

1 Approach and highlights

Features

- The Queensland Government is delivering a \$116.8 billion, 4-year capital program that will provide critical infrastructure for Queensland.
- The capital program represents historic levels of investment designed to strengthen the Queensland economy, build the infrastructure needed to provide safe communities, establish health, transport and other services where they are needed, and prepare for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Delivery will be backed by improved governance focused on uplifting productivity to restore the sustainability and deliverability of the program. Productivity-related changes include pausing Best Practice Industry Conditions that were estimated to increase major project costs by up to 25 per cent; completing an inquiry into declining productivity in the construction sector via the Queensland Productivity Commission; and cross-agency work exploring reforms to improve governance and co-ordination of the overall program.
- In 2025–26, the government will invest \$29.3 billion in capital, directly supporting around 73,000 jobs across the state. A total of \$20.192 billion, or 68.9 per cent, of this capital program will be invested outside of the Greater Brisbane region, supporting around 50,000 jobs.
- Capital expenditure on health infrastructure in 2025–26 represents a record \$3.667 billion, with a focus on delivering the *Hospital Rescue Plan* to increase bed capacity across the state and deliver the world-class facilities and health services Queenslanders need.
- Capital expenditure across the transport portfolio totals \$9.259 billion in 2025–26. The portfolio includes the \$9 billion Bruce Highway Targeted Safety Program, significant investment in rail infrastructure including Cross River Rail, and planning and delivery of investments to support the *2032 Delivery Plan*, including The Wave on the Sunshine Coast, faster rail to the Gold Coast, and Coomera Connector Stage 1.
- In 2025–26, the government will invest \$1.076 billion in Queensland's education infrastructure to meet demand and support contemporary learning requirements. In addition, \$814.8 million (held centrally) will be invested over the next 4 years for delivery of new school infrastructure.
- Over the next 5 years, the Electricity Maintenance Guarantee is underpinning a \$1.6 billion investment in Queensland's state-owned generation assets, including major overhauls at Callide C, Tarong and Wivenhoe power stations, and a minor overhaul of Callide Unit C4 in 2025–26.

- In 2025–26, significant energy investments include \$479.2 million for CS Energy's Brigalow Gas Peaking Plant, \$402.8 million to progress CopperString, \$355.2 million to progress the Borumba Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (PHES) project, \$378.9 million for utility-scale batteries at the Stanwell, Tarong and Swanbank Power Station sites, and \$221 million for Powerlink to strengthen the transmission network around Gladstone.
- Through state-owned water businesses, the Queensland Government is delivering increased water security, fortifying the flood resilience of water infrastructure, and ensuring the ongoing safety and reliability of dams. Major investments in 2025–26 include \$95.3 million to complete the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline, \$142.7 million to deliver the Toowoomba to Warwick Pipeline, \$14.2 million to improve the flood resilience of critical water supply assets at Mount Crosby and \$346.2 million towards the dam improvement programs of Sunwater, Seqwater and the Gladstone Area Water Board.
- To address ongoing pressures in the state's housing system, the government has committed investment of \$1.967 billion over 4 years (including \$1.892 billion capital funding) and \$500 million per annum ongoing to support Queensland's Housing Investment Pipeline. This will help deliver 53,500 social and community homes by 2044, including youth foyers, domestic violence shelters and social homes in remote and discrete First Nations communities.
- To support safety where you live and the *Making Queensland Safer* laws, the government is investing in new and upgraded facilities across the criminal justice system, including \$277 million over 5 years on police facilities, \$76.3 million over 5 years will be delivered for improved courthouses and \$2.387 billion over 6 years will be delivered for additional adult prison capacity.
- A key element of the government's capital program is providing grants to local governments and non-government organisations to support their work in communities across Queensland. A significant component of this relates to the Queensland Government's program of infrastructure renewal and recovery within disaster-affected communities.
- In 2025–26, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority will provide \$1.498 billion to councils for reconstruction, betterment and other projects relating to natural disaster events, jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

1.1 Introduction

The Capital Statement presents an overview of the Queensland Government’s infrastructure delivery program and proposed capital outlays for 2025–26. It represents an important step towards restoring sustainability to ensure the delivery of critical infrastructure for the future of Queensland.

