



REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

CREATING JOBS FOR THE WIDE BAY

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

Infrastructure

\$948M

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **3,400 jobs** in this region in 2020-21.

Health

\$2.9B

for the Wide Bay, Darling Downs and Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Services.

Education

\$64.6M

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in the Wide Bay.

The Wide Bay region will also benefit from:

Powering Queensland Jobs: Rail Manufacturing

\$600M

Government has committed to build 20 new trains in the Wide Bay, which will support services following the opening of the Cross River Rail tunnel in South East Queensland.

Social housing

\$38.15M

in 2020-21 to expand and improve social housing throughout the region, incorporating Cherbourg. It includes \$6.9 million Works for Tradies Initiative contributing to Queensland's economic recovery.

COVID Works for Queensland

\$26.2M

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

Delivering for the Wide Bay region

Back to Work

\$44.6 million of payments have been paid to 1,968 employers to employ 4,266 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(July 2016 to November 2020)

Building our Regions

\$44.3 million allocated to 28 projects in the Wide Bay to assist local councils to deliver critical infrastructure and support 436 jobs during construction.

(March 2015 to October 2020)

Skilling Queenslanders for Work

\$37.4 million allocated to provide training to 3,893 people, including 2,478 people who have now been employed.

(July 2015 to October 2020)

Works for Queensland

\$112.6 million provided to regional councils to undertake 318 job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in the Wide Bay.

(February 2017 to November 2020)

Restoring frontline services for the Wide Bay

(March 2015 to September 2020)



295 extra nurses, up 18.9%



117 extra doctors, up 31.6%



74 extra teacher aides, up 9.7%



57 extra firefighters, up 53%



CREATING JOBS FOR THE Wide Bay

1 Mon Repos Turtle Centre renewable energy upgrade
\$400,000 in 2020-21 to improve energy efficiency of the Mon Repos Turtle Centre.

2 Bundaberg - Gin Gin Road, Burnett River Traffic Bridge
\$1.8 million in 2020-21 out of a \$28.6 million total spend to rehabilitate the Burnett River Bridge and culverts near Bundaberg Central.

3 Bundaberg Hospital
\$500,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$19.1 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Bundaberg Hospital site, and for Bundaberg Alcohol and Other Drug support.

4 Salter Oval
\$100,000 in 2020-21 to improve lighting at Salter Oval, Bundaberg.

5 Woongarra State School
\$1 million in 2020-21 to provide waste water and water service to the school.

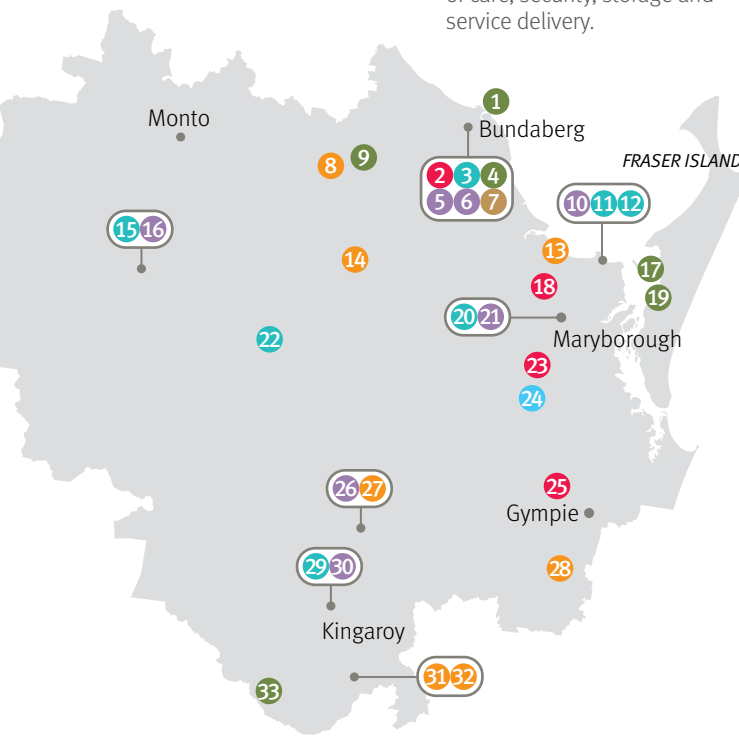
6 Agriculture and Horticulture Centre and Maker Space Centre
\$4.4 million for a new Agriculture and Horticulture Centre and a new Maker Space Centre at Bundaberg TAFE.

