



## Central Queensland

### REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

QUEENSLAND BUDGET 2023–24

The 2023–24 Queensland Budget supports **good jobs**, provides **better services** for all Queenslanders and protects our **great lifestyle**. In Central Queensland it provides:

**\$2B** on infrastructure  
for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **5,600** jobs in this region.

**\$809.6M** on health  
for the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service.

**\$74.8M** on education  
to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Central Queensland.

**\$51M** for disaster recovery  
and betterment projects to local government assets impacted by disaster events between 2019 and 2023. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**\$37.1M** for social housing  
to expand and improve social housing in Central Queensland.

**\$7.1M** for homelessness services  
to provide essential housing and support services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Central Queensland.

## Delivering for the CENTRAL QUEENSLAND REGION



### Building our Regions

\$69.5 million allocated to 37 projects for critical infrastructure in Central Queensland, supporting an estimated 743 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 September 2024)



### First Home Owner Grant

1,397 grants worth \$23.6 million paid to home buyers to help them buy their first home in Central Queensland.

(July 2015 to April 2023)



### Skilling Queenslanders for Work

\$47.9 million allocated to develop skills and provide training to 5,265 people in Central Queensland, with 3,633 people securing a job as a direct result of their participation in the program.

(July 2015 to April 2023)



### Back to Work

\$35.3 million of payments have been paid to 1,420 employers in Central Queensland to employ 3,250 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(July 2016 to April 2023)

## Delivering better services for the Central Queensland region

Growth from March 2015 to March 2023



41 extra ambulance officers  
**up 15.5%**



137 extra teachers  
**up 6%**



121 extra doctors  
**up 50.9%**



66 extra teacher aides  
**up 12.4%**

# Delivering for CENTRAL QUEENSLAND



Queensland

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Better services  
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## 1 Rockhampton Mental Wellbeing Safe Haven



\$1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$3.1 million total spend to deliver the Rockhampton Mental Wellbeing Safe Haven. The facility will include counselling and conference/training rooms, indoor and outdoor activity spaces, a library, office spaces, and off street carparking. When completed, the facility will improve access to mental health and suicide prevention programs and provide accredited and non-accredited training in community services and mental health. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.

## 3 Blackwater Multi-Purpose Health Service



\$13.5 million in 2023-24 out of a \$26.2 million total spend to replace aged infrastructure at the Blackwater Multi-Purpose Health Service facility. The program will undertake enhancements to the site and is expected to include both acute and non-acute spaces, general and clinical support areas and a 10-bed inpatient ward. The investment will help continue the delivery of quality, contemporary health services to the Central Queensland community. Part of the Building Rural and Remote Health Program.

## 5 Housing and Homelessness Hub - Gladstone



\$100,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$864,688 total spend to construct a Housing and Homelessness Hub in Gladstone. The project will construct 2 connected modular buildings to deliver vocational and personal development opportunities, and a range of food, shelter, clothing and support services to those in need. When completed, the Hub will help improve the community's physical and mental health, safety, and social outcomes, such as educational opportunities to help secure stable employment. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.

## 2 Rookwood Weir



\$156.7 million in 2023-24 out of a \$568.9 million total spend to complete the new Rookwood Weir on the Fitzroy River in early 2024, weather permitting. The Queensland and Australian Governments have each funded a total of \$183.6 million (out of a \$367.2 million total), with the remainder funded by Sunwater. The project will deliver up to 86,000 megalitres of medium priority equivalent water to support agricultural growth along the Fitzroy River near Rockhampton and enhance water security for the Gladstone and Capricorn Coast regions.

## 4 Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline



\$548.5 million in 2023-24 out of a \$983 million total spend to construct the 117-kilometre Fitzroy to Gladstone pipeline. The pipeline will improve water security for Gladstone's high value industries and urban areas and provide future growth and development opportunities for the region's emerging clean energy industry, including hydrogen. The project will support local suppliers and businesses, create up to 400 local jobs and provide more than 25 apprenticeships and traineeships.

## 6 Central Queensland renewable projects



\$171.1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$500 million total spend for CleanCo to progress the development of renewables projects across Central Queensland. This investment will support the development of up to 2.3 gigawatts of new wind and solar projects, progressing them to construction readiness. The portfolio of renewables projects will support around 4,000 construction jobs and deliver enough clean energy to power the equivalent of every household in Brisbane. Part of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.



Artist impression

## Boost for Rockhampton's home of rugby league

The Queensland Government has more than doubled funding to \$54 million for the Stage 1 works of the Browne Park redevelopment, which is expected to be ready ahead of the 2025 rugby league season.

Browne Park's Stage 1 works will include building a new 3,500-seat grandstand, food and beverage outlets, change rooms, and media and coach facilities. Once complete, ground capacity will be boosted to 7,000 people.







The Stage 1 works are expected to support more than 170 local jobs, with the new grandstand also creating new job opportunities in catering and maintenance. The government's funding boost will account for escalating building and supply chain issues, water and sewerage upgrades, and the need to meet professional sport requirements to host games including the NRL.

The master plan's vision is for Browne Park to become Central Queensland's leading venue for sporting, community and entertainment events.