The capital program presented in the 2024–25 Mid-Year Fiscal and Economic Review (MYFER) for the period 2024–25 to 2027–28 was \$129.9 billion, a \$22.6 billion increase over the 2024–25 Budget forward estimates of \$107.3 billion. MYFER estimates provisioned for material cost escalations as well as unfunded infrastructure commitments made by the previous government.

Capital Pipeline Sustainability

To prepare for the 2025–26 Queensland Budget, the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Queensland Treasury worked closely with agencies on the forward outlook for the capital program.

This work focused on improving the program’s deliverability and sustainability given ongoing capacity constraints impacting capital programs across the nation. This approach has informed a 4-year program of \$116.8 billion, which ensures the deliverability of the capital pipeline.

Further work continues on potential reforms to the governance and co-ordination of the overall capital program to ensure the delivery of critical infrastructure, meet Queensland Government election commitments, address the cost pressures identified through the 2024–25 MYFER and provide for Queensland’s future infrastructure needs.

Queensland Productivity Commission

Delivery of the capital pipeline will be supported by a Queensland Productivity Commission (QPC) inquiry to identify opportunities to improve productivity in the construction sector. This will provide recommendations to enhance the cost effectiveness and deliverability of construction projects in Queensland, to deliver more value for Queensland taxpayers.

The inquiry will also specifically address the impact of the Best Practice Industry Conditions (BPICs) introduced by the previous government, which significantly impacted the cost and deliverability of Queensland’s capital program, and drove down productivity across the construction sector.

To ensure Queensland taxpayer money is respected, the Government has paused the application of BPICs on uncontracted projects pending the outcome of the QPC inquiry. The pause aims to lower the cost and improve productivity of delivering critical infrastructure in Queensland while retaining best practice workplace health and safety systems and standards and commitments to apprentices and trainees.

1.2 Capital projects and programs

Queensland Health Hospital Rescue Plan

The Queensland Government announced the *Hospital Rescue Plan* following the independent review into the Capacity Expansion Program. The *Hospital Rescue Plan* will enable the delivery of 3 new hospitals, the new Queensland Cancer Centre, a new cardiac hybrid theatre in Rockhampton, 10 major hospital expansions and new and upgraded health facilities across the state, creating more than 2,600 additional beds.

The *Hospital Rescue Plan* will see a record capital investment in Queensland Health infrastructure of \$18.526 billion across 5 years. In 2025–26, the government is investing \$3.667 billion as part of a record capital investment, which includes increased capacity at new and expanded facilities, including:

- New Bundaberg Hospital
- New Coomera Hospital
- New Toowoomba Hospital
- New Queensland Cancer Centre
- New cardiac hybrid theatre in Rockhampton Hospital
- Cairns Hospital expansion
- Hervey Bay Hospital expansion
- Ipswich Hospital expansion
- Logan Hospital expansion
- Mackay Hospital expansion
- Princess Alexandra Hospital expansion
- QEII Hospital expansion
- Redcliffe Hospital expansion
- The Prince Charles Hospital expansion
- Townsville University Hospital expansion.

Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery Program

The 2025–26 Queensland Budget provides an additional \$146 million over 3 years from 2024–25 to progress delayed Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery Program projects, including the Ripley Satellite Health Centre Sub-Acute Expansion and associated car park and the Gold Coast University Hospital Sub-Acute Expansion.

Regional, Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure

The 2025–26 Budget allocates an additional \$355.2 million over 3 years from 2024–25 to progress the Building Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program. This critical pipeline of projects will ensure Queenslanders receive world-class health care no matter where they live.

In 2025–26, the government's ongoing funding of the Building Rural and Remote Health Program will see construction at:

- Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service
- Pormpuraaw Primary Health Care Centre
- Staff Accommodation to support recruitment and retention in rural and remote areas.

