

7 Budget measures

Features

In the 2021–22 Queensland Budget, the Queensland Government is delivering new funding including:

Protecting health

- \$2 billion to establish the Hospital Building Fund to assist in meeting growth pressures across the health system, with initial commitments being the Toowoomba Day Surgery, purchasing public health services through the expansion at Mater Public Hospital Springfield and an uplift in Queensland Health's base capital program. Further commitments are expected beyond 2024–25.
- \$480 million to continue the COVID-19 response including fever clinics, contact tracing and testing capability, the vaccination program, compliance activities, facilitation of quarantine in government arranged accommodation, COVID-19 contact centres and wellness checks for people in mandatory hotel quarantine.
- \$648.7 million investment in the health system in 2021–22, which includes Queensland Health's \$150 million operating share of the \$480 million COVID-19 response; \$482.5 million to address pressures in emergency patient flow through our public hospitals, elective surgery waitlists and the opening of the Nambour Hospital Redevelopment; \$14.5 million for Making Tracks towards achieving health equity (2021–2025); and \$1.7 million for the Rockhampton alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation.
- \$120 million uplift over 2 years to help Queensland Health manage its increasing asset base which includes buildings, medical equipment, information communication and technology (ICT), and engineering equipment.

Educating future generations

- \$913.7 million for 10 new state schools to open across 2023 and 2024.
- \$508.3 million for additional and renewed infrastructure in existing state schools.
- \$202.9 million over 4 years and \$64 million per annum ongoing to support the continued provision of universal access to kindergarten in the year before school for all Queensland children.

Supporting our energy security

- \$1.5 billion to increase the existing Queensland Renewable Energy Fund (QREF) to establish the \$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund enabling energy government-owned corporations to increase ownership of commercial renewable energy and hydrogen projects in Queensland, in accordance with the current QREF mandate.

- \$29.4 million over 4 years from 2021–22 for the Electricity Tariff Adjustment Scheme to support regional businesses.
- \$22 million over 2 years from 2021–22 to undertake a detailed feasibility study for a pumped hydroelectric storage project at Borumba, and concept studies at other sites.

Protecting our environment

- \$500 million for the Carbon Reduction Investment Fund with its returns to support the existing Land Restoration Fund to leverage private finance and investment and support financially sustainable carbon markets.
- \$270.1 million budgeted expenditure over 5 years to maintain the Queensland Reef Water Quality program at current levels.
- \$160 million for statutory annual payments to local governments in 2021–22 to ensure the waste levy will have no direct impact on households.
- \$93.6 million over 4 years and \$24.2 million per annum ongoing to continue the implementation of the Queensland Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy.
- \$41.5 million over 4 years to support Environmental Markets and Investment, including the second round of grants under the Land Restoration Fund and \$35 million in 2021–22 for the Queensland Natural Capital Fund.

Supporting our communities

- \$1 billion for the Housing Investment Fund, with its returns used to drive new supply to support current and future housing needs.
- \$300 million for the Path to Treaty Fund with its returns to be used to support Path to Treaty actions.
- \$30 million over 4 years from 2021–22 to enable increased capacity for domestic, family and sexual violence services to respond to demand.
- \$27.6 million over 4 years and \$7.2 million per annum ongoing to continue the work of the Native Title Compensation Office.

Investing in skills and jobs

- \$320 million over 4 years and \$80 million per annum ongoing to continue the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, which will assist up to 15,000 disadvantaged Queenslanders each year to gain skills, qualifications and experience to enter and stay in the workforce.
- Up to \$140 million over 4 years for a revitalised Back to Work program to provide eligible businesses the confidence to employ Queenslanders who have experienced a period of unemployment and help workers facing disadvantage in the labour market.
- \$71 million over 4 years to support the Queensland screen industry.

