

# Darling Downs

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The 2022-23 Queensland Budget supports **good jobs**, provides **better services** for all Queenslanders and protects our **great lifestyle**. On the Darling Downs it provides:

## \$821.1M

### on infrastructure

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works estimated to support around

**2,600 JOBS** in this region.

## \$1.2B

### on health

for the Darling Downs and South West Hospital and Health Services.

## \$57.8M

### on education

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools on the Darling Downs

## \$374.6M

### for Wambo Wind Farm

including \$68.2 million in 2022-23 for Stanwell to jointly build, own and operate the new wind farm near Dalby. Delivered as part of the \$2 billion Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund.

## \$138.2M

### for disaster recovery and reconstruction

for delivery of recovery and betterment projects to local government assets impacted by disaster events between 2019 and 2022. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

## \$24.2M

### for social housing

to expand and improve social housing on the Darling Downs.

## Delivering for the Darling Downs region



### Building our Regions

\$55.4 million allocated to 30 projects for critical infrastructure on the Darling Downs, supporting an estimated 399 jobs. This has leveraged further financial co-contributions statewide of over \$539 million from local governments, the Australian Government, and other organisations, with a total capital expenditure value of over \$887 million.

(March 2015 to June 2023)



### Advance Queensland

\$34 million in grants awarded to 369 applicants to drive innovation, build on our natural advantages, and help raise the Darling Downs' profile as an attractive investment destination.

(July 2015 to March 2022)



### Skilling Queenslanders for Work

\$34.9 million allocated to develop skills and provide training to 4,646 people on the Darling Downs, including 2,959 people who have now been employed.

(July 2015 to April 2022)



### Drought Relief Assistance Scheme Funding

\$35.5 million in financial assistance provided to 2,218 farms on the Darling Downs to help manage the adverse impacts of drought.

(March 2015 to April 2022)

## Delivering better services on the Darling Downs

Growth from March 2015 to March 2022



216 extra doctors  
up **65.6%**



99 extra teacher aides  
up **13.6%**



60 extra police officers  
up **10.6%**



57 extra firefighters  
up **55.4%**

# Darling Downs

**1 Wambo Wind Farm**  
\$68.2 million in 2022-23 out of a \$374.6 million total spend to jointly build, own, and operate the new Wambo Wind Farm near Dalby. Part of the Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund.

**2 Roma State College**  
\$1.3 million in 2022-23 out of a \$1.5 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities.

**3 Roma Hospital**  
\$525,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$900,000 total spend for the installation of photovoltaic solar panels for Roma Hospital funded from the Emissions Reduction Program.

**4 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program**  
\$526,400 in 2022-23 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Bunya Mountains. Part of the Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program, providing \$21 million statewide in 2022-23.

**5 Chinchilla Battery**  
\$37.4 million in 2022-23 out of a \$150 million total spend for the new 100 megawatt battery storage investment. Part of the Renewable Energy Target 2030.

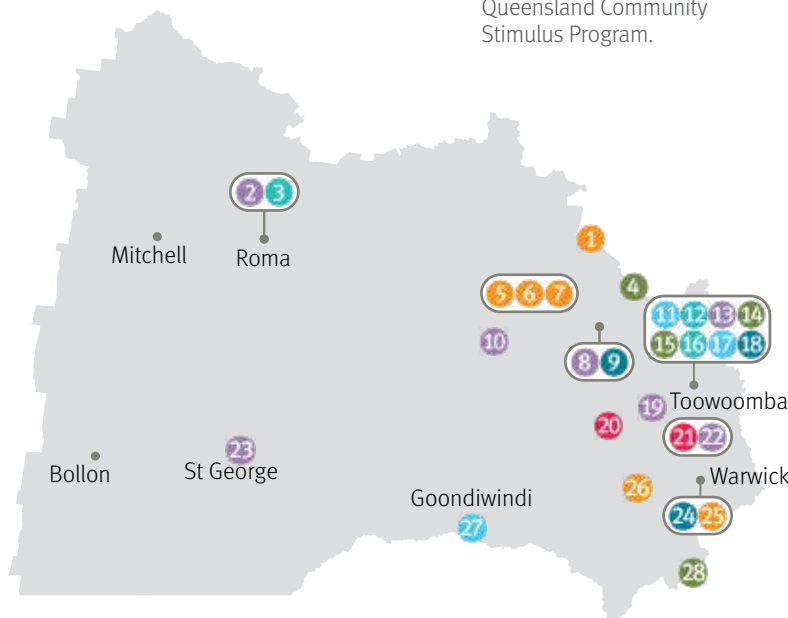
**6 Kogan Renewable Hydrogen Project**  
\$8.6 million in 2022-23 out of a \$28.9 million total spend for construction of a renewable hydrogen demonstration plant and refuelling facilities at Kogan in the Western Downs. Part of the Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund.