Timely Investment Infrastructure Maintenance Program

The Independent Review of the Capacity Expansion Program also recommended a clear funding source for Queensland Health's maintenance program, after noting the previous government's allocation to the program was 'significantly below the needs of Queensland Health now and into the future'. In response, the 2025–26 Budget will provide a significant \$2.647 billion uplift over 5 years from 2024–25 to enhance, optimise and renew Queensland Health's existing asset base and ensure facilities and equipment are fit for purpose.

Residential Activation Fund

The Residential Activation Fund is an important initiative underpinning the commitments to get more Queenslanders into their own homes sooner and to deliver a place to call home for all Queenslanders. The fund will provide \$2 billion for trunk and essential infrastructure such as water supply, sewerage, stormwater, power, telecommunications, and transport needed to activate infill and greenfield residential developments. Half of the funding will be invested in projects outside of South East Queensland.

To accelerate the delivery of new housing supply, the new Queensland Government has brought forward the funding allocated to the Residential Activation Fund to deliver a place to call home for more Queenslanders.

Social and Affordable Housing

The Queensland Government has committed additional funding of \$1.967 billion over 4 years (including \$1.892 billion capital funding) and \$500 million per annum ongoing to support Queensland's Housing Investment Pipeline. This will help deliver 53,500 social and community homes by 2044, including youth foyers, domestic violence shelters and social homes in remote and discrete First Nations communities.

Olympic and Paralympic Games

On 25 March 2025, the Queensland Government released the *2032 Delivery Plan*, which puts the Games back on track. As well as delivering a successful Olympic and Paralympic Games, the *2032 Delivery Plan* sets out a plan to connect Queensland by building the roads and infrastructure needed to support tourism and grassroots clubs.

The 2025–26 Budget makes provision for 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games venues infrastructure funding of \$7.1 billion over 7 years to 2031–32.

The Budget also makes initial provision of \$950 million over 4 years for 2032 Athletes Villages as part of a total provision for the villages of \$3.5 billion, with accommodation to be delivered in partnership with the private sector.

The Queensland Government is working to update agreements with the Australian Government in relation to its commitment of \$3.4 billion for the venues program. The allocation of funding for specific venues projects is subject to government investment decisions following completion of project assessment activities. Venue delivery will be by the Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority.

Total expenditure of \$864 million is forecast for delivery of the first minor venues projects approved for procurement. These are the Sunshine Coast Stadium, Barlow Park Stadium, Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre, Logan Indoor Sports Centre and the Sunshine Coast Mountain Bike Centre. This expenditure includes a \$17 million contribution to the Sunshine Coast Stadium project from the Sunshine Coast Council.

Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program

The program of works detailed in the Queensland Transport and Investment Program (QTRIP) 2025–26 to 2028–29 represents a \$41.7 billion investment across local, state and national networks. The program reflects the Queensland Government's dedication to building resilient infrastructure that meets the needs of our growing population. The program has been developed in accordance with the funding allocations identified by the Queensland and Australian Governments and shaped by state infrastructure planning processes and specific transport strategies and plans developed in accordance with state legislation.

Further details on QTRIP are available at www.tmr.qld.gov.au and by searching for QTRIP.

Bruce Highway Upgrades

The Bruce Highway is Queensland's major north-south freight and commuter corridor, connecting coastal population centres from Brisbane to Cairns over almost 1,700 kilometres. The Queensland Government will continue to work with the Australian Government to deliver Bruce Highway upgrades aimed at improving safety, flood resilience and capacity along the length of the highway.

