



Queensland

Good jobs
Better services
Great lifestyle

Townsville

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 Townsville it provides:

\$1.2B on infrastructure
for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **3,400** jobs in this region.

\$1.3B on health
for the Townsville Hospital and Health Service.

\$57.2M on education
to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Townsville.

\$70.3M for social housing
to expand and improve social housing in Townsville.

\$36.9M 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.

\$17.7M for homelessness services
to provide essential housing and support services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Townsville.

Delivering for the **TOWNSVILLE REGION**



Back to Work

\$42.1 million of payments have been paid to 1,613 employers in Townsville to employ 3,914 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(July 2016 to April 2023)



First Home Owner Grant

2,403 grants worth \$40.5 million paid to home buyers to help them buy their first home in Townsville.

(July 2015 to April 2023)



Skilling Queenslanders for Work

\$35.3 million allocated to develop skills and provide training to 5,138 people in Townsville, with 2,938 people securing a job as a direct result of their participation in the program.

(July 2015 to April 2023)



Advance Queensland

\$24.8 million in grants awarded to 496 applicants to drive innovation, build on our natural advantages, and help raise Townsville's profile as an attractive investment destination.

(July 2015 to March 2023)

Delivering better services for the Townsville region

Growth from March 2015 to March 2023



335 extra nurses
up **15.7%**



210 extra doctors
up **35%**



65 extra ambulance officers
up **25.4%**



32 extra teacher aides
up **6.8%**

'Rich history, thriving future.' artwork
by David Williams of Gilmbarra.

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1 Bwgcolman Community School



\$9 million in 2023-24 out of a \$11.4 million total spend to upgrade the administration building, including visiting specialist offices and a conference room, and to construct a new home economics building, supporting food studies and joint school and community events. The adjacent landscaped area incorporates dance and event areas and a yarnning circle for joint community use. The project is supporting an average of 11 jobs across 3 years from 2021-22 to 2023-24.

3 Channel capacity upgrade



\$60.7 million in 2023-24 out of a \$251.2 million total spend to widen the existing shipping channels. This will allow access for larger vessels to visit the port, providing efficiencies and supporting future trade growth in the region. To date the channel capacity upgrade has supported employment for more than 1,800 people with more than 1,100 of those residing within the Townsville local government area.

5 Charters Towers Hospital



\$7 million in 2023-24 out of a \$9.7 million total spend for infrastructure initiatives including the establishment of a renal dialysis treatment service, the installation of a CT scanner including upgrade of medical imaging services, upgrades to the Central Sterilising Services, and the upgrade of electrical capacity to the hospital. These initiatives will support the delivery of contemporary health care services to the Charters Towers community, allow more patients to be treated closer to their home and reduce the number of patients requiring transfer to Townsville University Hospital, which will in turn positively impact the availability of beds at Townsville University Hospital.

2 Kidston Hydro 275 kilovolt Transmission Network Connection



\$79.2 million in 2023-24 out of a \$258.2 million total spend connecting the 250 megawatt Kidston Clean Energy Hub to the national electricity grid to help meet Queensland's renewable energy targets. The project will support up to 400 jobs and Powerlink has engaged over 20 local suppliers. Powerlink is working closely with principal contractors to maximise local employment and procurement opportunities, as well as sub-contracting opportunities which include vegetation, access works, machine and equipment hire. Powerlink is working with 3 local shires/councils regarding community investment, safety, traffic minimisation, biosecurity management and repair.

4 Townsville University Hospital



\$58.2 million in 2023-24 out of a \$591.2 million total spend for a range of enhancements at the Townsville University Hospital site, including construction of a new clinical services building, hybrid theatre, expansion of the Outpatients Department and the completion of a new Acute Medical Receiving Unit (Australian Government funded). It includes the \$530 million Townsville University Hospital Expansion project, which will deliver an additional 143 beds. The project will support more than 1,270 construction jobs and is expected to be completed by second half of 2026. Part of the Capacity Expansion Program.

6 Burdekin Falls Dam improvement and raising projects - planning



\$19.5 million in 2023-24 to continue planning and commence pre-construction activities for the Burdekin Falls Dam improvement and raising project. As part of reinvesting in the regions, \$440 million is allocated toward improving and raising Burdekin Falls Dam by 2 metres. This is on top of the Queensland Government's existing \$100 million commitment. Raising the dam by 2 metres will create an additional 150,000 megalitres of water supply, support long-term economic development in North Queensland, including in emerging industries such as hydrogen, and generate around 350 jobs during construction.



Australian-first demonstration facility for critical minerals

The Queensland Government is investing \$75 million to establish common user infrastructure in Townsville to support the development, extraction and production of critical minerals. This Australian-first demonstration facility will support Queensland's significant growth potential in the rapidly emerging critical minerals industry.

























The new Queensland Resources Common User Facility will be located at the Cleveland Bay Industrial Park. It will initially trial production processes for vanadium, but the overall design will include equipment that can be adapted to process a range of other critical minerals and rare earths in the future.

