

# Overview

The 2025–26 Queensland Budget lays the foundation for a fresh start for households, communities and businesses across all regions of the state.

The Budget delivers on the government's election commitments and, consistent with the government's objectives for the community, is focused on delivering safety for Queenslanders, a better lifestyle through a strong economy, health services when and where Queenslanders need them and a plan for Queensland's future.

## Delivering the foundation for a fresh start

### ***Safety where you live***

- \$347.7 million to support the roll-out of the *Making Queensland Safer* laws
- Delivering more police on the beat with 1,600 new recruits by 2028, a \$290.3 million investment for new and upgraded stations, facilities and police beats, and \$147.9 million to provide frontline police with essential equipment
- Supporting victims of crime with \$275 million in 2025–26 for financial assistance, and \$50 million for a new Victims Advocate Service
- Protecting victims of domestic and family violence with a \$37 million boost to support new laws, \$18.8 million to upgrade safe spaces in courthouses, and funding to double the capacity of Womensline and Mensline
- \$560 million for world-class early intervention and rehabilitation programs

### ***A better lifestyle through a stronger economy***

- Ongoing cost-of-living relief including permanent 50 cent public transport fares, Play On! vouchers and the Back to School Boost to reduce schooling costs
- Continuing the Electricity Rebate Scheme for vulnerable households and helping renters through solar installation rebates
- Making home ownership more attainable through new transfer duty concessions, kick-starting the \$165 million Boost to Buy home ownership scheme – a nation leading home ownership scheme that will close the deposit gap for first home buyers, and getting land ready for new homes sooner through the \$2 billion Residential Activation Fund
- Delivering a funding boost for specialist homelessness services and crisis accommodation, and investing \$5.604 billion to build new social and community homes

### ***Health services when you need them***

- Boosting our health workforce with more than 4,500 additional health workers in 2025–26
- \$24.3 billion for Hospital and Health Service operations

- A record capital investment in Queensland Health infrastructure of \$18.526 billion across 5 years (including 2024–25), for the *Hospital Rescue Plan*, delivering more than 2,600 new beds for Queenslanders
- Additional investments in mental health, maternity services and the Queensland Ambulance Service

### ***A plan for Queensland's future***

- \$41.7 billion investment in road and transport infrastructure over 4 years, including the Bruce Highway Targeted Safety Program, The Wave, Barron River Bridge and the Mooloolah River Interchange
- \$831.9 million over the next 4 years to kick-start the 2032 Delivery Plan for procurement and delivery of the first 5 Games venues
- Building new schools at Caloundra South and Ripley Valley and 6 new special schools or campuses
- Delivering affordable, reliable and sustainable energy by bringing the total investment in CopperString to a record \$2.4 billion by 2028–29, investing \$1.6 billion in the Electricity Maintenance Guarantee, as well as ongoing investment in smaller pumped hydro and gas projects
- Delivering Faster Rail between Logan and the Gold Coast with \$5.75 billion, jointly funded with the Australian Government.

Respect for Queenslanders' money is a foundational commitment of the government. The Budget has been developed in a calm and methodical manner to deliver a safe and secure pathway to a more sustainable budget position. The Budget also responds to the challenge of prioritising the public infrastructure required for a growing population and economy, noting increased construction costs, capacity constraints and the need to moderate growth in borrowing consistent with the government's fiscal principles.

Despite the strong performance of the state's economy in the face of global challenges, the state faces significant fiscal challenges. The Australian Government's unprecedented redistribution of Queensland's goods and services tax (GST) entitlement to other jurisdictions and other factors are impacting revenues. The Budget also begins the critical task of resetting expenses growth, providing funding security for service delivery and public sector employment, and a return to a fiscally sustainable position.

The government is focused on delivering long-term structural reforms that lift our state's productivity performance, which will increase living standards for all Queenslanders.

Productivity growth is critical to provide a buffer against impacts of global market volatility, ease cost-of-living pressures, address housing affordability challenges, and enhance the competitiveness and profitability of Queensland businesses.

The government is also committed to reducing costs for business and ensuring an attractive and competitive investment environment to drive productivity, build capability, boost resilience and grow the regions, ensuring businesses have the confidence to invest, employ and grow.