



## Wide Bay

### 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 the Wide Bay it provides:

**\$1.9B** on infrastructure  
for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **5,200** jobs in this region.

**\$849.2M** on health  
for the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service.

**\$56.1M** on education  
to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in the Wide Bay.

**\$71.1M** 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.

**\$65.8M** for social housing  
to expand and improve social housing in the Wide Bay.

**\$8.1M** for Skilling Queenslanders for Work  
to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation.

## Delivering for the **WIDE BAY REGION**



### Back to Work

\$57.9 million of payments have been paid to 2,345 employers in the Wide Bay to employ 5,186 eligible unemployed jobseekers.  
(July 2016 to April 2023)



### Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate

\$4.1 million of rebates claimed by 304 businesses to reinvest into their business and support employment in the Wide Bay.  
(July 2015 to May 2023)



### 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 September 2024)



### First Home Owner Grant

2,546 grants worth \$43.2 million paid to home buyers to help them buy their first home in the Wide Bay.  
(July 2015 to April 2023)

## Delivering better services for the Wide Bay region

Growth from March 2015 to March 2023



426 extra nurses  
up **27.2%**



157 extra doctors  
up **42.1%**



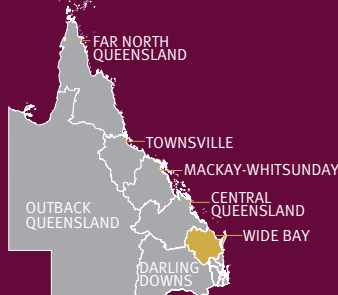
75 extra ambulance officers  
up **30.1%**



58 extra firefighters  
up **54%**

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

# Delivering for the WIDE BAY



Queensland

Good jobs  
Better services  
Great lifestyle



## 1 New Bundaberg Hospital



\$52.3 million in 2023-24 out of a \$1.2 billion total spend for the construction of the new Bundaberg Hospital delivering around 121 new overnight beds across intensive care, coronary, medical, surgical, paediatric and mental health. It will also include additional emergency department treatment spaces, same day beds and outpatients' treatment spaces, and an expansion of medical imaging, pharmacy, pathology and other facilities. Construction of the new hospital is expected to support around 2,880 jobs. Completion is expected in the second half of 2027. Part of the Capacity Expansion Program.

## 3 Hervey Bay Hospital



\$23 million in 2023-24 out of a \$82.3 million total spend for the fit out of level 2 of the clinical services building and a new 22-bed adult acute mental health inpatient unit. The Hervey Bay Hospital expansion will provide around 35 additional beds, including 10 more intensive care beds, and a new rooftop helipad. The increase and repositioning of services will better serve the needs of the community. The investment at the Hervey Bay Hospital is expected to support 215 construction jobs, while the new mental health inpatient unit will create 30 full-time health jobs locally. Part of the Capacity Expansion Program.

## 5 Maryborough police facility upgrade



\$3.6 million in 2023-24 out of a \$4 million total spend to complete the upgrade of the police facility at Maryborough. The upgrade works will include improvements to the dayroom area and a new dedicated public interaction zone and custody suites. This facility will support frontline policing services to deliver safe and secure communities and build a safer Queensland. The project will support 12 jobs.

## 2 Urangan State High School



\$8.1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$10.7 million total spend to deliver a new double court multipurpose hall with a kinesiology lab, staff work rooms, store rooms, amenities and a kiosk. This new facility will enable activities like indoor sports, performing arts and school functions and provide meeting facilities for the local community. The project is supporting an average of 10 jobs across 3 years from 2021-22 to 2023-24.

## 4 Paradise Dam improvement project - planning and enabling works



\$116.4 million in 2023-24 out of a \$1.2 billion total spend to continue planning and undertake pre-construction activities prior to major construction works commencing in 2024. This project will deliver long-term water security for the Bundaberg region by returning the dam's capacity to 300,000 megalitres and will ensure the dam continues to operate safely during extreme weather events. Rebuilding and reinforcing the dam will create around 250 jobs during construction, and deliver significant flow-on benefits for local businesses in the Bundaberg region that are reliant on this critical water supply.

## 6 Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra) Section D, construction



\$170.5 million in 2023-24 out of a \$1 billion total spend to construct a new highway between the existing Bruce Highway interchange at Woondum, south of Gympie, and Curra. This investment will improve traffic flow, safety, flood immunity and travel times, and is estimated to support an average of 576 direct jobs over the life of the project. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.



Department of Transport and Main Roads

## Jobs boost in Maryborough for building new train fleet

A significant boost in manufacturing jobs is expected in the Maryborough region, with the construction of a purpose-built train manufacturing facility at Torbanlea as a part of the Queensland Government's \$4.869 billion Queensland Train Manufacturing Program.

The program will build 65 new six-car passenger trains at the facility, with construction set to start in late 2023. It has been established to meet the increasing demand for rail transport in South East Queensland over the next 10 years. As part of the program, a new rail facility for the stabling and maintenance of trains will also be constructed at Ormeau on the Gold Coast.