# Delivering for the CENTRAL QUEENSLAND REGION

Explore the  
Budget Map



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**Great Keppel Island Rejuvenation Pilot**  
 \$9.2 million in 2023-24 out of a \$30 million total spend to deliver common-user infrastructure to stimulate tourism development on Great Keppel Island and throughout the region.
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**Rockhampton - Yeppoon Road, Yeppoon Road upgrade**  
 \$19.5 million in 2023-24 out of a \$85.4 million total spend (under Australian Government review) towards upgrading Rockhampton - Yeppoon Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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**North Rockhampton Ambulance Station**  
 \$11 million in 2023-24 out of a \$12.2 million total spend for the replacement of the existing ambulance station to support the delivery of pre-hospital ambulance responses services.
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**Rockhampton Ring Road**  
 \$100 million in 2023-24 out of a \$1.065 billion total spend towards the Rockhampton Ring Road project, including funding in the forward estimates for early works. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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**The Hall State School**  
 \$10 million in 2023-24 out of a \$12.6 million total spend to deliver a new hall facility.
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**Rockhampton Hospital**  
 \$2.7 million in 2023-24 out of a \$35.8 million total spend for the delivery of a cardiac hybrid theatre and the refurbishment and expansion of the mental health ward.
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**Mount Morgan Pipeline**  
 \$10.8 million in 2023-24 out of a \$40.4 million total spend to construct a pipeline from Gracemere to Mount Morgan to provide a reliable water supply for the community and support future growth and development.
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**Rockhampton Special School**  
 \$8.8 million in 2023-24 out of a \$9.5 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.
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**CoWork Capability Centre: Digitally Connected Central Highlands**  
 \$1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$3.7 million total spend to deliver a digitally capable collaborative workspace to increase access to social services, training, skill, knowledge and technology across multiple sectors. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.
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**Emerald Kart Club Track lighting project**  
 \$900,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$991,300 total spend to install lighting at the Emerald Kart Club to facilitate night time club and community activities. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.
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**Emerald permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station works**  
 \$400,000 in 2023-24 to complete upgrade works at the permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station at Emerald.
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**Royal Flying Doctor Service Patient Transfer Facility - Emerald**  
 \$500,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$695,000 total spend to deliver a new patient transfer facility at Emerald Airport for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.
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**Mount Morgan Aquatic Centre Project**  
 \$1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$4.5 million total spend to redevelop the existing Mount Morgan Pool with a modern aquatic centre. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.
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**Wind farm investments in Central Queensland**  
 \$208 million in 2023-24 out of a \$1.113 billion total spend for CS Energy to invest in wind farms in Central Queensland. Part of the Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund.
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**Gladstone Port initiatives**  
 \$115.4 million in 2023-24 for upgrades at the Gladstone Port, including investment in Ship Loader 1 at the RG Tanna Coal Terminal, port services and Auckland Point projects.
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**Gladstone State High School**  
 \$11.5 million in 2023-24 out of a \$13 million total spend to construct additional specialist classrooms.
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**Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program**  
 \$557,479 in 2023-24 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Woorabinda. Part of the Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program, providing \$27 million statewide in 2023-24.
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**Future proofing power generation on Lady Elliot Island**  
 \$135,304 for installation of 40 new lithium-phosphate batteries in aluminium weather-protective cabinets, to replace 24 gel lead acid batteries on Lady Elliot Island. Part of the Building Resilient Tourism Infrastructure Program and the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.
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**Springsure Aquatic Centre renewal and upgrade**  
 \$1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$5 million total spend to upgrade the Springsure Aquatic Centre to provide a new and improved experience for visitors. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.
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**Woorabinda Multi-Purpose Health Service**  
 \$9.8 million in 2023-24 out of a \$17.2 million total spend for the replacement of the existing facility and the delivery of a new accommodation building that will provide an additional 10 beds.
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**Biloela Splash Park and Playground**  
 \$1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$2.7 million total spend to deliver a new splash park and playground for the Biloela community. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.
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**Moura Library and Museum**  
 \$2 million in 2023-24 out of a \$6 million total spend to deliver a new library, a museum integrated with the Moura Miners' Memorial, and a community services hub. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.
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**Additional Electricity Bill Support**  
 \$1.483 billion in 2023-24 for electricity bill support, including a \$550 rebate for all Queensland households, a higher \$700 vulnerable households rebate and a \$650 small business rebate.
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**Beef 2024**  
 \$1 million in 2023-24 to support Beef Australia to deliver Beef TV production and distribution; marketing; cultural and First nations programs; and entertainment for Beef 2024. Part of the Regional Tourism Recovery Program.
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**Modern Manufacturing Initiative**  
 \$13 million in 2023-24 out of a \$153.5 million total spend to support businesses to adopt new technologies and improve their manufacturing processes. Part of the Queensland Jobs Fund and the Modern Manufacturing Initiative, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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**Queensland First Home Owner Grant**  
 \$72 million in 2023-24 to provide first-time home buyers buying or building a new home with grants to get into the market sooner.
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**Raise, repair and retrofit homes, as part of the Resilient Homes Fund**  
 \$219.9 million in 2023-24 out of a \$381 million total spend to allow eligible homeowners to raise, repair or retrofit their homes to incorporate flood resilient design and materials to reduce the impacts of future flood events.
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**Youth Co-responder teams**  
 \$30.1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$96.2 million total spend statewide over 4 years to continue to deliver and expand the youth co-responder model to deal with or divert high risk young people. Part of the Youth Justice Investment.

## Project key

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



## At a Glance

Total concessions in 2023-24	<b>\$8.2B</b>	Total capital program over 4 years	<b>\$89B</b>
Total health funding in 2023-24	<b>\$25.8B</b>	Jobs supported by the capital program in 2023-24	<b>58,000</b>
Investment in regional Queensland supported by coal royalties	<b>over \$16B</b>	Percentage of capital spend outside of greater Brisbane in 2023-24	<b>65.5%</b>
Additional funding for social housing infrastructure and housing and homelessness support over 5 years	<b>over \$1.2B</b>	Total capital investment to support the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan over 4 years	<b>\$19B</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.



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