

Wide Bay

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

\$1.2B

on infrastructure

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works estimated to support around

3,900 JOBS in this region.

\$206.9M

for the Southern Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Battery Project

including \$85.1 million in 2022-23 for Stanwell to build, own and operate the new 150 megawatt battery near Tarong Power Station.

\$771.9M

on health

for the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Services.

\$46M

for social housing

to expand and improve social housing in the Wide Bay. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

\$40.2M

on education

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

\$45.1M

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.

Delivering for the Wide Bay region



Back to Work

\$57.3 million of payments have been paid to 4,997 employers in the Wide Bay to employ 2,284 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(July 2017 to April 2022)



Works for Queensland

\$45.4 million provided to regional councils to undertake 45 maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in the Wide Bay.

(July 2021 to June 2024)



Building our Regions

\$44.3 million allocated to 28 projects for critical infrastructure in the Wide Bay, supporting an estimated 436 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 2024)



Advance Queensland

\$22.3 million in grants awarded to 261 applicants to drive innovation, build on our natural advantages, and help raise the Wide Bay's profile as an attractive investment destination.

(July 2015 to March 2022)

Delivering better services in the Wide Bay

Growth from March 2015 to March 2022



422 extra nurses
up **27%**



142 extra doctors
up **38.3%**



51 extra firefighters
up **47.1%**



34 extra teacher aides
up **4.5%**

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1 Port of Bundaberg initiatives

\$15 million in 2022-23, including \$9.3 million for the Port of Bundaberg conveyor project, \$4.7 million for wharf redevelopment and \$1.0 million for tug facility upgrades. The conveyor is part of the Hinkler Deal.

2 Bundaberg Base Hospital

\$750,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$4.6 million total spend for the replacements of the high voltage and air conditioning system and chiller.

3 Childers-Gayndah line rebuild

\$19.6 million in 2022-23 out of a \$71.3 million total spend to replace the Childers-Degilbo-Gayndah 66kV line, to improve network safety and reliability.

4 Agriculture and Horticulture Centre

\$2.7 million in 2022-23 out of a \$3.4 million total spend for a new Agriculture and Horticulture Centre at Bundaberg TAFE. Part of the Equipping TAFE for Our Future program.

5 Maker Space

\$925,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$1 million total spend to build a new maker space centre at Bundaberg TAFE. Part of the Equipping TAFE for Our Future program.

6 K'gari (Fraser Island) Orchid Beach wongari (dingo) fencing

\$3 million in 2022-23 out of a \$3.5 million total spend for dingo fencing on K'gari (Fraser Island) to protect visitors and residents.

7 Gin Gin State High School

\$1.2 million in 2022-23 out of a \$2.5 million total spend to upgrade the administration building.

8 Hervey Bay replacement police facility

\$100,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$14 million total spend to commence the replacement police facility at Hervey Bay.

9 Maryborough - Hervey Bay Road and Pialba - Burrum Heads Road, upgrade intersection

\$2.7 million in 2022-23 out of a \$44.1 million total spend towards upgrading the signalisation at the intersection and duplicate part of the Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road and Pialba-Burrum Heads Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

10 Urangan Point State School

\$2.8 million in 2022-23 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to deliver a new hall.

13 Paradise Dam improvement project - planning and early works

\$30.1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$97 million total spend to continue planning and commence early works to upgrade and restore the dam to its original height and capacity. Part of the \$1.2 billion total spend for the Paradise Dam project.

14 Queensland Train Manufacturing Program, construct new rollingstock

\$184.9 million in 2022-23 out of a \$600 million total spend to construct new rollingstock in Maryborough. Part of the \$7.1 billion to boost the state's train manufacturing industry and build and operate 65 trains (subject to procurement).

16 Maryborough depot development

\$6 million in 2022-23 out of a \$7 million total spend to redevelop Energy Queensland's Maryborough depot to improve network performance.

17 Maryborough Hospital

\$1.4 million in 2022-23 out of a \$5.4 million total spend for the roof replacement and remediation works.

18 Maryborough police facility upgrade

\$3.7 million in 2022-23 out of a \$4 million total spend to complete the upgrade of the police facility at Maryborough.

19 Maryborough replacement regional Queensland Fire and Emergency Services headquarters and auxiliary fire and rescue station

\$5.1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$14.5 million total spend to complete the replacement of the Maryborough regional Queensland Fire and Emergency Services headquarters and auxiliary fire and rescue station.

20 Cooloola Coast Esplanade revitalisation - Stage 2

\$834,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$1.7 million total spend to construct and upgrade shared pedestrian and cycle pathways along the Cooloola Coast to complete Stage 2 of a 14 km link from Tin Can Bay to Cooloola Cove. Part of the Building our Regions program.

21 Kilkivan substation replacement

\$18.6 million in 2022-23 out of a \$31 million total spend to carry out substation refurbishment works at Kilkivan substation to improve network performance.