The 2025–26 capital program includes investment towards several key projects including significant investment in regional Queensland. Key investments include (noting total budgets):

- \$9.0 billion Bruce Highway Targeted Safety Program
- \$1.98 billion towards the Rockhampton Ring Road
- \$290 million towards the Bruce Highway Dohles Rocks Road to Anzac Avenue upgrade (Stage 1)
- Bruce Highway Tiaro Bypass (planned investment)
- Bruce Highway Anzac Avenue to Uhlmann Road Upgrade (planned investment)

Olympic and Paralympic Games Transport Infrastructure

The recently released *2032 Delivery Plan* is committed to creating a transport legacy for Queensland through the delivery of reliable, sustainable and inclusive transport before, during and long after the 2032 Games. Major upgrades that will connect our growing regions include:

- **Upgrades to Gold Coast Public Transport**

The rail line between Kuraby and Beenleigh is a key capacity bottleneck on the network, where trains share a single track in each direction. During peak periods, all-stop Beenleigh trains need to be held to one side to allow Gold Coast express trains to pass through.

The \$5.75 billion Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail project will unlock additional train services to meet the high growth travel demand between Brisbane and the Gold Coast and is a key investment to support the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The project will also make it easier for customers to access high-frequency train services through modern station upgrades and improved walking and cycling connections and it will improve safety and reduce traffic congestion through level crossing removals.

- **Upgrades to Sunshine Coast Public Transport**

The Wave will see the delivery of a new direct heavy rail line from Beerwah to Birtinya linking with a state-of-the-art metro hub that will connect to the Sunshine Coast Airport through Maroochydore. The program includes planned investments for Stage 1 and 2 projects (Beerwah to Caloundra – 19 kilometres and Caloundra to Birtinya – 7 kilometres) and a Stage 3 public transport link from Birtinya to Maroochydore and on to the Sunshine Coast Airport.

- **Coomera Connector Stage 1**

The Coomera Connector is a transport corridor between Loganholme and Nerang. The \$3.5 billion Stage 1 project will deliver a new 16 kilometre 4-lane motorway in the priority section between Coomera and Nerang improving productivity and reliability and relieving pressure on the M1.

Cross River Rail

This project involves a new 10.2 kilometre rail line from Dutton Park to Bowen Hills, including 5.9 kilometres of twin tunnels under the Brisbane River and CBD and 4 new high-capacity underground stations (at Boggo Road, Woolloongabba, Albert Street and Roma Street).

The Cross River Rail project is being delivered in partnership with the private sector through 2 major infrastructure packages of work: Tunnel, Stations and Development with Pulse Consortium through a public private partnership; and Rail, Integration and Systems through an alliance model with Unity Alliance.

The project will also support the introduction of a new signalling system, the European Train Control System.

Due to project delays, industrial action and contractor claims, the cost of Cross River Rail is expected to exceed \$17 billion, with negotiations ongoing to finalise the overall project budget. The funding allocated in this budget ensures that the project can be delivered in a responsible and measured way.

New School Infrastructure

The government is commencing the delivery of 3 new state schools in high-growth areas across Queensland during 2025–26. Construction will commence on a new primary school in Holmview as well as a co-located secondary and special school in Logan Reserve to open in 2027.

Additional investments include \$100 million for a new high school in Gracemere and \$95 million for a Health Sciences Academy in Rockhampton (with an additional contribution from the Australian Government). These initiatives demonstrate the government's commitment to supporting Queensland's growing communities and enhancing educational opportunities.

The 2025–26 budget commits an additional \$814.8 million in capital over the next 4 years towards the planning, construction and expansion of schools and school infrastructure. This funding will enable the delivery of 2 new primary schools in Caloundra South (West) and Ripley Valley (White Rock) and new special schools or campuses at Central Logan (Berrinba), Coomera, Springfield/Redbank, Beenleigh, Moreton Bay South and Ipswich West.

The government is also investing in a combined 6 Crime Prevention and Youth Justice Schools, with funding of \$90 million over 5 years. This sees the Government commit funding to 15 different new schools across the state through this budget.

Electricity Maintenance Guarantee

The Electricity Maintenance Guarantee (the Guarantee) is a new investment, performance and accountability framework for asset maintenance across state-owned power plants.

Through the Guarantee, shareholding Ministers provided upfront approval of all investment required by Stanwell, CS Energy and CleanCo to implement 5-year asset management plans - capturing all overhaul and sustaining capital expenditure - to ensure these facilities keep running for longer to provide the state baseload power, meet safety and statutory compliance requirements, while maintaining asset integrity and performance.

