



# DOING WHAT MATTERS FOR IPSWICH



REGIONAL ACTION PLAN *QUEENSLAND BUDGET 2024-25*

The 2024-25 Queensland Budget supports Queenslanders. In Ipswich 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.

**\$1.1B**

**for health**  
for the West Moreton Hospital and Health Service.

**\$205M**

**for education**  
to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Ipswich.

**\$1.8B**

**for the Big Build**  
for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support **4,800** jobs in Ipswich.

## Delivering for IPSWICH



### Free Kindy

Up to 4,066 children eligible for free kindy in Ipswich, for 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year.

(January 2024 to May 2024)



### Fee-Free TAFE

4,746 fee-free TAFE courses commenced by people in Ipswich wanting to train, retrain or upskill in priority industries.

(January 2023 to March 2024)



### Skilling Queenslanders for Work

\$66.4 million allocated to develop skills and provide training to 6,050 people in Ipswich, including 4,288 people who are now employed as a direct result of their participation in the program.

(July 2015 to April 2024)



### First Home Owner Grant

6,798 grants worth \$115 million paid to home buyers to help them buy their first home in Ipswich.

(July 2016 to April 2024)

## Delivering better services for IPSWICH

Growth from March 2015 to March 2024



1,076 extra nurses, **up 85%**



891 extra teachers, **up 29.1%**

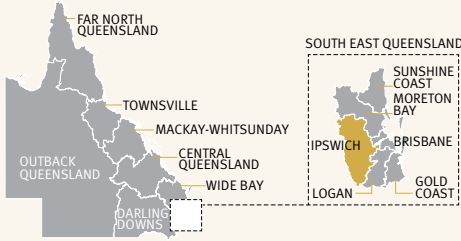


249 extra doctors, **up 82.5%**



258 extra teacher aides, **up 35.6%**

# Delivering for IPSWICH



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

## 1 Construction of Lockyer Valley Correctional Centre (formerly Southern Queensland Correctional Precinct - Stage 2)



\$97.3 million in 2024-25 out of a \$885.3 million total spend to complete the construction of the new over 1,500 bed facility which includes the installation of property, plant and equipment. Additionally, \$26.5 million for commissioning works and \$125 million to operate the centre has been allocated in 2024-25. Once complete, the centre will enable a focus on health and rehabilitation and will support more than 900 operational staff.

## 2 Claremont Special School



\$16.7 million in 2024-25 out of a \$24.2 million total spend to deliver a new building to meet growing enrolments. The new building will provide 10 additional learning spaces, including open learning areas designed specifically to meet the needs of the school's learning program, along with a lift to improve access for the school's growing population.

## 3 Swanbank Battery



\$274.8 million in 2024-25 out of a \$403.4 million total spend to install a large-scale battery at the Swanbank Precinct near Ipswich. The 250-megawatt, two-hour battery will leverage existing electricity infrastructure, promote grid reliability and improve renewable energy integration. This project will support around 60 construction jobs and up to 10 jobs once operational. Part of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.

## 4 Ripley new police facility



\$15 million in 2024-25 out of a \$34 million total spend to continue the new police facility at Ripley. The upgraded police facility has been designed with all the features and specifications needed for a modern policing facility and will accommodate the current staffing level with room for future growth. This facility will support frontline policing services to deliver safe and secure communities and build a safer Queensland.

## 5 Cunningham Highway (Ipswich - Warwick), 2020 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements reconstruction works



\$46.4 million in 2024-25 out of a \$134.4 million total spend to reconstruct the Cunningham Highway at Cunninghams Gap after it was extensively damaged by severe bushfires in December 2019. The highway serves a significant role in transporting people and freight to and from Brisbane and the Port of Brisbane from the west. The bushfires caused slope damage resulting in rock and debris falling onto the highway and increased the likelihood of rock falls, posing a danger to road users. Part of the funding administered by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

## 6 Disaster recovery and reconstruction



\$57.8 million in 2024-25 for delivery of recovery and betterment projects to local government assets impacted by disaster events between 2020 and 2024 in Ipswich. The assistance provided includes funding to councils for counter disaster operations, emergent works and repairs to essential public assets such as roads, bridges and floodways. Part of the joint Queensland-Australian Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

## Delivering better healthcare for Ipswich residents

Ipswich residents will have greater access to hospital and mental health services – with 200 more hospital beds available – following a \$710 million funding boost from the Queensland Government. Early works and detailed design are underway in anticipation of commencing the main works construction of the Ipswich Hospital Expansion. Construction will start this year, which is expected to support 1,700 jobs and forecast to be complete by 2027, delivering the additional beds plus an expanded emergency department and more operating theatres. It also adds capacity for future development and improved staff facilities.


