22 Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra) Section D, construction

\$180 million in 2022-23 out of a \$1 billion total spend to construct a new 26-kilometre, 4-lane divided highway from Woondum to Curra, the final section of the Cooroy to Curra project. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

11 Urangan State High School

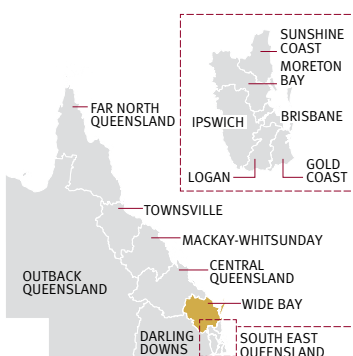
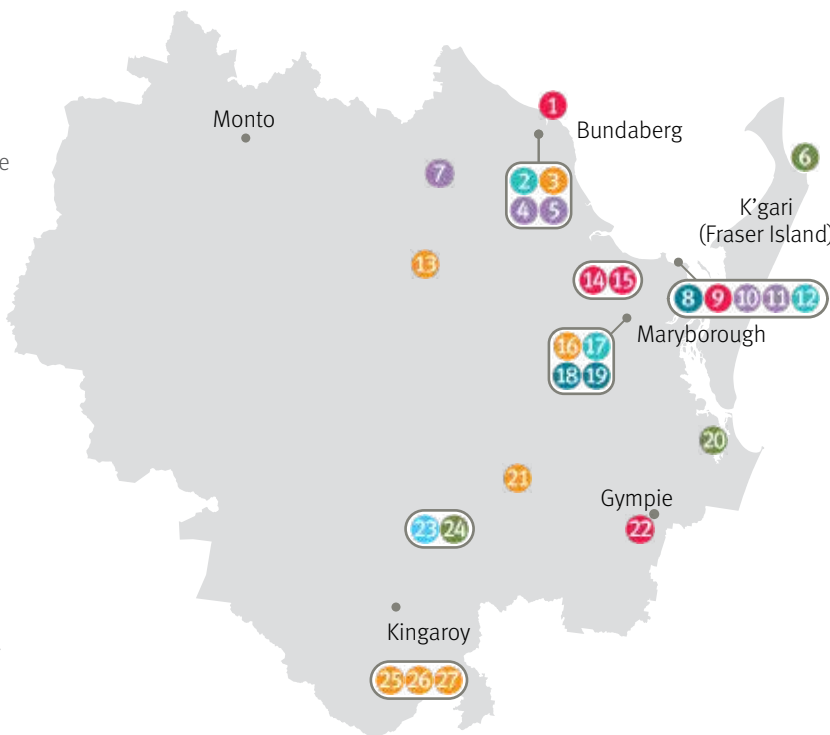
\$5.1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$10.7 million total spend to deliver a new hall.

12 Hervey Bay Hospital

\$17 million in 2022-23 out of a \$39.6 million total spend for delivery of a new adult acute mental health inpatient unit at Hervey Bay and refurbishment of the sub-acute older persons mental health unit at Maryborough.

15 Bruce Highway (Maryborough - Gin Gin), Saltwater Creek and Deadmans Gully, flood immunity upgrades

\$28.6 million in 2022-23 out of a \$103 million total spend towards flood immunity upgrades on the Bruce Highway between Maryborough and Torbanlea. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.



23 W4Q 2021-24 Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
 \$508,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$1.3 million total spend to support Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works. Part of the 2021-24 Works for Queensland program.

24 Dusty Hill: South Burnett Tourism Expansion Project
 \$450,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$4.5 million total spend to expand tourism accommodation facilities in the South Burnett to support existing restaurant/bakery and cellar door. Part of the Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund 2020, delivered in partnership with the private sector.

25 Southern Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Battery Project
 \$85.1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$206.9 million total spend for Stanwell to build, own, and operate the new 150 megawatt battery near Tarong Power Station to provide energy storage capacity.







26 Tarong Power Station - overhauls and sustaining projects
 \$66.7 million in 2022-23 to replace and refurbish existing infrastructure and ensure the continued reliability of electricity supply to Queensland and the National Electricity Market.

27 Meandu Mine - development, mine fleet and other minor works
 \$21 million in 2022-23 to replace and refurbish handling equipment and infrastructure at Meandu Mine.

28 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.

29 Gympie South replacement permanent fire and rescue station
 \$100,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$6 million total spend to commence replacement of a permanent fire and rescue station at Gympie South.

KEY

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

30 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 expansion of the Hervey Bay Hospital and the new Bundaberg Hospital.

31 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*.

32 Hervey Bay replacement fire and rescue station land acquisition and detailed design
 \$1.7 million in 2022-23 for land acquisition and detailed design for a replacement fire and rescue station at Hervey Bay.

33 Homelessness services
 \$6 million in 2022-23 to deliver specialist homelessness services.

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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Returning Paradise Dam to its original height

The Queensland Government has committed \$600 million to kickstart the rebuild of Paradise Dam to its original height.

The \$1.2 billion project, which is jointly funded by the federal government, will create approximately 250 jobs during the construction phase and deliver long-term water security for the region. Returning Paradise Dam to its original height and reinforcing the wall will boost its capacity to 300,000 megalitres, ensuring water supply for Wide Bay's agricultural industry for decades to come. It will also deliver significant improvements to comply with dam safety standards to ensure the dam continues to operate safely during extreme weather events.

Publicly-owned water service provider Sunwater has been repairing the dam and is now leading this project. Early works, including local road upgrades, will start in 2023 in preparation for the major construction phase in 2024.



Boosting mental health services for the Wide Bay

The Queensland Government is investing \$39.6 million to boost mental health services in the Wide Bay region, including a new 22-bed acute inpatient unit at Hervey Bay Hospital.

The investment also includes transforming the existing inpatient unit at Maryborough Hospital into a refurbished 10-bed sub-acute specialist unit. This will more than double the current bed capacity for mental health patients across the 2 hospitals. Both inpatient units will focus on providing a home-like, welcoming environment with open spaces and courtyards to support recovery.

Construction is currently underway with the inpatient units scheduled for completion in mid-2023. The project is supporting 115 local jobs during the construction phase.

Under the Capital Expansion Program, the Queensland Government is investing \$9.785 billion to expand system capacity over the next 6 years across the state.

At a Glance

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

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.