7 Bundaberg Central Men's Shed
\$100,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$200,000 total spend for a new shed for the Bundaberg Central Men's Shed Association to advance the wellbeing and health of their male members and to encourage social inclusion.

8 Gin Gin Substation rebuild
\$6.4 million in 2020-21 to replace aged substation assets to ensure continued reliability of electricity supply to the surrounding area.

9 Gin Gin Community Hub Upgrade Project
\$275,677 in 2020-21 out of a \$833,870 total spend to upgrade facilities to incorporate a new library, upgraded offices and shared space for enhanced community event and recreational use.

10 Hervey Bay State High School
\$10.7 million in 2020-21 out of a \$15.9 million total spend to construct a performing arts centre and additional classrooms.



11 Urraween Ambulance Station
\$2.8 million in 2020-21 out of a \$3.2 million total spend for the construction of a new ambulance station in Hervey Bay.

12 Hervey Bay Hospital
\$5.1 million in 2020-21 out of a \$12.1 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Hervey Bay Hospital site.

13 Burgowan to Takura Water Augmentation
\$910,472 in 2020-21 out of a \$2.8 million total spend to construct a new section of transmission main to meet future water demands of Hervey Bay.

14 Paradise Dam essential works and improvement project (planning works)
\$89.6 million in 2020-21 out of a \$130.6 million total spend to provide essential works to lower spillway and continue planning work for enhancements to meet future extreme weather events and long-term water demand.

15 Eidsvold Multi-Purpose Health Service
\$122,687 in 2020-21 out of a \$2.2 million total spend for a complete redesign, refurbishment and remodel to improve patient flow, model of care, security, storage and service delivery.

16 Eidsvold State School
\$600,000 in 2020-21 to refurbish amenities.

17 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
\$480,000 in 2020-21 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Hervey Bay and Fraser Island (K'gari).

18 Bruce Highway (Maryborough - Gin Gin), Saltwater Creek
\$5.3 million in 2020-21 out of a \$103 million total spend to upgrade bridges, approaches and floodways on the Bruce Highway at Saltwater Creek north of Maryborough. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

19 Fraser Island (K'gari) Central Station day use area upgrade
\$668,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$4.3 million total spend for a major upgrade of Central Station day use area on Fraser Island (K'gari).

20 Maryborough Hospital
\$1.4 million in 2020-21 out of a \$5.4 million total spend for the roof replacement and remediation works.

21 Maryborough State High School
\$5.2 million in 2020-21 out of a \$10 million total spend to construct two new buildings, refurbish learning spaces, upgrade the sports field and pedestrian crossing and provide a new audio-visual system to the hall.

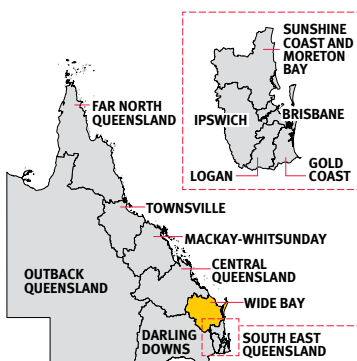
22 Gayndah Hospital
\$58,773 in 2020-21 out of a \$4.7 million total spend for the complete redesign and refurbishment to improve patient flow, model of care, security, storage and service delivery.

23 Bruce Highway (Gympie - Maryborough), Tiaro Bypass
\$2.6 million in 2020-21 out of a \$107 million total spend to construct a bypass to the east of Tiaro township including flood immunity works. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

24 Bakers Road Floodway
\$27,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$272,000 total spend for Bakers Road Floodway for recovery from Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie.

25 Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra Section D)
\$94 million in 2020-21 out of a \$1 billion total spend to construct a new 26km, four-lane divided highway from Woondum to Curra. The final section of the Cooroy to Curra project. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

26 Murgon State High School
\$10.1 million in 2020-21 out of a \$10.9 million total spend to construct a new hall, a new administration building and a Youth Hub for the Cherbourg and Murgon area.



27 Cherbourg town water reservoir replacement
\$675,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$4 million total spend to deliver new town reservoir tanks for the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and replace and upgrade other critical water treatment infrastructure.

