal mental health beds across the State as well as new mental health beds at Redlands Hospital, the Cairns Adolescent Acute Mental Health project, the expansion of the Rockhampton adult mental health unit and two *Step Up Step Down* youth mental health services.
- > Freeing up hospital beds and delivering health services when you need them with nine new CT scanners and six MRI machines in Satellite Health Centres and regional hospital services.
- > Delivering health services when Queenslanders need them with more health workers than ever before.
- > Getting ambulances to Queenslanders when they need them, with more paramedics and upgrades to ambulance stations as part of \$1.777 billion in 2026-27.

DELIVERING THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR QUEENSLAND'S FUTURE WITH NEW TAFE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE AND MORE TEACHERS IN MORE SCHOOLS TO HELP KIDS CATCH UP, KEEP UP AND STAY IN SCHOOL:

- > Building more primary schools for our growing population including Flagstone, Caloundra South and Ripley.
- > Building a new high school in Gracemere with \$66.3 million for Stages 2A and 2B, as well as the Health Sciences Academy in Central Queensland.
- > Building nine new special schools in Wynnum-Manly, Townsville, Berrinba, Coomera, Springfield/Redbank, Beenleigh, Ipswich West, Moreton Bay South and Logan Reserve to give parents more choice, with a \$862.4 million investment.
- > Progressing four new TAFE Centres of Excellence this year, in Rockhampton, Caloundra, Petrie and Moreton Bay, with a \$201.1 million investment over three years.

DELIVERING THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR FUTURE WITH A PLACE TO CALL HOME FOR MORE QUEENSLANDERS:

- > Unlocking thousands of new homes across the State under the Residential Activation Fund, doubling Round 2 with \$1 billion and continuing delivering Round 1 projects.
- > Delivering the biggest ever investment into building new social and community homes with \$5.725 billion, including continuing the record 6,500 homes currently underway.
- > Delivering a place to call home with more crisis accommodation and specialist homelessness services, with more than \$1 billion to be invested into specialist homelessness services and crisis accommodation in the next four years, including a \$450.1 million boost in this Budget.

DELIVERING THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR FUTURE WITH SAFER ROADS AND BETTER TRANSPORT TO GET QUEENSLANDERS HOME SOONER AND SAFER:

- > Delivering generational Gold Coast public transport including a light rail extension from the Gold Coast University Hospital to Biggera Waters and *The Surfer* from Robina to Coolangatta, as part of a new Gold Coast Transport Plan.
- > Progressing Faster Rail between Logan and the Gold Coast with construction to commence on the Kuraby Level Crossing replacement, in the \$5.75 billion project jointly funded with the Federal Government.
- > Continuing to deliver a better Bruce Highway with critical safety works in the \$9 billion program locked-in with the Federal Government under an 80:20 partnership.
- > Commencing Stage 1 of *The Wave* all the way to the Sunshine Coast Airport with \$460 million in 2026-27, as part of a \$5.5 billion investment in partnership with the Federal Government.
- > Progressing critical regional upgrades including Barron River Bridge, the Bribie Island Bridge, the Caloundra Congestion Busting Plan and the Mooloolah River Interchange with \$55.9 billion in new and upgraded roads, bridges and transport over four years.
- > Continuing to deliver the safety and flood resilience of regional unsealed roads across regional Queensland with the \$100 million Country Roads Connect Program.

DELIVERING THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR FUTURE FOR AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY:

- > Delivering affordable, reliable, sustainable energy by continuing the rollout of the \$5.2 billion *Energy Roadmap* in 2026-27.
- > Locking-in lower power prices for Ergon customers as part of the *Energy Roadmap Price Drop*, saving families around 7% and businesses 8% by passing on the full reduction to wholesale power prices.
- > Delivering energy security for North and North West Queensland households and businesses with the build of CopperString, with construction underway at Flinders Substation near Hughenden and early works progressing on the Eastern Link as part of a record \$3.2 billion investment in the project.

