



REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

CREATING JOBS FOR OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Budget will directly support job creation in the Outback Queensland region with significant expenditure including:

Infrastructure

\$611M

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **2,200 jobs** in this region in 2020-21.

Health

\$452M

for the North West, Central West and South West Hospital and Health Services.

Education

\$29.9M

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Outback Queensland.

The Outback Queensland region will also benefit from:

Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction

\$251M

in 2020-21 to local governments for recovery and reconstruction projects relating to natural disaster events which occurred between 2018 and 2020 in Outback Queensland.

COVID Works for Queensland

\$26.3M

to support the delivery of job-creating new infrastructure, maintenance or minor works as part of the Queensland Government's Economic Recovery Plan.

Homelessness services

\$5.6M

in 2020-21 to deliver specialist homelessness services.

Delivering for the Outback Queensland region

Building our Regions

\$51.0 million allocated to 74 projects in Outback Queensland to assist local councils to deliver critical infrastructure and support 283 jobs during construction.

(March 2015 to October 2020)

Drought Relief Assistance Scheme Funding

\$39.0 million in financial assistance provided to 1,367 farms to help manage the adverse impacts of drought.

(March 2015 to October 2020)

Recovery and resilience against natural disasters

An estimated \$252.6 million for the provision of financial assistance for capital and resilience works to disaster affected communities in 2020-21.

(March 2020 to October 2020)

Works for Queensland

\$83.4 million provided to regional councils to undertake 383 job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Outback Queensland.

(February 2017 to November 2020)

Restoring frontline services for Outback Queensland

(March 2015 to September 2020)



88 extra nurses, up 14.8%



27 extra doctors, up 40.4%



40 extra teachers, up 5.7%



43 extra police officers, up 14.6%



CREATING JOBS FOR Outback Queensland

1 Morningside Shire Civic Centre Project
\$1.8 million in 2020-21 out of a \$5.3 million total spend to deliver a new council administration building and chambers in the town centre consolidating all Council operations into one facility.

2 Lelka Murrin Restaurant and Kiosk Development
\$500,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$1 million total spend to renovate the Lelka Murrin building, the site of the old Gununa Tavern, to provide a food service hub comprising a restaurant, café and kiosk.

3 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
\$720,000 in 2020-21 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Normanton.

4 John Henry Memorial Oval
\$339,027 in 2020-21 out of a \$1 million total spend for Carpentaria Shire Council to construct new change rooms and amenities, storage shed and shade structure at John Henry Memorial Oval, Normanton.

5 Glenore Weir Stabilisation
\$777,028 in 2020-21 out of a \$2.4 million total spend to provide permanent stabilisation of Glenore Weir to improve water storage and secure surrounding embankments.

6 Boodjamulla National Park - remote area power systems upgrade
\$650,000 in 2020-21 to upgrade park infrastructure at Boodjamulla National Park.

7 Kennedy Developmental Road (The Lynd - Hughenden), progressive sealing
\$11.4 million in 2020-21 out of a \$50 million total spend to continue progressive sealing of various sections of the Kennedy Developmental Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

8 Flinders Highway (Julia Creek - Cloncurry), Scrubby Creek
\$5.1 million in 2020-21 out of a \$32.1 million total spend to strengthen pavement and widen floodway on Flinders Highway at Scrubby Creek. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

9 Julia Creek Smart Hub
\$261,875 in 2020-21 out of a \$523,750 total spend to stimulate economic development in Julia Creek by establishing a digital innovation hub.

10 Unmanned Aerial Systems flight test range
\$7.1 million in 2020-21 out of a \$14.5 million total spend for the Autonomous Systems (drone testing facility).

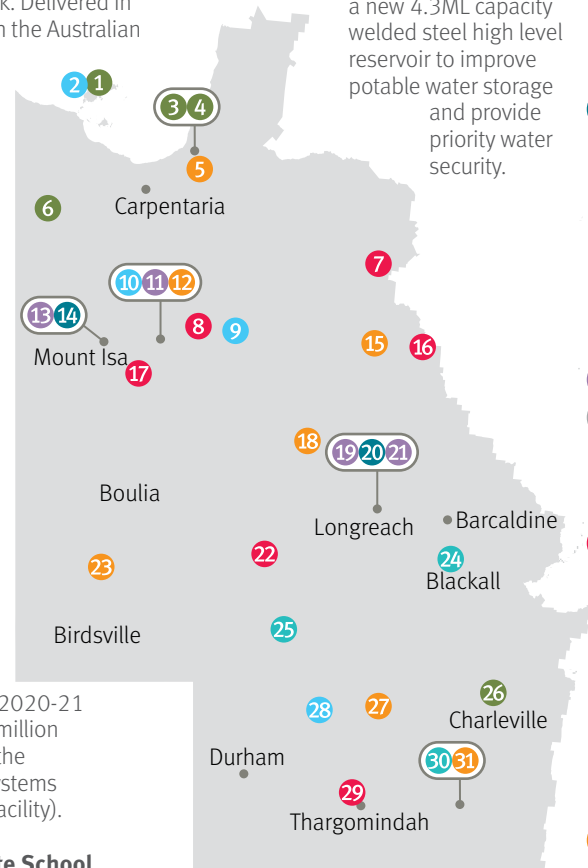
11 Cloncurry State School
\$500,000 over three years to upgrade senior school facilities to provide a space for welding and metal work training.

