

DOING WHAT MATTERS FOR CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

REGIONAL ACTION PLAN QUEENSLAND BUDGET 2024-25



The 2024-25 Queensland Budget supports Queenslanders. In Central Queensland it provides:

\$1,300

electricity bill support

for Queensland households – an upfront \$1,000 Cost of Living Rebate from the Queensland Government and a \$300 rebate paid in quarterly instalments from the Australian Government.

\$873M

for health

for the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service.

\$90M

for education

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Central Queensland.

\$2.3B

for the Big Build

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support **6,200** jobs in Central Queensland.

Delivering for CENTRAL QUEENSLAND



Free Kindy

Up to 2,986 children eligible for free kindy in Central Queensland, for 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year.

(January 2024 to May 2024)



Fee-Free TAFE

4,255 fee-free TAFE courses commenced by people in Central Queensland wanting to train, retrain or upskill in priority industries.

(January 2023 to March 2024)



Building our Regions

\$75.1 million allocated to projects for critical infrastructure in Central Queensland, supporting an estimated 670 jobs. This has leveraged further financial co-contributions statewide of more than \$556 million from local governments, the Australian Government, and other organisations, with a total capital expenditure value of more than \$974 million.

(March 2015 to March 2026)



First Home Owner Grant

1,443 grants worth \$24.4 million paid to home buyers to help them buy their first home in Central Queensland.

(July 2016 to April 2024)

Delivering better services for CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

Growth from March 2015 to March 2024



482 extra nurses, **up 40.1%**



118 extra teachers, **up 5.2%**



102 extra doctors, **up 43.2%**



67 extra ambulance officers, **up 25.1%**

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For an even more extensive list of initiatives, see the Budget Map

1 Rockhampton - Yeppoon Road, Yeppoon Road upgrade



\$39.5 million in 2024-25 out of a \$122 million total spend towards upgrading Rockhampton - Yeppoon Road. Rockhampton - Yeppoon Road is a regional road linking the Capricorn Coast, including tourist locations, such as Great Keppel Island to Rockhampton and beyond. The road also forms part of the designated state freight network and fulfils an important role in supporting defence, forestry, freight, tourism and commuter traffic demands in the region. The initiative aims to enhance the efficiency and connectivity of key freight roads, particularly those connecting agricultural regions, ports, airports and other transport hubs and provide better access for sectors like tourism and mining. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

2 Rockhampton Hospital Cardiac Hybrid Theatre



\$16.6 million in 2024-25 out of a \$28.9 million total spend to deliver a new Cardiac Hybrid Theatre at Rockhampton Hospital. The Queensland Government, as part of the 2020 State Election, committed \$28.5 million to give Central Queenslanders access to enhanced cardiac services and treat patients closer to home. The enhanced services include new cardiovascular procedures, such as coronary angiograms, coronary stents and pacemaker implantations. The project will also deliver a cardiac hybrid theatre, procedure room, six recovery bays, six new inpatient bays, making a total of 12 cardiac inpatient unit beds, a cardiac investigations unit that includes with eight assessment and diagnostic spaces as well as office spaces.

3 Mount Morgan Pipeline



\$26.4 million in 2024-25 out of a \$88.2 million total spend to construct a pipeline from Gracemere to Mount Morgan to provide a reliable water supply and support future growth and development. Construction of the 28km Mount Morgan water pipeline began in January 2024 and is expected to be complete by September 2025. The pipeline will link Gracemere with Mount Morgan and provide a long-term sustainable water supply to the town of more than 3,000 people. The pipeline strengthens water security in Mount Morgan, following three years of Level 6 water restrictions. The pipeline project will create jobs in construction, and it will also create opportunities for workers and visitors to the reopened Heritage Minerals Mount Morgan Gold Mine.