DELIVERING THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR FUTURE AND A GAMES FOR ALL OF QUEENSLAND:

- > Starting construction of the Brisbane Stadium at Victoria Park, to deliver a world-class venue for 2032 and beyond, as part of joint venues funding of \$7.1 billion under the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure Agreement.
- > Delivering long-term benefits by investing the \$300 million Queensland Legacy Fund into grassroots sports improvements and venues like Suncorp Stadium.
- > Progressing the *2032 Delivery Plan* to deliver Games Venues and Villages, including Barlow Park upgrades, Moreton Bay and Logan Indoor Sports Centres, Sunshine Coast Stadium, Sunshine Coast Mountain Bike Centre and Redland Whitewater Centre upgrades with \$916.8 million over four years, from within the \$7.1 billion provision for the Games venues program for procurement and delivery of the first six minor venues projects and \$1.853 billion over four years for the Games villages program.
- > Delivering Round 2 of *Games On!* with upgrades to grassroots sports facilities, and continuing the rollout from Round 1, with upgrades across the State in the \$250 million program.

DELIVERING THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR FUTURE WITH MORE WATER SECURITY FOR FARMERS AND FAMILIES:

- > Boosting water security for Queensland by investing in capacity-restoring upgrades to existing dams, starting with works to restore North Pine and Lake Macdonald towards full service levels, with \$545 million over six years to deliver the equivalent of a new dam for the State, more than double the size of the Bjelke-Petersen Dam.
- > Increasing water storage and capacity to protect agriculture and deliver water security, with five new weirs along the Thomson River in Longreach, delivering the Barlil and Cooranga Weirs, improving water supply reliability along the Burnett's Boyne River and Barambah Creek, as well as advancing the business case for the Water for Warrill Irrigation project.
- > Rebuilding Paradise Dam to support Wide Bay-Burnett agriculture and restore water security for the region's future, with \$59.8 million in 2026-27.
- > Investing in the next generation of water infrastructure by progressing investigations into potential new dam sites, with Seqwater allocating up to \$10 million in 2026-27 to strengthen water security.

Making Queensland Safer

This Budget is strengthening the foundation for safety where you live with stronger laws, more police, new early intervention and rehabilitation, better resourced courts, more domestic and family violence prevention, child protection and child safety reform, and more support for victims of crime.

This Budget continues delivering a fresh start for Queensland with our plan to make Queensland safer.

For a decade, weak laws saw youth crime skyrocket and the number of dangerous repeat youth offenders soar, creating a Youth Crime Crisis. After a decade of decline, the Crisafulli Government is delivering a fresh start, and this Budget is strengthening the foundation of change.

Our plan to make Queensland safer with stronger laws, more police, early intervention, rehabilitation, and more support for victims, is already starting to deliver positive early signs. Victim numbers are down 7.2% in the first year of Adult Crime, Adult Time, compared with the previous year. There is much more work to do, which is why the 2026-27 Budget is continuing to rollout change to restore safety where you live.

Already the Crisafulli Government has delivered on a commitment for 1,600 police recruits, more than twice as fast as promised. This Budget supports the recruitment of even more frontline police, as well as the continued rollout of the resources they need including load bearing vests, and body worn cameras, and new police beats and stations.

This Budget will deliver funding needed for the expansion of the Woodford Youth Detention Centre, boosting detention capacity to keep dangerous youth criminals off our streets. The Budget delivers support to keep kids out of crime and in school, with the construction of new Crime Prevention Schools and Youth Justice Schools, as well as the ongoing delivery of Regional Reset and Staying on Track programs. Gold Standard Early Intervention Proven Initiatives programs will deliver new results-driven early intervention, complementing the continued delivery of Kickstarter community-led early intervention, to help trial initiatives to turn young lives around before they become entrenched in crime. Circuit Breaker Sentencing, a court-sentenced alternate to youth detention centres to rehabilitate repeat youth offenders in a remote area, has also been funded in this Budget.