28 Imbil Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade
\$128,994 in 2020-21 out of a \$390,180 total spend to upgrade the Sewage Treatment Plant with systems and equipment to improve treatment efficiency and reliability and reduce greenhouse emissions of the plant.

29 Kingaroy Hospital
\$23 million in 2020-21 out of a \$92.5 million total spend for the redevelopment that will increase patient treatment spaces from 46 to 66, improving the hospital's role as a hub for various services in the region.

30 Kingaroy State High School
\$1.6 million over three years to upgrade agriculture and animal husbandry facilities, including new exclusion fencing and sheds.

31 Tarong power station replacements and refurbishment
\$118.4 million in 2020-21 to replace and refurbish existing infrastructure at the Tarong power station and ensure the continued reliability of supply to Queensland and the National Electricity Market.

32 Meandu Mine development and other works program
\$41.6 million in 2020-21 to refurbish existing infrastructure and develop future mining areas.

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

33 Bunya Mountains National Park - Koondaii circuit walking track upgrade
\$125,000 in 2020-21 to upgrade visitor walking tracks in Bunya National Park. Part of the \$8.9 million National Parks Works and Jobs Boost Program.

34 East Bundaberg Flood Levee
\$42.5 million to fund 50% of the costs of the Bundaberg Flood Levee over 3 years starting in 2021-22, subject to capital funding being provided by the Australian Government.

35 Queensland Train Manufacturing
\$600 million committed to manufacture 20 new trains in Maryborough, with consideration for additional units in the future. This is on top of \$85 million to improve disability accessibility on New Generation Rollingstock trains and \$300 million commitment to refurbish and maintain Queensland Rail's existing fleet over the next 10 years.

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

Protecting the State for bushfire season

Bundaberg has welcomed the arrival of a long-term Large Air Tanker (LAT) Bomber 141, a \$15 million aircraft that will bolster the State's aerial firefighting capabilities over the next five years. Last year's bushfires were unprecedented with 7.7 million hectares scorched across the State, destroying homes and businesses. The 10,000 litre aircraft will help protect Queensland communities this bushfire season and well into the future.

A further \$40,000 will also be spent installing critical water and electrical infrastructure for the LAT at its new Bundaberg base. Together, these measures will provide seamless firefighting resupply services that will see improvements to bushfire safety of the Wide Bay region, and Queensland more broadly. The LAT travels at about 670km/hr and can reach many parts of Queensland in quick time as well as operating at many regional airports throughout the State.



Large Air Tanker (LAT) Bomber 141



Port of Bundaberg

Trade growth supported at Port of Bundaberg

The Queensland Government is providing \$1 million, with matched funding from the Gladstone Ports Corporation, for further infrastructure to support growth at the Port of Bundaberg. The funding will support stage one construction of a Common User Bulk Storage and Trial Shipment facility, creating more than six jobs during the construction phase.

This first stage will include the demolition of fuel terminals, site remediation and the development of a trial shipment hardstand. It will facilitate the storage and efficient safe loading and unloading of existing and new dry bulk commodity trades.

The new facility together with other port infrastructure will accelerate the development of new trade and expand the range of commodities currently handled at the port. It will complement the proposed \$10 million Australian Government funded common user conveyor which is progressing through final agreements.

BUDGET 2020–21 AT A GLANCE

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| 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.

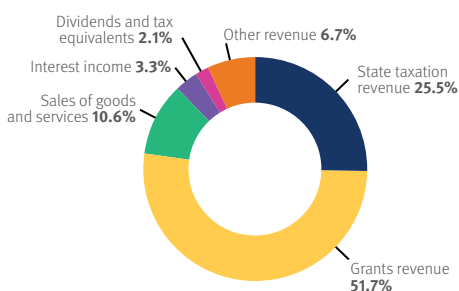
An estimated 300 businesses in Wide Bay will also benefit in 2020-21 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

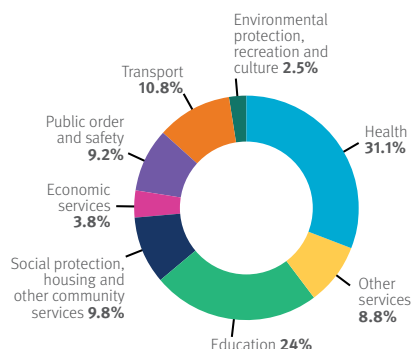
This Budget is focused on creating jobs and getting our economy moving sooner. Initiatives include:

- 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