4 Gladstone State High School



\$16.3 million in 2024-25 out of a \$30 million total spend to deliver an Industrial Technology Design building. The building will include junior and senior workshops, robotics and electronics studios and student and staff amenities. The project will also provide for additional car parking and emergency vehicle access.

5 Central Queensland renewable projects



\$92 million in 2024-25 for CleanCo to progress 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 renewable energy projects will support around 4,000 construction jobs and deliver enough clean energy to power more than 1.5 million Queensland homes. Part of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.

6 Social housing



\$41.1 million in 2024-25 to expand and improve social housing. Social housing provides safe, secure, and sustainable homes to some of the most vulnerable people in Queensland. The Queensland Government has set a social housing delivery target of 53,500 homes by 2046 as part of Homes for Queenslanders. Investment into new social housing will help to address demand as the state grows, reduce pressure on homelessness services, and provide more housing choices for individuals and families. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.



Rockhampton Ring Road delivery to transform Central Queensland transport

Construction of the \$1.73 billion Rockhampton Ring Road is progressing in Central Queensland, thanks to a boost in joint funding from the Queensland and Australian governments. The 17.4km road project, which incorporates 18 bridges, will increase connections to key urban precincts, improve access and road safety, and reduce travel times to critical services, including hospitals and emergency services. When complete, large trucks can avoid 19 sets of traffic lights through Rockhampton, which has long been regarded as the pinch point for transport and travel on the Bruce Highway.

The project provides employment and training for people in Central Queensland, creating an extended pipeline of road construction for apprentices and trainees, engineers and technical workers. Industry and businesses have an opportunity to build capability and capacity that will provide long-term economic benefits to the region. The first \$280 million package of works started in November 2023, with 85 per cent of the total contract value awarded to local businesses. The Queensland Government is providing \$530 million for the Rockhampton Ring Road, and the Australian Government has committed \$1.2 billion.

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Former Great Keppel Island Resort Pty Ltd lease areas remediation
 \$5 million in 2024-25 to undertake site security and safety works and pest and vegetation management at the former Great Keppel Island Resort Pty Ltd lease areas.
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Rockhampton Hospital Mental Health Ward expansion

 \$39.8 million in 2024-25 out of a \$91.9 million total spend for the refurbishment and delivery of an expansion to the Rockhampton Hospital mental health ward.
- 
Rockhampton Special School

 \$4.4 million in 2024-25 out of a \$16.6 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.
- 
Stanwell Power Station - overhauls and sustaining projects

 \$52.9 million in 2024-25 to replace and refurbish existing infrastructure to ensure the continued reliability of electricity supply to Queensland and the National Electricity Market.
- 
Boulder Creek Wind Farm

 \$174.3 million in 2024-25 out of a \$406.9 million total spend to jointly acquire a 228-megawatt wind farm near Rockhampton to support the state's renewable energy targets. Part of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.
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Northern Land Expansion Project

 \$33.9 million in 2024-25 to progress the Northern Land Expansion Project at Gladstone Port, involving construction of a bund wall for a new reclamation area at the Port's Northern Trade Precinct. The project supports the release of additional land at the port to assist the development of renewable energy and other industries.
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RG Tanna Coal Terminal Upgrades

 \$60.5 million in 2024-25 for upgrades to the RG Tanna Coal Terminal, including the ship loader, conveyor systems, dozer replacements/rebuilds and other components.
- 
Gladstone Transmission Training Hub

 \$20 million in 2024-25 out of a \$90 million total spend for the construction of a purpose built training centre to support the regional growth of the network.
- 
Abandoned Mine Lands Program

 \$36.6 million in 2024-25 out of a \$153.7 million total spend to continue the management and mitigation of significant public safety, health and environmental risks at high-risk abandoned mine sites.
- 
Backing Business in the Bush Fund

 \$10 million in 2024-25 out of a \$50 million total spend to support Queensland-based small-to-medium enterprises to deliver business improvement projects in regional Queensland.
- 
Disaster Management Reforms