Over the next 5 years, the Guarantee is underpinning a \$1.6 billion investment in Queensland's state-owned generation assets, with major overhauls at Callide C, Tarong and Wivenhoe Power Stations, and a minor overhaul of Callide Unit C4 scheduled for 2025–26.

Energy Roadmap

The Queensland Government is developing a 5-year Energy Roadmap (the Roadmap) to deliver affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for Queenslanders.

In 2025–26, Queensland's state-owned energy businesses are investing over \$5 billion across the energy supply chain, with further investments to be made under the Roadmap. Key capital investments to expand firming capacity include \$479.2 million for CS Energy to continue development of the Brigalow Gas Peaking Plant, and \$378.9 million for utility scale batteries at the Stanwell, Tarong and Swanbank Power Station sites.

The government is also progressing pumped hydro projects, with Queensland Hydro to invest \$355.2 million towards early works on the Borumba PHES. State-owned generators will also progress smaller, more manageable PHES investments in partnership with the private sector, with \$79.4 million to be invested in acquisitions of the Mt Rawdon and Cressbrook PHES projects.

The government is also delivering major network infrastructure, including \$221 million to commence early works on the Gladstone Project to reinforce the grid in Central Queensland.

CopperString

The 2025–26 State Budget has allocated \$2 billion over the next 4 years, including \$402.8 million in 2025–26, to ensure the delivery of CopperString and to support jobs and investment in north and north west Queensland. This brings the total project investment to a record \$2.4 billion.

The government has appointed Queensland Investment Corporation (QIC) to take a lead role in the project, leveraging QIC's infrastructure experience to support Powerlink in transmission planning and delivery.

While QIC undertakes a detailed project assessment to ensure value for money and explores options to attract private sector investment, Powerlink continues to progress delivery. Subject to approvals, 2025–26 will see the commencement of on-the-ground works at the \$225 million Hughenden Hub which in the future will connect renewable energy at Flinders to the National Electricity Market. In addition, Powerlink will prepare site accommodation along the Eastern Link as well as oversee the procurement of transformers, lines and tower steel needed for the construction of CopperString.

Disaster Resilience Program

The Queensland Government has been quick to respond to the devastating impacts of recent disaster events in Far North, South East and Western Queensland, providing immediate assistance under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). In 2025–26, an estimated \$2.5 billion will be spent on the community's recovery. This includes personal hardship assistance, loans and grants for primary producers, small businesses and not-for-profit organisations and for the reconstruction and enhanced resilience of Australian, State and Local Government infrastructure.

As one of the most disaster-impacted states in Australia, it is vital to help local Queensland communities better prepare for natural disasters. Increasing the resilience of infrastructure and investing in innovative programs to lessen the impact of natural disasters will allow communities to recover more quickly should a natural disaster occur.

This is why the Queensland Government has committed to initiatives like the Queensland Betterment Fund, investing an additional \$40 million per annum towards disaster resilience initiatives, and to building a more resilient Bruce Highway and other key state-owned connection roads and assets, with a \$205 million joint funding commitment under DRFA.

As part of the 2025–26 State Budget, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority will also administer a suite of additional programs aimed at promoting disaster recovery and resilience of Queensland communities. This includes:

- \$47.7 million as part of \$95.4 million towards infrastructure projects supporting crucial access links and upgrades to rural and remote access points. This program is jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments from DRFA Efficiencies.
- \$26 million as part of the Queensland Betterment Fund, delivering high-priority betterment infrastructure projects, and \$12 million as part of the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund, to support locally-led disaster resilience and risk reduction activities. Both form part of the \$450 million Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program, jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments, including from DRFA Efficiencies.

- \$13.1 million for the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund, as part of a National Partnership Agreement jointly funded with the Australian Government, to support disaster mitigation projects and build resilience to natural disasters.