**7 Kogan North Gas Fields development**  
\$13.6 million in 2022-23 for the development and maintenance of gas assets.

**8 Dalby State High School**  
\$1.9 million in 2022-23 out of a \$2.7 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities.

**9 Dalby police facility upgrade**  
\$9.8 million in 2022-23 out of a \$14 million total spend to continue the upgrade of the police facility at Dalby.

**10 Tara Shire State College**  
\$1.4 million in 2022-23 out of a \$2 million total spend to provide new skills development and training facilities.



**11 InterLinkSQ Intermodal Terminal**  
\$8.1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$16.1 million total spend for delivery of a new road and rail intermodal facility to improve productivity in the transfer of freight between trucks and trains, supporting industry. Part of the Building Acceleration Fund, delivered in partnership with the private sector.

**12 Toowoomba Day Surgery**  
\$21.9 million in 2022-23 out of a \$42 million total spend for the construction of a 2 theatre day surgery unit at the Baillie Henderson Hospital Campus. Part of the \$49 million total spend to redevelop the Toowoomba Hospital across both campuses.

**13 Toowoomba West Special School**  
\$3.3 million in 2022-23 out of a \$8.5 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces and administration upgrades.

**14 Cobb + Co Museum**  
\$727,000 in 2022-23 to deliver temporary exhibitions, programming and learning activities at the Cobb + Co Museum.

**15 Russell Street East Streetscape Refresh**  
\$800,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$2 million total spend to transform Russell Street into a people-friendly destination that will support economic and community growth. Part of the 2021-24 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program.

**18 Drayton replacement permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station**  
\$100,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$6 million total spend to commence replacement of the permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station at Drayton.

**19 Pittsworth State High School**  
\$4.5 million in 2022-23 out of a \$7.2 million total spend to deliver a new hall facility and construct additional specialist classrooms.

**20 Gore Highway - (Pittsworth - Millmerran), various locations, rehabilitate pavement**  
\$6.7 million in 2022-23 out of a \$17 million total spend towards rehabilitating pavement at various locations on the Gore Highway between Pittsworth and Millmerran. Part of the Roads of Strategic Importance initiative, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

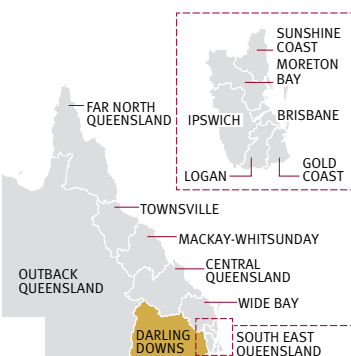
**21 New England Highway (Toowoomba - Warwick), improve safety**  
\$8.5 million in 2022-23 out of a \$11.5 million total spend towards safety improvements on the New England Highway (Toowoomba - Warwick). Part of the High Risk Roads Initiative, as part of the Targeted Road Safety Program. Funded by the Queensland Government.

**22 Clifton State High School**  
\$2.5 million in 2022-23 out of a \$4.2 million total spend to upgrade the existing hall and skills development and training facilities.

**23 St George State High School**  
\$5.2 million in 2022-23 out of a \$8.8 million total spend to deliver a new hall and upgrade skills development and training facilities.

**24 Warwick police facility upgrade**  
\$1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$15 million total spend to continue the upgrade of the police facility at Warwick.

**25 Southern Downs Drought Resilience Package**  
Over \$300 million to deliver the Toowoomba to Warwick Pipeline project providing a drought contingency for Warwick and surrounding communities and a permanent water supply to Toowoomba satellite communities.



**26 Karara Wind Farm development**  
\$16.9 million in 2022-23 out of a \$250 million total spend to build, own, and operate the new Karara Wind Farm near Warwick. Part of the Renewable Energy Target 2030.

**27 W4Q 2021-24 Goondiwindi Regional Council**  
\$548,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$1.4 million total spend to support Goondiwindi Regional Council to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works. Part of the 2021-24 Works for Queensland program.









**28 Girraween National Park visitor facilities upgrade**  
\$600,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$2.4 million total spend for redevelopment of day use and camping areas at Girraween National Park near Stanthorpe.

**29 Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund**  
\$18.1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$92 million total spend to fund priority sectors and emerging industries by attracting or retaining contestable business projects to generate economic outcomes for Queensland. Part of the Advance Queensland Initiative.

