



Tourism and Events Queensland

DOING WHAT MATTERS FOR OUTBACK QUEENSLAND



REGIONAL ACTION PLAN QUEENSLAND BUDGET 2024-25

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

\$607M

for health

for the North West, Central West and South West Hospital and Health Services.

\$83M

for education

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Outback Queensland.

\$947M

for the Big Build

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support **2,600** jobs in Outback Queensland.

Delivering for OUTBACK QUEENSLAND



Free Kindy

Up to 959 children eligible for free kindy in Outback Queensland, for 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year.

(January 2024 to May 2024)



Fee-Free TAFE

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

(January 2023 to March 2024)



Skilling Queenslanders for Work

\$12.4 million allocated to develop skills and provide training to 972 people in Outback Queensland, including 593 people who are now employed as a direct result of their participation in the program.

(July 2015 to April 2024)



Building our Regions

\$69.5 million allocated to projects for critical infrastructure in Outback Queensland, supporting an estimated 337 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)

Delivering better services for OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

Growth from March 2015 to March 2024



440 extra nurses, **up 74.3%**



512 extra teachers, **up 72.6%**

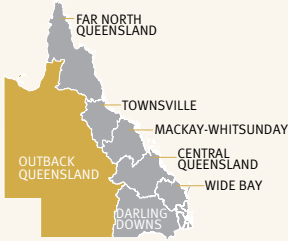


102 extra doctors, **up 151.7%**



143 extra teacher aides, **up 65.0%**

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

1 Doomadgee Hospital



\$1 million in 2024-25 out of a \$1 billion total spend to address ageing infrastructure. Queensland Health is investing more than \$1 billion in the Building Rural and Remote Health Program (BRRHP) which supports healthcare delivery in regional areas by enhancing or replacing infrastructure to ensure it meets the needs of the community. Doomadgee Hospital was identified as one of the North West sites to receive funding that aims to provide safe, compliant and contemporary health services. The facility provides 24-hour acute inpatient and accident and emergency care. Culturally appropriate care is provided by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers, nursing, medical, administration and operational staff. Part of the Building Rural and Remote Health Program.

2 Julia Creek community children's services hub project



\$3.8 million in 2024-25 out of a \$6.3 million total spend to deliver a children's services hub in Julia Creek to address demand for childcare services in McKinlay Shire. The hub includes indoor and outdoor play areas, a baby sleeping area, kitchen, storerooms, administration offices, amenities and a consultation room for visiting allied health services. When complete, the hub will improve access to allied health services, accommodate more children and babies, and offer Outside Hours School Care to school-aged children. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund - Round 2.

3 Infrastructure for new aircraft and service expansion



\$2 million in 2024-25 out of a \$4 million total spend to deliver a new aeromedical facility in Mount Isa for LifeFlight to support its services in North West Queensland. The new facility will include a hangar suitable for a Bell412 helicopter, crew accommodation, amenities, workshop, offices and helipad. When complete, this project will help LifeFlight expand services to people visiting and living in North West Queensland and accommodate the Mount Isa base's planned helicopter upgrade for longer distance flights to help more people. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund - Round 2.

4 Richmond - Winton Road, strengthen and widen pavement



\$1.9 million in 2024-25 out of a \$13 million total spend towards widening, strengthening and upgrading 10.3km of priority sections along Richmond - Winton Road, improving all weather access, travel reliability and safety. This investment adds to the Department of Transport and Main Roads' long-term strategy to upgrade and seal significant roads in north Queensland, supporting regional communities and industries. Flood immunity will be improved by progressively sealing 5.6km of unsealed road and replacing drainage structures and floodways. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

5 Winton replacement police facility



\$500,000 in 2024-25 out of a \$4.6 million total spend to continue the replacement police facility at Winton. 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.

6 Capricorn Highway (Emerald - Alpha) (Package 2), strengthen and widen pavement, funding commitment



\$3 million in 2024-25 out of a \$45 million total spend towards strengthening pavement and widening priority narrow sections of the Capricorn Highway between Emerald and Alpha (Package 2). Project details and timing subject to further planning and negotiation with the Australian Government. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.