Increase Prison Capacity

The Queensland Government is investing \$2.387 billion over 6 years from 2024–25 to increase adult prison capacity at the Arthur Gorrie and Townsville Correctional Centres. This capacity is essential to meet projected demand and ensure a safer environment for correctional staff, prisoners and the community.

Courthouse Infrastructure

The government is providing \$76.3 million over 5 years for essential courthouse infrastructure, including:

- security infrastructure upgrades
- uplifting the program of works to ensure the safety of domestic and family violence (DFV) victims while attending court and to support enhanced delivery of DFV services at selected locations
- critical remediation work at the heritage-listed Bowen and Maryborough courthouses
- land acquisition for future replacement of courthouses and watchhouses in Beenleigh and Townsville.

Police Stations, Facilities and Beats

The government is providing \$277 million over 5 years for new and upgraded police facilities, including:

- police stations and beats at Burleigh Heads, Nambour, Logan Central, Mount Gravatt, Boondall, Ferny Grove, Redcliffe, Edmonton, Goodna and Palm Island
- land acquisition for proposed new police facilities at Yarrabilba, Caboolture West and Rainbow Beach.

Youth Detention Centre

The government will continue to progress work on a new youth detention centre at the Woodford Correctional Precinct, north west of Brisbane, with the remaining construction costs projected to be \$763.9 million over the period to 2027–28 (of the total estimated cost of \$982.6 million).

The centre includes 80 beds across 2 campuses, with provision for expansion. The first campus is expected to be complete in the second half of 2027.

The new youth detention centre features contemporary and innovative design to deliver safe, secure and effective multipurpose spaces that support best-practice operations to rehabilitate youths and make the community safer.

Gladstone Port Northern Land Expansion Project

The Northern Land Expansion Project involves construction of a bund wall for a new reclamation area at the port's Northern Trade Precinct near Fisherman's Landing. This development supports the release of additional land at the Port of Gladstone for prospective users, and will facilitate the long-term development of other heavy industries.

Cairns Marine Precinct – Common User Facility

The Queensland Government has committed to deliver an expansion of the Cairns Marine Precinct through the development of a Common User Facility delivered by Far North Queensland Ports Corporation Limited (trading as Ports North). The proposed Common User Facility will include a 5,000 tonne shiplift and new hardstand areas.

The Queensland Government has committed \$207 million and is working with the Australian Government, which has committed \$180 million. Total funding to progress the project is \$387 million, including \$38.4 million in 2025–26 for planning and enabling works.

Bowen Wharf Replacement Project

North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation is progressing designs and approvals for the replacement of the Bowen Wharf, which is nearing the end of its useful life.

Following extensive consultation with stakeholders on potential options, a preferred design was selected in 2024–25. The 2025–26 Budget includes \$1.6 million to progress detailed design works and environmental approvals for the \$50 million Bowen Wharf replacement project. Construction works are planned to occur between 2027 and 2029.

Dam Improvement Program

The 2025–26 Budget allocates \$346.2 million to ensure state-owned dams meet modern engineering standards and continue to operate safely during extreme weather events.

This includes \$96.9 million to continue planning and enabling works for the Paradise Dam improvement project during 2025–26. The Queensland Government has committed to rebuilding Paradise Dam at a total estimated cost of \$4.4 billion, after the dam wall was lowered, reducing capacity, under the previous government. The Queensland Government has committed to funding the project to ensure safe and secure water supply and support economic growth across the Bundaberg region. The Australian Government has also committed funding to Paradise Dam.

Across South East Queensland \$113.1 million is allocated in 2025–26 to deliver early risk reducing works at Somerset Dam, \$62.6 million to progress construction works at Lake Macdonald Dam, \$29.2 million to strengthen sections of North Pine Dam's wall and \$14.2 million on further planning of the major North Pine Dam upgrade.

The 2025–26 Budget also supports continued planning for future upgrades at Wivenhoe and Awoonga Dams as well as for Sunwater's broader dam improvement program, including Burdekin Falls Dam.

South East Queensland and Surrounds Water Security Program

More than \$500 million is allocated to enhance South East Queensland and surrounding regions' water security and flood resilience during 2025–26, including \$142.7 million to commence construction on the Toowoomba to Warwick Pipeline.