 \$30 million in 2024-25 to progress the government's commitment from the Independent Review of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services. Part of the government's Emergency Management Reforms.
- 
Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction

 \$34.2 million in 2024-25 for delivery of recovery and betterment projects to local government assets impacted by disaster events between 2020 and 2024 in Central Queensland. Part of the joint State/Australian Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.
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Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline

 \$311.1 million in 2024-25 out of a \$983 million total spend to construct the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline, delivering water from the Lower Fitzroy River to Gladstone Area Water Board's existing network.
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Free TAFE Nursing

 \$58 million in 2024-25 out of a \$162.6 million total spend to provide 6,500 training places for eligible Queenslanders who are passionate about healthcare to study the Diploma of Nursing for free in 2024 and 2025.
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Growth projects in Central Queensland

 \$11.2 million in 2024-25 out of a \$19.7 million total spend to deliver additional learning spaces in Central Queensland.
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Homelessness services

 \$232.2 million in 2024-25 to provide essential housing and support services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- 
Homes for Queenslanders

 \$600,000 in 2024-25 to support improved housing outcomes for people with disability and those experiencing domestic and family violence in Queensland.
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Integrated Zero Emissions Vehicles charging infrastructure

 \$8 million in 2024-25 out of a \$12 million total spend for electric vehicle charging infrastructure and to explore innovative "smart" integration and management of the infrastructure. Part of Queensland's Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy and the National Electric Vehicle Strategy.
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Joint field management - Great Barrier Reef

 \$19.2 million in 2024-25 for joint management of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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Quantum Strategy and Academy

 \$27.9 million in 2024-25 out of a \$89.7 million total spend to develop and deliver the whole-of-government Queensland Quantum and Advanced Technologies Strategy and Queensland Quantum Academy.
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Queensland Fire and Rescue appliances

 \$23.8 million in 2024-25 for replacement and new fire and rescue appliances.
- 
Queensland Skills Strategy 2024-28

 \$96.7 million in 2024-25 out of a \$203.1 million total spend to further strengthen the state's training system to deliver skills needed for our economy and provide access to good jobs with better pay for Queenslanders. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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Raise, repair and retrofit homes

 \$76.7 million in 2024-25 out of a \$231 million total spend for eligible homeowners to rebuild, repair or retrofit their homes with flood-resilient design and materials to reduce the impacts of future flood events. Part of the Resilient Homes Fund.
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Recruitment Drive - additional police personnel


 \$25.9 million in 2024-25 out of a \$87.5 million total spend to support the recruitment of additional police personnel.
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Reef Water Quality - Integrated Reef Water Quality Program

 \$8.3 million in 2024-25 out of a \$63.9 million total spend to support research, development and extension on land management practices that improve reef water quality as well as productivity. Part of the Queensland Reef Water Quality Program.
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Skilling Queenslanders for Work

 \$6.9 million in 2024-25 to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation.
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Youth Co-Responder Teams

 \$6.7 million in 2024-25 out of a \$20.4 million total spend to deliver and expand the youth co-responder model to divert high risk young people, including those on bail, and those subject to electronic monitoring. Part of the government's Youth Justice Investment.

Project key

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

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QUEENSLAND BUDGET 2024-25

QUEENSLAND
**COST OF
LIVING
ACTION**

AT A GLANCE

Total concessions including cost-of-living relief measures available in 2024-25	\$11.2B	Total Big Build over 4 years	\$107.3B
Total health funding in 2024-25	\$28.9B	Jobs supported by the Big Build program in 2024-25	72,000
Community Safety Plan for Queensland	\$1.3B	Percentage of Big Build spend outside of greater Brisbane in 2024-25	68.5%
Putting Queensland Kids First Plan	\$502M	Total capital investment to support the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan over 4 years	\$26B
Homes for Queenslanders	\$3.1B		
Investment in school and early education facilities	\$1.3B		

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