The facility aims to accelerate the development of commercial mining projects, promote investment in advanced mineral manufacturing opportunities and enable development of supply chain and supporting industries in Queensland. It's a key action under the Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan and supports the delivery of the *Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan*.

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Explore the
Budget Map



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Dutton Street Bridge (Palm Creek Crossing), Ingham
 \$575,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$5.8 million total spend for construction of a bridge along Dutton st, Ingham to link the town in the event of a flood. Part of the National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
 \$564,650 in 2023-24 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Palm Island. Part of the Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program, providing \$27 million statewide in 2023-24.
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Magnetic Island Trails network
 \$608,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$2.6 million total spend to upgrade the Magnetic Island National Park visitor trails network.
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Burdell Ambulance Station
 \$10.8 million in 2023-24 out of a \$12.4 million total spend to deliver the new ambulance station and local ambulance service network office to support the delivery of pre-hospital ambulance response services.
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Museum of Tropical Queensland
 \$1.7 million in 2023-24 to deliver temporary exhibitions, programming and learning activities at the Museum of Tropical Queensland.
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Pimlico State High School
 \$13.1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$173 million total spend to construct additional specialist classrooms and deliver a new performing arts facility.
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The Oasis Townsville funding
 \$270,800 in 2023-24 out of a \$1 million total spend for The Oasis Townsville to provide support services to veterans and their families, following the official opening of the \$9.3 million centre in 2021.
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Kirwan State School
 \$1.4 million in 2023-24 out of a \$3.4 million total spend to upgrade the administration building.
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Kirwan Health Campus
 \$18 million in 2023-24 out of a \$40 million total spend for the Stage 1 expansion to the Kirwan Health Campus to provide midwifery community clinics, upgraded dental services and an upgraded carpark.
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Townsville Connection Road (Stuart Drive) and Bowen Road Bridge (Idalia), duplicate bridge and approaches
 \$2 million in 2023-24 out of a \$70 million total spend towards Townsville Connection Road (Stuart Drive) and Bowen Road Bridge (Idalia) duplicate bridge and approaches.
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Townsville Ring Road (Stage 5)
 \$10 million in 2023-24 out of a \$280 million total spend towards Townsville Ring Road (Stage 5). Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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The new AEIOU Townsville Centre
 \$100,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$1 million total spend to build a state-of-the-art early intervention and childcare centre for 40 children with autism and provide more support services for families. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.
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Kirwan replacement police facility
 \$15 million in 2023-24 out of a \$30 million total spend to continue the replacement of the police facility at Kirwan.
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Townsville Regional Industrial Estate
 \$200,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$6.6 million total spend for the development of future industrial land at Bohle Plains in Townsville to support job generation and economic development.
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Ronald McDonald House North Australia Playroom
 \$100,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$250,000 total spend to construct a safe, modern, interactive playroom for children of various ages at Ronald McDonald House in Townsville. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.
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Thuringowa State High School
 \$629,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to deliver a new hall facility.
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Townsville Correctional Precinct
 \$20 million in 2023-24 for pre-commencement activities including design works, site investigations and other preliminary works for the future expansion of the Townsville Correctional Precinct.
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Ayr Hospital
 \$2.9 million in 2023-24 out of a \$3 million total spend for the delivery of compliance upgrades to the Central Sterilising Services.
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Ayr State High School
 \$5.3 million in 2023-24 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to deliver a new single court multipurpose hall with a kinesiology lab, staff workrooms, storerooms, amenities and a kiosk.
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Drive It NQ
 \$7.2 million in 2023-24 out of a \$10 million total spend to support motor sport at Calcium, Townsville.
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Millaroo Dalbeg rural fire brigade station
 \$300,000 in 2023-24 to complete the Millaroo Dalbeg Rural Fire Brigade Station which will enable contemporary, rural fire service delivery to Millaroo and Dalbeg communities.
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Charters Towers Aquatic Centre
 \$2 million in 2023-24 out of a \$7.8 million total spend for the replacement of the 51-year old Charters Towers Kennedy Regiment Memorial Pool and associated facilities. 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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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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Burdekin River Bridge, rehabilitation program
 \$4 million in 2023-24 out of a \$96.9 million total spend to rehabilitate the Burdekin River Bridge on the Bruce Highway, north of Home Hill. Includes an agreed contribution from Queensland Rail. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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The Street University Townsville
 \$1.6 million in 2023-24 out of a \$4.2 million total spend over 3 years for providing a safe space for young people to engage in vocational and educational workshops, drug, alcohol treatment services and mentoring pathways. Part of the Youth Justice Investment.
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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	\$8.2B	Total capital program over 4 years	\$89B
Total health funding in 2023-24	\$25.8B	Jobs supported by the capital program in 2023-24	58,000
Investment in regional Queensland supported by coal royalties	over \$16B	Percentage of capital spend outside of greater Brisbane in 2023-24	65.5%
Additional funding for social housing infrastructure and housing and homelessness support over 5 years	over \$1.2B	Total capital investment to support the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan over 4 years	\$19B

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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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