This Budget also includes a major boost to child protection and safety, with the delivery of a new Queensland Protection Commission, and \$450 million for the rollout of Residential Care Repair and major child protection reform following the *In Plain Sight* review and the Child Safety Commission of Inquiry. The Budget also includes funding to continue the rollout of new HOPE hub recovery centres, additional capacity for Womensline and Mensline and construction of a new SecureCare residential Child Safety facility for children who are a danger to themselves and the community.

MAKING QUEENSLAND SAFER BY REFORMING THE CHILD PROTECTION AND CHILD SAFETY SYSTEMS:

- > Establishing a new Queensland Protection Commission, as part of an over \$250 million investment to implement the *In Plain Sight* child protection reforms over four years.
- > Implementing recommendations of the Child Safety Commission of Inquiry with a \$200 million investment in 2026-27.
- > Protecting young people who are a danger to themselves and the community with a Queensland-first SecureCare residential Child Safety facility, with the continued delivery of the \$50 million facility.
- > Reforming the residential care system by fast-tracking the Professional Foster Care pilot to provide individual care for more high-needs young people with \$28.5 million.
- > Boosting education and extra-curricular activities with \$1,500 allowances for carers of children in care to help keep them on the right track, with the continued delivery of the \$70.1 million program.

MAKING QUEENSLAND SAFER WITH MORE SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME:

- > Connecting victims of crime with the services they need and providing financial assistance with the Victims Advocate Service, Victims Assist Queensland, Victims of Crime Community Response program, and Victim Liaison Services.
- > Continuing to clear the DNA backlog and forensic testing at the DNA Lab, with an additional \$37.1 million over four years.
- > Delivering faster justice, with additional resources for the Director of Public Prosecutions, to bring more cases to court faster, with \$10.6 million over four years and \$3.7 million ongoing.
- > Protecting victims of domestic and family violence with the ongoing electronic monitoring trial program for high-risk DV offenders.
- > Delivery of new HOPE Hub recovery centres in the continued \$7.8 million investment, upgrades to safe spaces in court houses, and \$31.3 million to double the capacity of Womensline and Mensline.

MAKING QUEENSLAND SAFER WITH MORE POLICE AND THE RESOURCES THEY NEED:

- > Recruiting more police to grow our frontline, with \$23 million to recruit more police, including from interstate and overseas, to restore safety where you live.
- > Keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and terrorists with \$28 million over five years for the National Firearms Register.
- > Making our community safer by enhancing the ability to pursue criminals from the air, with the expansion of the Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Capability, with \$5.375 million over three years.
- > Delivering new and upgraded police stations, facilities and police beats across Queensland, including at Logan, Boondall, Edmonton, Hervey Bay and Mount Isa with a \$495.9 million investment.
- > Resourcing our police with the equipment they need to make our community safer, with the continued rollout of portable handheld radios and other essential operating equipment as part of the \$147.9 million investment over five years started in 2025-26.
- > Continuing the operation of POLAIR with long-term funding to continue services for Moreton Bay, the Sunshine Coast, Townsville and Cairns.

MAKING QUEENSLAND SAFER WITH CRIME PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION THAT WORKS:

- > Boosting safety to prevent crime on small businesses and community facilities, with the continued rollout of the \$40 million Secure Communities Partnership Program.
- > Delivering world-class early intervention programs to turn youth away from crime and put young people back on the right path, with the continued delivery of the \$115 million Gold Standard Early Intervention Program, with Kickstarter and the first Proven Initiatives programs.
- > Keeping at-risk youth on the right path with the continued delivery of the \$50 million Crime Prevention Schools and the continued delivery of the \$40 million Youth Justice Schools.
- > Helping break the cycle of crime with Regional Reset programs for at-risk youth who require a higher level of care than community-based programs can provide, in every region of the State, in the continued delivery of the \$50 million program.