Building Queensland

- \$200 million increased funding to deliver on the government's election commitment for the Works for Queensland program, bringing the total program funding to \$1 billion from 2016–17 to 2026–27.
- \$188.9 million increased funding for the Department of Transport and Main Roads to deliver Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3. This takes the state's total funding contribution to \$538.3 million towards the \$1.044 billion project. This project is jointly funded by the Australian Government, Queensland Government and City of Gold Coast, and the total project cost is subject to finalisation of contract negotiations.
- \$150 million increased funding to deliver on the government's election commitment to provide \$200 million over 6 years for the SEQ Community Stimulus Program.
- \$70 million over 3 years for delivery of Building our Regions (Round 6) to support local government infrastructure projects in regional Queensland, with a focus on water and sewerage infrastructure projects.
- \$61.7 million over 4 years to support the continued preservation of the heritage-listed Queensland Cultural Centre; maintenance activities across the Queensland Museum Network in Brisbane, Townsville, Toowoomba and Ipswich; and revitalisation of the Judith Wright Arts Centre and other state-owned arts and cultural facilities through the Arts Infrastructure Investment Fund.

This chapter provides a consolidated view of policy decisions with budgetary impacts made by the government since the 2020–21 Queensland Budget.

The items listed are in addition to current funding allocated to agencies up to, and including, the 2020–21 Budget. Measures are identified where new policy decisions have been made to create, continue or increase these programs and activities. This is not a list of total funding for programs, activities and infrastructure.

This paper includes only new policy decisions and does not detail the total amount of additional funding being provided to agencies to deliver services and infrastructure. Other adjustments, including those that are parameter based and where the funding formula remains unchanged, are similarly excluded.

The total funding impact of new measures is summarised in Table 7.1, Table 7.2 and Table 7.3 in this chapter.

For details on the total funding available to agencies, refer to agencies' Service Delivery Statements (SDS).

7.1 Explanation of scope and terms

Scope

This chapter includes measures with the following features:

- **Sector.** Only Queensland General Government Sector agencies are included. Measures involving government-owned corporations or other Public Non-financial Corporations Sector agencies are within scope only if the measures are being funded directly by the General Government Sector or if there is a flow through effect (for example, Community Service Obligations).
- **Timeframe.** Measures based on decisions made by the government since the 2020–21 Budget.
- **Type.** Measures with budgetary impacts, in particular:
 - expense and capital measures with service delivery, capital enhancement, grant or subsidy impacts on the community, and
 - revenue measures involving significant change in revenue policy, including changes in the tax rate.
- **Exclusions.** Initiatives of a technical nature or non-policy based adjustments, such as parameter-based funding adjustments, are not included where the formula to calculate these adjustments has not been changed. This is done as they do not reflect changes in government policy. The primary focus is on measures reflecting policy decisions that impact directly on the community through service delivery or other means.
- **Materiality.** Minor measures or measures with non-significant community impact are not included in this document.

Funding basis

Tables in this document are presented on a net funding basis.

- Net funding refers to the impact that the funding of the measure has on appropriations from the Consolidated Fund or centrally held funds to the relevant General Government Sector agency. The tables do not include funding directed to the measure from existing agency resources or other sources.
- Amounts refer to additional funding being provided to agencies for a particular program or project, as a result of decisions by government since the 2020–21 Budget. The amount provided for a measure may differ from other budget papers, such as Budget Paper No. 3 Capital Statement, that may refer to total funding.
- Amounts included in the tables relating to revenue measures represent the impact of the measure on government revenue (with a positive amount representing additional revenue).

Tables 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 identify expense, capital and revenue measures separately.

7.2 Government indexation policy

For the 2021–22 year, the government further reduced the government indexation rate from 1.8 per cent to 1.7 per cent, continuing to provide financial relief to households and businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rate reflects the actual March 2021 Consumer Price Index growth for Brisbane.