It follows the January 2024 opening of the Ipswich Hospital's \$104.6 million state-of-the-art Mental Health Acute Inpatient Service (MHAIS). This mental health facility boosts available bed numbers and provides a best practice setting for rehabilitation and recovery. The centre includes purpose-built spaces for adults, older and vulnerable people, and those who require more intensive clinical care. The completion of the MHAIS marks the completion of the \$153.8 million Stage 1 Ipswich Hospital expansion program, which also included a 26-bed ward and refurbished space for allied health, oncology, and outpatient care, upgrades for renal and nephrology services, an emergency department expansion and a new MRI suite. The project is part of the Queensland Government's Health Big Build, investing more than \$14 billion delivering new and upgraded facilities right across the state including more than 3,300 additional hospital beds over six years.




Artist impression

# Delivering for IPSWICH



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**Somerset Dam improvement project - planning**  
 \$13.1 million in 2024-25 to continue planning and investigatory works for Somerset Dam improvements to comply with dam safety standards and ensure a safe and secure water supply.
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**Warrego Highway (Ipswich - Toowoomba), Bremer River Bridge, strengthening**  
 \$25 million in 2024-25 out of a \$85 million total spend towards strengthening the Bremer River Bridge on the Warrego Highway (Ipswich - Toowoomba). Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
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**Wacol Youth Remand Facility**  
 \$200 million in 2024-25 out of a \$260.5 million total spend to complete the new youth remand facility at Wacol.
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**QPS Youth Coordination Hub**  
 \$10 million in 2024-25 for a new purpose built statewide QPS Youth Coordination Hub for the coordination of youth focused programs delivered by the QPS and across government.
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**Bundamba train station upgrade**  
 \$19.6 million in 2024-25 out of a \$53.7 million total spend towards design and construction of station accessibility upgrades at Bundamba Station.
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**New secondary school in Collingwood Park**  
 \$43.3 million in 2024-25 out of a \$122.8 million total spend to deliver a new secondary school in Collingwood Park. Stage 1 of the new school will open in 2025 and deliver administration, art and design, general learning, science, industrial technology and design, food services and hospitality centres. The new secondary school will accommodate approximately 1,200 Year 7 to 12 students at the completion of all stages. Part of the Building Future Schools Fund.
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**Swanbank E Power Station**  
 \$21.1 million in 2024-25 for maintenance of existing assets including planning for a major overhaul.
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**The Q (Greater Brisbane Greyhound Centre)**  
 \$51.7 million in 2024-25 out of a \$85 million total spend to deliver a greyhound racing venue with one-turn, two-turn and straight racing tracks, a function building, community recreation zones and sport facilities. Part of the Racing Infrastructure Fund, delivered in partnership with the private sector.
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**Ripley Central State School**  

 \$10 million in 2024-25 out of a \$68.2 million total spend to construct Ripley Central State School.
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**Ipswich - Ripley Satellite Hospital Site Modular Sub-Acute Expansion**  
 \$33.5 million in 2024-25 out of a \$269.2 million total spend will deliver a three storey, sub-acute modular unit on the existing site providing rehab, geriatric, palliative, and interim care. Part of the Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery Program.
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**Community Safety Initiatives in the South-West Brisbane and Ipswich Areas**  

 \$9.5 million in 2024-25 out of a \$36.5 million total spend to deliver extra police resources including additional police officers, Mobile Police Beats and police vehicles to deploy high visibility proactive activities.
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**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.
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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 Ipswich**  

 \$48.8 million in 2024-25 out of a \$143.4 million total spend to deliver additional learning spaces in Ipswich.
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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.
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**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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**Network augmentation - Ipswich**  

 \$11.1 million in 2024-25 to augment sub-transmission and 11 kilovolt network capacity into the network.
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**Network Battery - Ipswich South**  

 \$12.2 million in 2024-25 out of a \$12.2 million total spend to install a 1 megawatt/4 megawatt-hour flow battery to store the excess solar PV generated by solar customers. Part of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.
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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.
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**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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**Saving Queensland's koalas**  

 \$7 million in 2024-25 out of a \$31.3 million total spend to extend and accelerate conservation of koalas in South East Queensland.
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**Social housing**  

 \$30.2 million in 2024-25 to expand and improve social housing.
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**South East Queensland Liveability Fund**  

 \$85 million in 2024-25 out of a \$200 million total spend to support South East Queensland local government projects that create liveable, creative, sustainable and healthy communities. Part of the South East Queensland City Deal, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government and the Council of Mayors - South East Queensland.
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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 wellbeing
-  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	<b>\$11.2B</b>	Total Big Build over 4 years	<b>\$107.3B</b>
Total health funding in 2024-25	<b>\$28.9B</b>	Jobs supported by the Big Build program in 2024-25	<b>72,000</b>
Community Safety Plan for Queensland	<b>\$1.3B</b>	Percentage of Big Build spend outside of greater Brisbane in 2024-25	<b>68.5%</b>
Putting Queensland Kids First Plan	<b>\$502M</b>	Total capital investment to support the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan over 4 years	<b>\$26B</b>
Homes for Queenslanders	<b>\$3.1B</b>		
Investment in school and early education facilities	<b>\$1.3B</b>		

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