**30 Continuation of fisheries reform**  
\$16.2 million in 2022-23 out of a \$82.8 million total spend for improvements to on-ground biological monitoring, stock assessments and compliance to support evidence-based catch limits and fishing rules. Part of the *Queensland Sustainable Fisheries Strategy 2017-2027*.

**31 Fish friendly water extraction: Condamine-Balonne and Border Rivers project**  
\$3.2 million in 2022-23 out of a \$6.6 million total spend to screen pumps and diversion infrastructure to ensure fish are not removed from Northern Basin rivers and increase uptake of screen technology by irrigators. Part of the Northern Basin Toolkit Measures, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

## 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 government election commitment |

**32 Health Capacity Expansion Program**  
\$9.785 billion over 6 years for the Capacity Expansion Program to deliver around 2,200 additional overnight beds at 15 facilities across Queensland, including the new Toowoomba Hospital.

**33 Hear her voice - Report one**  
\$71.9 million in 2022-23 out of a \$363 million total spend over 5 years to respond to the recommendations of the Queensland Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce in *Hear her voice - Report one - Addressing coercive control and domestic and family violence in Queensland*.

**34 Rural and Remote Health Program - Phase 2**  
\$943.5 million over 7 years for delivery of the Building Rural and Remote Health Program - Phase 2 to replace regional health facilities and staff accommodation, including improvements at Tara Hospital.

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.

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## Toowoomba Hospital redeveloped to meet demand

In response to increasing demands on Toowoomba Hospital, the Queensland Government has invested \$42 million to construct a 2-theatre day surgery unit at the Baillie Henderson Hospital campus. Construction of the day surgery unit will start soon, supporting up to 120 local jobs.

The government has also invested close to \$7 million to upgrade Toowoomba Hospital's electrical infrastructure to ensure all acute departments receive 100 per cent essential power supply, a project supporting up to 20 jobs. For 2022-23, the Queensland Government has invested a total of \$64 million into health infrastructure in the Darling Downs region.

When completed, the redeveloped Toowoomba Hospital will be surrounded by interconnected heritage-listed buildings and a range of multi-disciplinary health services. This world-class medical precinct will be welcoming and accessible to all, with open, tree-lined spaces to create an environment that promotes health and wellbeing.



Artist impression of the redeveloped Toowoomba Hospital

Architect Conrad Gargett and 3D Artist Plots



## Smart Farm investment grows Queensland's agriculture future

A \$9 million investment partnership in the Lockyer Valley will transform the Gatton Research Facility into a world-leading Smart Farm, driving the adoption of AgTech and boosting the region's horticulture industry.

The Queensland Government has partnered with Hort Innovation to develop the Smart Farm, which will be located at the heart of the \$450 million Lockyer Valley horticulture industry.

The Gatton Smart Farm will bring together government, industry, commercial providers and researchers in partnership to develop high-value products, export supply chains and automation. Research staff will also be equipped with the latest tools and technology to manage pests and vegetable diseases.

New infrastructure will include climate-controlled glasshouses, a retractable-roof protected cropping structure and cold rooms with the latest controlled-atmosphere technology. Construction of the new Smart Farm will be complete in 2023-24, creating new jobs during the life of the project and further employment opportunities when the farm is fully operational.

# At a Glance

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| Total health funding in 2022-23                                   | <b>\$23.6B</b>   | New jobs since COVID-19 began – the largest rise in the nation       | <b>206,000</b> |
| Health capacity expansion: estimated additional beds over 6 years | <b>2,200</b>     | Total infrastructure program over 4 years                            | <b>\$59.1B</b> |
| Total education and training funding in 2022-23                   | <b>\$19.6B</b>   | Percentage of capital spend outside of Greater Brisbane in 2022-23   | <b>63.3%</b>   |
| Recovery and reconstruction following the 2021-22 disaster season | <b>over \$3B</b> | Concessions lowering the cost-of-living for Queenslanders in 2022-23 | <b>\$6.8B</b>  |

## Good jobs. Better services. Great lifestyle.

### More jobs in more industries

#### Good, secure jobs in our traditional and emerging industries

Queensland is building on its advantages in traditional and emerging industries that support good, secure jobs. The Queensland Government's economic strategy will help Queensland businesses to take advantage of these opportunities and grow the economy.



### Better services

#### Deliver even better services right across Queensland

A growing economy will allow the government to deliver better services across the state, including in education, justice and social services. High-quality services improve the lives of Queenslanders and help everyone to participate fully in our economy and our community.

### Protecting Queenslanders' lifestyle

#### Protect and enhance our Queensland lifestyle as we grow

Our great Queensland lifestyle will be protected while the economy grows. The Queensland Government is investing in crucial infrastructure to support our growing population, reducing cost-of-living pressures and taking care of our natural environment.