Table 7.1 Expense Measures

Expense measures	2020–21 \$ million	2021–22 \$ million	2022–23 \$ million	2023–24 \$ million	2024–25 \$ million
Abandoned Mines Sites Initiatives	...	11.180	4.600	...	...
Additional Support to Racing Industry	...	19.580	21.680	...	...
Additional Support to Screen Industry	...	33.000	36.000	1.000	1.000
Asylum Seeker and Refugee Assistance Program	...	2.075	2.075	2.075	2.075
Aviation Route Support Package	...	5.000	5.000	...	...
Back to Work	...	35.000	35.000	35.000	35.000
Backing Queensland Maritime Jobs	...	0.500	7.000	...	...
Bail Service for Remanded Men	...	1.306	...	...	...
Biosecurity Matters	...	3.017	2.213	2.421	1.121
Building Future Schools Program	...	7.944	21.217	13.802	6.441
Building Legislation and Policy Sustainability	...	3.300	3.300	...	...
Building our Regions – Round 6 for water and sewerage infrastructure	...	10.000	30.000	30.000	...
Camera Detected Offence Program	0.464	10.746	7.296	5.390	5.957
Carbon Reduction Investment Fund ¹
Celebrating Multicultural Queensland Program	...	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Child Protection Litigation Model	...	19.697	...	...	...
Community Transport	...	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000

¹ Returns generated will be applied to meet the costs of the Land Restoration Fund

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Expense measures	2020–21 \$ million	2021–22 \$ million	2022–23 \$ million	2023–24 \$ million	2024–25 \$ million
Comprehensive Vegetation Mapping and Reporting	...	2.303	2.349	2.414	2.461
COVID-19 Transport Services Assistance Program	(3.983)	12.166	...	...	...
Crime Statistics and Research Unit	...	1.864	...	...	...
Crocodile Management Program	...	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
Cultural Tourism Programming Strategy	2.000	2.000	2.000
Culture and Reconciliation Initiatives	...	0.450	0.455	0.459	0.463
Cyber Security	...	5.128	5.846	...	...
Digital Archiving Program	(0.200)	4.415	4.579	2.800	2.800
Disability Services Functions	...	1.175	1.243	1.296	1.362
Domestic and Family Violence Prevention – Engagement and Community Strategy	...	0.532	0.532	0.532	0.532
Drought Reform Package	...	6.000	7.000	7.000	7.000
DSDSATSIP Legal Affairs Unit	...	0.516	0.521	0.525	0.529
Early Childhood Education and Care Regulation	...	13.145	...	...	...
Electricity Tariff Adjustment Scheme	...	9.102	7.666	6.670	5.939
Enhanced Domestic and Family Violence Services	...	7.500	7.500	7.500	7.500
Environmental Markets and Investment	...	1.000	0.110	0.700	0.770
Extended Live Music Support	...	7.000	...	...	...
Fisheries Reform	...	14.311	13.175	7.500	7.500
Former Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges' Asset Transition	1.653	3.488	5.585	0.145	0.023

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Expense measures	2020–21 \$ million	2021–22 \$ million	2022–23 \$ million	2023–24 \$ million	2024–25 \$ million
Fraser Island (K'Gari) Bushfire Response	...	1.250	1.250	1.250	1.250
Frontline Child Safety Workers	...	11.095	20.255	22.358	22.932
Future Correctional Infrastructure Needs Business Case	...	2.448	...	...	...
Health COVID-19 Response including mandatory quarantine	...	462.031	...	...	...
<i>QFES Component</i>	...	232.250	...	...	...
<i>QPS Component</i>	...	68.475	...	...	...
<i>Smart Service Queensland COVID-19 service delivery capacity and capability to protect Queenslanders during the COVID-19 pandemic</i>	...	11.306	...	...	...
<i>QH Component</i>	...	150.000	...	...	...
Health System Investment	..	498.709	27.481	4.170	4.170
<i>Health Performance Stabilisation</i>	...	482.493	...	...	...
<i>Making Tracks toward achieving health equity (2021–2025)</i>	...	14.526	23.311	...	...
<i>Rockhampton alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation</i>	...	1.690	4.170	4.170	4.170
Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (2021–2025)	...	53.720	53.720	23.720	23.720
Housing Investment Fund ¹
Increased Field Enforcement for Collection of Penalty Debt	...	1.700	1.012	1.023	1.035
Industry Partnership Program	...	23.000	36.500	38.000	43.500