DELIVERING SAFETY WHERE YOU LIVE WITH YOUTH REHABILITATION THAT STOPS THE CYCLE OF CRIME:

- > Completing the expansion of the Woodford Youth Detention Centre, with \$95.8 million to take dangerous youth criminals off our streets.
- > Deterring repeat crime with stronger youth bail electronic monitoring, as part of a \$12.9 million program over four years.
- > Reducing repeat crime with intensive 12-month rehabilitation programs after detention with the continued delivery of the \$225 million Staying on Track program.
- > Rehabilitating dangerous youth offenders through new court sentenced intensive youth rehabilitation program, Circuit Breaker Sentencing with the continued delivery of the \$80 million program.
- > Reducing reoffending by restoring consequences and discipline in detention to aid rehabilitation as part of the Detention with Purpose program.

Economic outlook

Queensland's economy is facing significant headwinds in 2026-27, including increased underlying national inflation, rising interest rates, a national fuel crisis, rising commodity prices driven by global conflict, and increasing cost-shifting from the Federal Government, all of which are creating persistent cost pressures.

Against this backdrop, Queensland continues to outperform many other jurisdictions. Gross State Product (GSP) is forecast to grow by 2.5% in 2025-26, following growth of 2.2% in 2024-25 which is the strongest outcome among the States.

While Queensland's economic fundamentals remain strong, higher inflation, elevated interest rates and the flow-on effects of higher fuel prices are expected to moderate economic activity in 2026-27, with GSP growth forecast to ease to 1.75%.

Growth is then expected to strengthen over the medium term, returning to 2% in 2027-28 as inflationary pressures ease, household consumption recovers and investment activity remains supported by Queensland's growing population and ongoing demand for housing and infrastructure.

Queensland's labour market also remains resilient. Employment growth is expected to moderate to 1.5% in 2025-26 following several years of strong employment outcomes.

Inflation remains a key challenge for the economic outlook. Headline inflation is forecast to increase to 4.75% in 2025-26, reflecting the initial impacts of higher global energy and fuel prices and broader cost pressures across the economy. Inflation is expected to ease to 3.75% in 2026-27 as these effects begin to dissipate, before returning towards more moderate levels over the medium term.

While the global outlook remains uncertain, the Crisafulli Government's efforts to strengthen the economy by attracting investment with its open for business approach, restoring respect for Queenslanders' money as well as making the difficult decisions for now and the future, allow this Budget to continue strengthening the foundation for a fresh start for Queensland.

Fiscal outlook

The 2026-27 Budget strengthens the foundation for a fresh start in 2025-26, to continue Budget repair, after a decade of the former Government's fiscal mismanagement left Queensland with record debt, ongoing deficits and unfunded pressures baked in.

This Budget continues to deliver better services and infrastructure for the future with respect for Queenslanders' money, making responsible decisions for now and the future.

The Crisafulli Government is delivering a return to fiscal discipline, with lower debt and smaller deficits moving forward compared with the former Government, as reflected in the 2024-25 MYFER. This Budget delivers \$500 million in savings achieved through restoring respect for Queenslanders' money, which sees a return to surplus in 2029-30.

The State's balance sheet is also improving with Non-Financial Public Sector borrowings forecast to be lower than projected at the 2025-26 MYFER, and across the forward estimates, debt remains lower than the former Government's final budget position, outlined in the 2024-25 MYFER.

General Government Sector	2024-25 Outcome \$ million	2025-26 MYFER \$ million	2025-26 Est. Act. \$ million	2026-27 Budget \$ million	2027-28 Projected \$ million	2028-29 Projected \$ million	2029-30 Projected \$ million
Revenue	88,966	91,102	92,018	99,671	104,354	107,835	112,311
Expenses	93,393	100,700	100,863	105,847	107,645	109,831	111,692
Net operating balance	(4,428)	(8,968)	(8,845)	(6,176)	(3,291)	(1,996)	619
Borrowings	72,864	93,918	89,828	108,042	125,365	141,914	154,848
Net debt	16,727	38,713	33,440	51,329	69,024	85,980	98,057
Non-Financial Public Sector							
Borrowings	123,446	146,930	142,376	162,624	183,680	202,131	216,472

Figure 1: Key fiscal aggregates

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