12 Cloncurry River Main Well Project
\$197,530 in 2020-21 out of a \$597,489 total spend to repair the damaged main well to improve the source of raw water for the township's treated water supply.

13 Spinifex State College - Mount Isa
\$1 million in 2020-21 to construct a security fence and refurbish amenities.

14 Mount Isa Queensland Fire and Emergency Services complex upgrade
\$1.3 million in 2020-21 out of a \$3.7 million total spend to complete upgrade of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services complex at Mount Isa.

15 Hughenden Water Reservoir Project
\$948,062 in 2020-21 out of a \$2.9 million total spend to construct a new 4.3ML capacity welded steel high level reservoir to improve potable water storage and provide priority water security.



18 Winton water supply and sewerage automation
\$102,552 in 2020-21 out of a \$310,200 total spend to install new control system, telemetry and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system for an improved water reticulation and sewerage network.

19 Longreach State High School
\$2.6 million over three years for an automotive training facility with necessary equipment to deliver practical and theoretical learning.

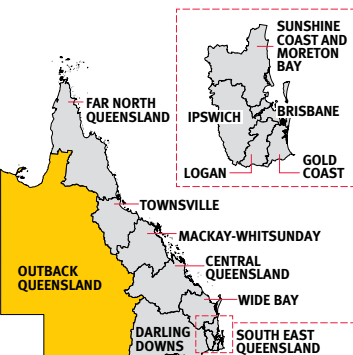
20 Longreach replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station
\$2.7 million in 2020-21 out of a \$4.4 million total spend to continue replacement of the auxiliary fire and rescue station at Longreach.

21 Longreach State School
\$500,000 in 2020-21 to replace the existing amenities block.

22 Connemara Road - bridge replacement
\$91,246 in 2020-21 out of a \$276,000 total spend to replace single lane steel bridge with two lanes and reinforced concrete floodway and batters to increase flood immunity.

23 Bedourie Town bore upgrade
\$123,252 in 2020-21 out of a \$372,814 total spend to upgrade Bedourie Town bore to improve water supply to the town.

24 Blackall Hospital
\$9.9 million in 2020-21 out of a \$20.2 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Blackall Hospital site, including the redevelopment of the Hospital.



Barcaldine to get renewable energy boost

The Queensland Government is providing \$380,000 for a feasibility study into the second stage of a groundbreaking solar, wind and hydrogen project. Should the project proceed, Barcaldine will be home to Queensland's new Renewable Energy Hub and Australia's first commercial-scale use of hydrogen.

The feasibility study will look at producing zero-carbon hydrogen from renewables to produce ammonia and urea for domestic and global markets. This builds on the \$300,000 Stage One feasibility study into a 30-megawatt solar farm with intensive horticulture.

The new Hub has the potential to turbo-charge economic growth in the region, creating 350 local jobs and 600 construction jobs as well as attracting up to \$500 million new investment.



Mount Isa Mines copper smelter backs local jobs

The Queensland Government is securing more than 1,000 resource and manufacturing jobs associated with the Mount Isa Mines copper smelter. 830 jobs in Mount Isa depend on the smelter, with a further 250 jobs in Townsville across Mount Isa Mines' and Incitec Pivot's operations. The smelter supports indirect employment for many hundreds more in those regions who either supply other goods and services to the smelter or refinery, or rely on the outputs.

The initiative is part of the Queensland Government's economic recovery plan that includes maintaining the State's mineral processing capability and supply chains. There will be growing global demand for copper and other new economy minerals needed for wind turbines, generators and batteries and copper for electric cars.

KEY

-  Community wellbeing
-  Utilities
-  Health
-  Education
-  Transport and roads
-  Justice and safety
-  Government services
-  Recreation and culture
-  Statewide/region-wide
-  Relates to election commitment

33 North West Minerals Province
 S/R \$300,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$975,000 total spend supporting economic diversification and job creating initiatives through the development of robust business cases to increase tourism.

34 Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund
 S/R \$6 million in 2020-21 out of a \$10.4 million total spend to develop new attractions and help transform the region into a destination of choice. Delivered in partnership with local government and the private sector.

35 Social housing
 S/R \$23.3 million in 2020-21 to expand and improve social housing.

Please note: Not all Government expenditure for the region is shown. Dollar amounts may include capital and operating expenditure, though may not represent the entire funding allocated.

To see more Palaszczuk Government initiatives visit budget.qld.gov.au

25 Windorah Primary Health Care Centre

\$1 million in 2020-21 out of a \$4.2 million total spend for the construction of a modular Primary Health Care Centre to improve patient flow, model of care, security, storage and service delivery.