¹ Returns generated will be applied to drive new supply to support current and future housing needs

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Expense measures	2020–21 \$ million	2021–22 \$ million	2022–23 \$ million	2023–24 \$ million	2024–25 \$ million
International Education and Training Strategy to Advance Queensland (2016–2026)	...	4.122	4.122	4.122	4.122
Local Fare Scheme	...	7.841	...	...	...
Maintaining Queensland Public Cyclone Shelters	...	3.460	3.460	3.460	3.460
Managing Native Title Compensation Claims in Queensland	...	6.686	6.884	6.943	7.098
Mobile Black Spot Program	...	4.000	4.000	4.000	...
Modernising Queensland's Fine Administration System	...	3.509	...	...	...
National Biosecurity System Obligations	2.373	2.916	...	...	...
Newstead House Capital Program	...	3.848	1.644	...	...
North Queensland Natural Disasters Mitigation Program	...	3.000	5.000	2.000	...
Olympics Preparations	...	14.365	14.365	...	...
Pacific Labour Scheme and Seasonal Worker Program	...	2.601	...	...	...
Parliamentary Annexe critical infrastructure and services upgrade (Stage 2)	1.100	...	...
Path to Treaty Fund ¹
Peak and Representative Bodies and Advocacy for Queenslanders with a Disability	...	7.706	7.706	3.664	3.667
Positive Behaviour Support and Restrictive Practices	...	3.230	3.321

¹ Returns generated will be applied to meet Path to Treaty actions

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Expense measures	2020–21 \$ million	2021–22 \$ million	2022–23 \$ million	2023–24 \$ million	2024–25 \$ million
Prosecuting Linc Energy former executives and ongoing environmental monitoring	...	9.316	6.287	...	...
Protecting Seniors from Elder Abuse	...	1.200	1.200	1.200	1.200
Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation Scholarship Program	...	4.020	...	...	...
Queensland Building Industry Fairness Reforms	...	9.984	...	...	...
Queensland Cultural Centre Critical Infrastructure Renewal	...	0.768	1.320	1.717	2.009
Queensland Government Air	...	9.857	...	...	...
Queensland Hydro-electric Study Implementation	...	14.000	8.000	...	...
Queensland Museum Network	...	3.864	2.540	2.574	0.123
Queensland Procurement Compliance Unit Expansion	...	4.294	4.369	4.427	4.503
Queensland Reef Water Quality Program	...	1.235	56.264	55.663	48.315
Queensland Renewable Energy Zones (QREZ) Implementation	0.500	4.500	...	...	...
Queensland Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy	...	176.868	22.934	23.054	24.240
Regional Arts Services Network	...	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Regional Communities Program	(0.500)	2.378	2.328	2.389	2.485
Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office	...	4.469	...	...	...
Responding to Fall Armyworm	...	1.485	1.518
Revitalising National Parks	...	3.420

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Expense measures	2020–21 \$ million	2021–22 \$ million	2022–23 \$ million	2023–24 \$ million	2024–25 \$ million
Roadside Drug Testing	...	1.045	1.045	1.045	1.045
Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements	...	4.597	3.705	1.241	1.267
School Infrastructure	...	51.564	27.737	18.494	18.706
Skilling Queenslanders for Work	...	80.000	80.000	80.000	80.000
South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program	40.000	10.000	50.000
South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy	...	0.897	0.919	0.942	0.965
South East Queensland Wildlife Hospital Network	...	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Southern Downs Drought Resilience Package	...	3.360	4.980	...	...
Special Equity and Diversity Commissioner	0.183	0.242	0.215	0.299	0.385
State Kindergarten Funding	...	22.924	56.673	59.302	63.955
Strengthening Coronial Services	...	1.154	1.011	1.011	1.011
Strengthening Timely Access to Justice for Queenslanders	...	6.095	4.497	1.209	1.239
Support for Disability Services Clients Ineligible for the NDIS	...	1.833	1.833	1.833	1.833
Supporting the Children's Court	...	1.139	1.139	1.139	1.139
Swimmer Safety including the Shark Control Program	...	4.209	4.118	4.169	4.220
Tackling Alcohol Fuelled Violence	...	6.252
Victim Assist Queensland	...	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