Construction of the facilities and the manufacture of trains is estimated to support 1,200 jobs. The program brings with it a pipeline of training and development opportunities to Queensland.

# Delivering for the WIDE BAY REGION

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-  **East Bundaberg Substation refurbishment**  
 \$6 million in 2023-24 out of a \$11.5 million total spend to carry out substation refurbishment works at East Bundaberg Substation to improve network performance.
-  **Moore Park Beach Master Plan Stage 2**  
 \$1.9 million in 2023-24 out of a \$2.9 million total spend for the second stage of the Moore Park Beach master plan which involves the construction of new community buildings for organisations. Part of the 2022-24 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.
-  **Keppnock State High School**  
 \$8 million in 2023-24 out of a \$8.5 million total spend to construct additional specialist classrooms.
-  **Scarness Beachside Tourist Caravan Park redevelopment**  
 \$2.6 million in 2023-24 out of a \$5.9 million total spend for redevelopment of improved accessibility, all abilities facilities and shared facilities such as a camp kitchen, booking office and manager accommodation. Part of the Tourism Experience Development Fund, delivered in partnership with the Fraser Coast Regional Council.
-  **Hervey Bay replacement water police facility**  
 \$200,000 in 2023-24 out of a \$3.8 million total spend to continue the replacement of the water police facility at Hervey Bay.
-  **Uragan Point State School**  
 \$1.8 million in 2023-24 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to deliver a new hall facility.
-  **Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre Master Plan Implementation Stage 1**  
 \$2.3 million in 2023-24 out of a \$3.6 million total spend for a 25-metre pool redevelopment, splash pool construction and installation of plant for a 50-metre pool. Part of the 2022-24 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.
-  **Rebuild Pialba Substation**  
 \$13.2 million in 2023-24 out of a \$19.8 million total spend to rebuild the Pialba substation.
-  **Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program**  
 \$471,421 in 2023-24 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Hervey Bay and K'gari. Part of the Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program, providing \$27 million statewide in 2023-24.
-  **K'gari Central Station area upgrade**  
 \$2.9 million in 2023-24 out of a \$9.2 million total spend for a major capital upgrade of Central Station day use area on K'gari.
-  **Maryborough area brigade headquarters**  
 \$3.5 million in 2023-24 out of a \$4 million total spend to complete development of Maryborough area brigade headquarters.
-  **Bruce Highway (Gympie - Maryborough), Tiaro Bypass, construct four lane bypass**  
 \$8 million in 2023-24 out of a \$336 million total spend towards construction of the 4 lane Tiaro bypass. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
-  **Kilkivan substation replacement**  
 \$10.8 million in 2023-24 out of a \$33.7 million total spend to carry out substation refurbishment works at Kilkivan substation to improve network performance.
-  **James Nash State High School**  
 \$2.1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$2.2 million total spend to construct additional specialist classrooms.
-  **One Mile State School**  
 \$2 million in 2023-24 to upgrade an existing amenities block.
-  **Gympie South replacement permanent fire and rescue station**  
 \$2.4 million in 2023-24 out of a \$7.5 million total spend to continue delivery of a replacement permanent Gympie South Fire and Rescue Station.
-  **Imbil auxiliary fire and rescue station upgrade and refurbishment**  
 \$1.9 million in 2023-24 to upgrade and refurbish the auxiliary fire and rescue station at Imbil.
-  **Borumba Pumped Hydro Energy Storage**  
 \$183.7 million in 2023-24 out of a \$14.159 billion total spend for detailed design and exploratory works for the Borumba Pumped Hydro Project. Part of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.
-  **Tarong West Wind Farm**  
 \$200 million in 2023-24 for the development of the 500 megawatt Tarong West Wind Farm near Kingaroy, to be Australia's largest publicly owned wind farm. Part of the Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund.
-  **Southern Renewable Energy Zone Battery Storage**  
 \$183.2 million in 2023-24 out of a \$269.1 million total spend for Stanwell to build, own, and operate a 150 megawatt battery near Tarong Power Station to provide energy storage capacity. Part of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.
-  **Meandu Mine development, mine fleet and other minor works**  
 \$29.5 million in 2023-24 to replace and refurbish handling equipment and infrastructure at Meandu Mine.
-  **Bunya Mountains National Park visitor facilities upgrade**  
 \$1 million in 2023-24 out of a \$5.5 million total spend to upgrade visitor infrastructure at Bunya Mountains National Park.
-  **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.
-  **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.
-  **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.
-  **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.
-  **Tarong Power Station - overhauls and sustaining projects**  
 \$72.5 million in 2023-24 to replace and refurbish existing infrastructure and ensure the continued reliability of electricity supply to Queensland and the National Electricity Market.
-  **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. This includes funding for a new co-responder team on the Fraser Coast. 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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