26 Murweh and Quilpie Tyre Recycling Project

\$150,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$250,000 total spend to support Murweh Shire Council to address stockpiles of problematic waste tyres.

27 Quilpie water supply upgrade

\$247,652 in 2020-21 out of a \$749,100 total spend to construct a new bore to improve future potable water requirements and to refurbish the existing bore to provide a backup supply in an emergency.

28 Eromanga Natural History Museum

\$960,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$2.4 million total spend to construct a museum for one of Australia's most significant and internationally recognised dinosaur and megafauna collections.

29 Thargomindah Airport runway reseal

\$94,306 in 2020-21 out of a \$285,257 total spend to upgrade the existing runway, taxiway, apron and aircraft parking area of the airport with a new seal.

30 Cunnamulla Hospital

\$2 million in 2020-21 out of a \$2.3 million total spend for the decommissioning of the operating theatre and provision of single ward rooms complete with Persons With Disabilities ensuite and an activities room.

31 Paroo Shire Council upgrade to critical sewerage infrastructure

\$2.8 million in 2020-21 out of a \$9.1 million total spend to replace Paroo Shire Council's sewerage treatment plant and sewer relining.

32 Copperstring 2.0

\$9.1 million in 2020-21 out of a \$16.0 million total spend to continue works on a high-voltage transmission line connecting the region to the National Electricity Grid.

BUDGET 2020–21 AT A GLANCE

Jobs supported by infrastructure investment in 2020–21	46,000
Total infrastructure program over four years	\$56B
Percentage of capital spend outside Greater Brisbane	58%
Total spend on road and transport infrastructure in 2020–21	\$6.3B
COVID-19 economic stimulus measures to date	\$7B
Education and training in 2020–21	\$17.5B
Health in 2020–21	\$21.8B
Concessions and lowering the cost of living	\$6.3B
Building trains in Queensland over 10 years	\$1B
Social housing improvements in 2020–21	\$526.2M

Tax Relief Package

The Government provided significant tax relief to support Queensland businesses, landlords, tenants, pubs and clubs, including:

- Payroll tax refunds, waivers and deferrals for eligible businesses, targeted at small to medium businesses
- A payroll tax exemption for wages subsidised by the JobKeeper payment
- Land tax rebates, waivers and deferrals for eligible taxpayers.

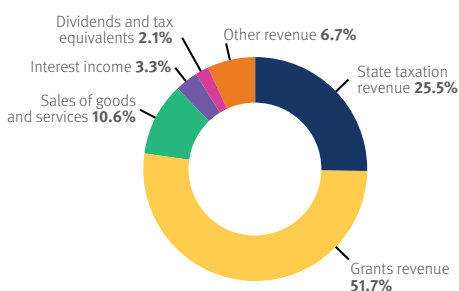
An estimated 80 businesses in Outback Queensland will also benefit in 2020-21 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

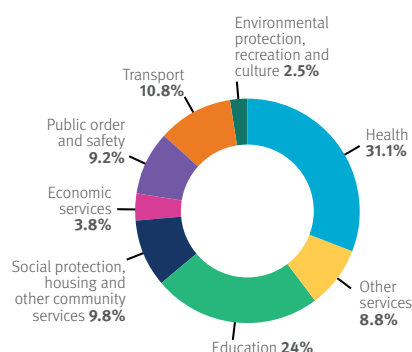
This Budget is focused on creating jobs and getting our economy moving sooner. Initiatives include:

- Driving the largest infrastructure program in over a decade - \$14.8 billion in 2020–21, directly supporting 46,000 jobs. Around 58% of the capital program and 28,700 of the jobs supported will be outside the Greater Brisbane area.
- Growing our regions and supporting key industries such as tourism, agriculture and mining. An additional \$200 million will be provided to the Works for Queensland program to support local governments outside South East Queensland.
- Enhancing frontline services. The Budget will support funding for additional frontline health staff including 5,800 nurses, 1,500 doctors and 1,700 allied health professionals through to 2024.
- Providing more Queenslanders with access to the skills and training they need for rewarding careers. \$100 million has been provided over three years to upgrade TAFE campuses.
- Backing small businesses to support jobs and communities. More than \$7 billion in COVID-19 stimulus measures have been provided so far, including reducing business costs through payroll tax relief and other tax relief measures, and accelerating projects to unlock development and increase economic activity.
- Providing concessions and easing the cost of living, with an estimated \$6.3 billion in 2020–21 in targeted discounts, fee waivers, rebates, and subsidies.
- Protecting the environment. The Great Barrier Reef will benefit from an additional \$40 million worth of support. This includes \$10 million for a Reef Assist Program and \$6 million over four years for the GBR Island Arks project to deliver ecotourism in the region.
- Increasing investment in manufacturing including \$1 billion to make trains again in Queensland.
- Delivering lower debt than New South Wales and Victoria.

2020–21 Revenue



2020–21 Expenses



Queensland's Labour Market Forecasts