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Expense measures	2020–21 \$ million	2021–22 \$ million	2022–23 \$ million	2023–24 \$ million	2024–25 \$ million
Wandering Trial in Gold Coast Safe Night Precincts	...	1.000	...	...	...
Women in Custody	...	2.707	...	...	...
Works for Queensland	...	...	...	...	100.000
World Science Festival Brisbane (2022– 2024)	...	3.000	3.000	3.000	...
Youth Detention Centre Capacity – Detailed Business Case	...	5.700	...	...	...
Youth Detention Centre Capacity – Short Term Remand Centre	...	2.893	2.772	2.831	2.911
Youth Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centre	...	0.200	2.500	2.500	2.500
Youth Justice Investment	2.778	48.033	27.381	6.072	6.174
Total Expense Measures	3.268	1,889.179	811.047	545.050	640.652

Table 7.2 Capital Measures

Capital measures	2020–21 \$ million	2021–22 \$ million	2022–23 \$ million	2023–24 \$ million	2024–25 \$ million
Arts Infrastructure Investment Fund	...	4.375	4.375	4.375	...
Building Future Schools Program	...	124.463	332.407	216.229	100.904
Camera Detected Offence Program	(0.464)	(33.424)	(7.959)	16.733	27.503
Comprehensive Vegetation Mapping and Reporting	...	0.011	0.011	...	0.006
Health COVID-19 Response including mandatory quarantine	...	18.000	...	...	...
Double Up Bunk Beds in Correctional Facilities	...	8.000	...	...	...
Environmental Markets and Investment	...	35.350	2.200	0.690	0.690
Former Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges' Asset Transition	...	4.650	1.000	0.200	...
Gold Coast Light Rail (Stage 3)	50.000
Government Science Platform	...	2.138	2.799	2.790	...
Housing for Queensland's Frontline Workers	...	7.500	...	...	...
Managing and Maintaining Abandoned Mines Sites	...	1.030	...	...	...
Mater Public Hospital Springfield ¹
Olympics Preparations	...	0.550	...	...	...
Parliamentary Annexe Critical Infrastructure and Services Upgrade (Stage 2)	39.929	...	...
Queensland Building and Fairness Reforms	...	0.383	0.391	...	...
Queensland Government Air	...	2.822	...	...	...
Queensland Health Base Capital Program	...	60.000	60.000	...	...
Queensland Reef Water Quality Program	0.406	0.902	0.104

¹ Project is subject to commercial negotiations.

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Capital measures	2020–21 \$ million	2021–22 \$ million	2022–23 \$ million	2023–24 \$ million	2024–25 \$ million
Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund	...	100.000	200.000	100.000	100.000
Queensland's Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy	...	1.500	0.100	4.900	...
Remediating Queensland Cultural Centre Cladding	...	3.250	...	...	...
Renewing Queensland Cultural Centre Critical Infrastructure	...	7.650	9.680	5.700	7.250
Revitalising National Parks	...	5.200	...	...	...
School Infrastructure	...	176.288	135.550	40.000	40.000
Thomas Dixon Centre Redevelopment	18.185	1.595	...	...	...
Toowoomba Day Surgery Theatre at the Baillie Henderson Hospital	...	5.900	6.000	23.000	7.100
Youth Detention Centre Capacity – Short Term Remand Centre	0.500	4.500	...	...	...
Youth Justice Investment	7.450	0.520	...	...	...
Total Capital Measures	25.671	542.251	786.889	415.519	333.557

Table 7.3 Revenue Measures

Revenue measures	2020–21 \$ million	2021–22 \$ million	2022–23 \$ million	2023–24 \$ million	2024–25 \$ million
12-month extension of the 50% Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate	...	(31.200)	...	...	...
Total Revenue Measures	...	(31.200)	...	...	...