CopperString 2032 powering ahead for Queensland's future

Delivery of the Queensland Government's \$5 billion CopperString 2032 project is powering ahead thanks to funding from the state's progressive coal royalties. Led by Powerlink, the project will roll out a new electricity transmission line between Townsville and Mount Isa to connect Queensland's North West Minerals Province to the National Electricity Market. CopperString 2032 will provide energy certainty through reliable, affordable and renewable power to the people, businesses and communities in the region, unlocking the state's critical minerals potential in the North West.

Powerlink and its construction contractor, UGL CPB Contractors Joint Venture, are continuing to promote supply and employment opportunities to local businesses, Indigenous enterprises and social ventures. Works packages have already been released for expressions of interest covering engineering, construction, environmental management, logistics, camp construction, haulage and communications.

CopperString 2032 is set to support regional Queensland's economic development over the long term. Not only is it creating skilled jobs for Queenslanders in construction, it will facilitate new clean energy projects across the North West region and protect jobs in traditional industries.

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Burke Developmental Road (Normanton - Dimbulah), 2023 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements reconstruction works

\$9 million in 2024-25 out of a \$14.6 million total spend towards reconstruction works on the Burke Developmental Road (Normanton - Dimbulah). Part of the funding administered by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

Normanton Hospital

\$12 million in 2024-25 out of a \$1 billion total spend for the Building Rural and Remote Health Program (BRRHP) will be utilised to address ageing infrastructure and provide a facility that supports contemporary models of care for rural and remote communities.

Camooweal Primary Health Care Centre

\$14 million in 2024-25 out of a \$1 billion total spend for the Building Rural and Remote Health Program (BRRHP) will be utilised to address ageing infrastructure and provide a facility that supports contemporary models of care for rural and remote communities.

Royal Flying Doctor Service Mount Isa aeromedical base

\$3.5 million in 2024-25 out of a \$6.9 million total spend to deliver a new aeromedical base in Mount Isa for the Royal Flying Doctor Service to support its services in North West Queensland. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund - Round 2.

Cloncurry Shire grandstands project

\$634,000 in 2024-25 out of a \$834,000 total spend to install grandstand seating, shade structures and amenities at Cloncurry Recreation Grounds, Dajarra Sports Grounds, and Cloncurry Equestrian Centre. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund - Round 1.

Curry Kids Early Learning Centre

\$3 million in 2024-25 out of a \$4.4 million total spend to deliver a new childcare facility in Cloncurry including teacher and staff facilities, indoor space and outdoor play area to accommodate up to 100 children aged 0-5 years. Part of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund - Round 2.

Richmond Shire Council

\$178,219 in 2024-25 out of a \$198,021 total spend to upgrade lighting to support multi-sport at Richmond. Part of Activate! Queensland.

Mount Isa Rugby League

\$175,285 in 2024-25 out of a \$282,717 total spend to install changerooms to support rugby league at Mount Isa. Part of Activate! Queensland.

Longreach replacement police facility

\$1.1 million in 2024-25 out of a \$13.8 million total spend to continue the replacement police facility at Longreach.

Cunnamulla replacement police facility

\$1.2 million in 2024-25 out of a \$16.5 million total spend to continue the replacement police facility at Cunnamulla.

Cunnamulla P-12 State School

\$800,000 in 2024-25 to upgrade an existing amenities block.

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

\$321.1 million in 2024-25 for delivery of recovery and betterment projects to local government assets impacted by disaster events between 2020 and 2024 in Outback Queensland. Part of the joint State/Australian Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

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.

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.

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.

Isolated Communities Decarbonisation

\$54.8 million in 2024-25 to continue to decarbonise isolated network system communities across Queensland through the installation of local renewable energy generation and storage projects. These projects will improve the reliability and sustainability of supply across isolated communities. Part of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.

Quantum Strategy and Academy

\$279 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.

Queensland Critical Minerals Zones

\$14 million in 2024-25 out of a \$75 million total spend to enable collaboration opportunities through a place-based approach to achieve efficiencies in the development of co-located critical minerals projects. Part of the Queensland Critical Minerals Strategy.

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.

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.

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.

Social housing

\$53.3 million in 2024-25 to expand and improve social housing. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

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

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**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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