The 2025–26 Budget also invests in the South East Queensland Water Grid (the Grid) allocating \$17.8 million to plan for a new water treatment plant that will maximise the use of existing assets by connecting Wyaralong Dam to the Grid, and \$17.9 million to plan for Northern Pipeline Interconnector stage 3, which will increase Seqwater's capacity to transfer water to the northern region of the South East Queensland Water Grid.

Seqwater will also invest \$14.2 million during 2025–26 to enhance the flood resilience of critical water supply assets at Mount Crosby.

Barlil and Cooranga Weirs

The 2025–26 Budget provides \$29.7 million for Sunwater to progress planning and design work for the Barlil Weir and Cooranga Weir projects, as part of the Queensland Government's commitment to improve the reliability of water supply in the South Burnett and North Burnett regions.

1.3 Queensland's infrastructure frameworks

The Queensland Government's infrastructure frameworks focus on achieving robust capital planning, quality investment decisions and economic development. These processes are critical in effectively assessing and prioritising delivery of an infrastructure program and are informed by the latest population projections from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office.

Regional Infrastructure Plans

The Queensland Government has committed to delivering new regional plans, with supporting infrastructure plans, to deliver one million homes by 2044 across Queensland.

Regional Infrastructure Plans (RIPs) are being progressively developed as part of a coordinated program, alongside statutory regional plan reviews, in consultation with stakeholders (industry, peak bodies and local governments) through a place-based approach to help prioritise regionally significant infrastructure needs.

Further details on RIPs are available at www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au by searching for Regional Infrastructure Plans.

The Queensland Government Infrastructure Pipeline

The Queensland Government Infrastructure Pipeline (QGIP) provides industry with visibility of the government's infrastructure program, fostering confidence and enabling workforce planning. QGIP demonstrates the government's commitment to delivering Queensland's infrastructure needs.

The QGIP dashboard comprises:

- infrastructure delivery pipeline – infrastructure commitments and activity over the next 4 years
- infrastructure planning pipeline – planning stage proposals (subject to government consideration and final investment decisions).

The QGIP can be accessed at www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au by searching for Queensland Government Infrastructure Pipeline.

Infrastructure Proposal Development Policy

The Infrastructure Proposal Development Policy (IPDP) sets objectives for planning and assessing major infrastructure, to ensure the Queensland Government undertakes careful long-term planning for the state's infrastructure needs by:

- aligning agency infrastructure programs with whole-of-government objectives to optimise outcomes for the state
- supporting agencies to improve and mature their infrastructure planning and assessment capabilities
- providing targeted assistance and assurance advice to agencies on major infrastructure proposal development
- ensuring frameworks and systems are in place and applied to give government confidence in infrastructure investment decisions.

Further details on the IPDP and supporting Infrastructure Proposal Assurance Framework are available at www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au by searching for Infrastructure Proposal Development Policy.

Project Assessment Framework

The Project Assessment Framework (PAF) is used across the Queensland Government to ensure a consistent and rigorous approach to assessing projects at critical stages in their development lifecycle.

The PAF is administered by Queensland Treasury and applied by government departments to evaluate proposals for infrastructure projects and for the procurement of goods and services. The PAF may also be used by other government entities when developing and implementing project assessment methodologies.

Further details on the PAF are available at www.treasury.qld.gov.au by searching for Project Assessment Framework.

Business Case Development Framework

The Business Case Development Framework (BCDF) supports the implementation of the PAF by providing agencies with detailed guidance and tools to complete assessment and assurance of infrastructure proposals. The BCDF informs the development of proposals from early assessment stages through to the detailed business case stage. It is scalable and can be applied to all infrastructure proposals.

The BCDF ensures that major infrastructure proposals are thoroughly assessed to provide a well-informed basis for government investment decisions. The BCDF guidance materials and templates are published and maintained by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.

Further details on the BCDF are available at www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au by searching for Business Case Development Framework.