

DELIVERING FOR NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND



Queensland Budget 2026-27

QUEENSLAND SNAPSHOT



Making Queensland Safer with more police, stronger laws, early intervention and rehabilitation.



Fuel Security Plan with Taroom Trough fast-tracked, new refineries and more local fuel storage.



3 new and 10 expanded hospitals with more free healthcare than ever before.



7% decrease in Ergon power prices for families under the *Energy Roadmap Price Drop*.



Country Roads Connect delivering projects to pave unsealed regional roads.



22 new schools and 4 new TAFE Centres of Excellence for our growing State, with a \$150 Back to School Boost for primary school students.



Better Services through a Stronger Economy

Securing a Future for Mount Isa and the North West

Investing to secure the ongoing operations of the Mount Isa copper smelter and Townsville Refinery to protect regional jobs and strengthen Australia's copper capability as part of an up to \$600 million package. Delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

Driving Investment in Queensland's Mineral Opportunity

Investing to enhance investment attraction, build value chains for critical minerals growth and ensure big mineral projects come online in a timely manner, especially in the North West Minerals Province and surrounding regions.



Building Queensland's Future

CopperString

Progressing CopperString, including early works, design, approvals and procurement, to deliver this transformational project connecting the North West Minerals Province to the national electricity grid.

Country Roads Connect Program

Delivering funding to local governments to pave unsealed regional roads which would otherwise become impassable during weather events, as part of the Country Roads Connect Program.



Making Queensland Safer

Mount Isa Diversionary Centre upgrade

Expanding the Arthur Petersen Diversionary Centre with up to 30 extra beds and delivery of a new specific service for women, to support the delivery of tailored support services and community safety.

Regional Reset

Delivering nine short-stay programs across the state, including one in Mount Isa, for youth demonstrating high-risk behaviours to give them the best chance of success and pathways into education, training and employment.



To see what else is being delivered in North West Queensland, visit the **interactive map**.

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Making Queensland Safer Laws - Mount Isa

Delivering additional justice system resourcing in Mount Isa to support the implementation of the Making Queensland Safer laws (\$6.4 million over three years).

Mount Isa Transitional Youth Hub

Delivering holistic support and activities for young people involved in the youth justice system, including after-hours support (\$2.1 million in 2026-27).

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Mount Isa Police Accommodation

Delivering new residential accommodation in Mount Isa to support frontline policing services, encourage officer recruitment and retention and enhance safety across the region (\$6.8 million over four years).

Keeping our kids safe

Boosting the safety of children in childcare, schools and the community with \$450 million to progress recommendations from the Child Safety Commission of Inquiry, as well as establish a new Queensland Protection Commission and a first-of-its-kind Intelligence Hub.

More police on the frontline

Recruiting more police to grow our frontline to restore safety where you live.

Circuit Breaker Sentencing

Delivering new court-ordered remote rehabilitation-focused detention for youth offenders to break the cycle of crime and make Queensland safer.

Proven Initiatives early intervention programs

Delivering community-led, results-driven early intervention programs with a proven track record of success, to turn youth away from crime and make Queensland safer.

Staying on Track

Reducing repeat crime with intensive 12-month rehabilitation programs after detention to keep youth on the right path.

Domestic and Family Violence Electronic Monitoring

Helping protect victims of domestic and family violence with an electronic monitoring pilot program for high-risk domestic and family violence offenders.

Fixing the DNA Debacle

Continuing to deliver faster justice for victims by clearing the backlog at the DNA Lab and bolstering Director of Public Prosecutions resources to get cases to court quicker.



Building Queensland's Future



Sovereign Industry Development Fund

Delivering investment across priority areas of the defence, biofuels and biomedical industries to secure Queensland's sovereign manufacturing capabilities (total funding of \$180.6 million).

Warrina Park upgrade

Upgrading amenities at Warrina Park to include a new all-abilities playground, improved pathways and an outdoor multi-sport court (\$4.3 million over one year).

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North West Energy Fund

Investing in the \$200 million North West Energy Fund to support local generation and storage solutions in partnership with the private sector, across Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Julia Creek and Richmond, delivering improved reliability and lower energy prices by increasing supply across the North West.

More homes for frontline workers

Delivering fit-for-purpose and secure government employee housing throughout Queensland as part of the Government's commitment to attract and retain key frontline staff, including nurses/doctors/teachers. Within this region in 2026-27, 12 homes are planned for delivery including ten in Doomadgee and two in Mount Isa.

School upgrades

Upgrading Block C at Mount Isa Central State School and the prep building at Normanton State School.

More social and community housing

Expanding and improving social and community housing across the North West Queensland region, with 87 homes in construction or under contract, as the government progresses towards its target of 53,500 social and community homes by 2044.

Water treatment plant upgrades

Upgrading water treatment plants to improve drinking water quality and reliability for the Doomadgee and Mornington Island communities (\$15 million over two years). Part of the National Water Grid Fund, delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

Residential Activation Fund

Investing over \$12 million in essential utility projects to unlock land for new homes at Healy Heights in Mount Isa, the Burketown Firefly Development and the Lilyvale rural residential estate outside Normanton.

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Better Services through a Stronger Economy



Frontline housing and homelessness services

Delivering housing and homelessness services to vulnerable Queenslanders across the North West Queensland region to assist them to secure longer-term housing and access other specialist support services, including temporary accommodation, outreach and connection to broader community services.

Securing a Future for Mount Isa and the North West

Investing to secure the ongoing operations of the Mount Isa copper smelter and Townsville Refinery to protect regional jobs and strengthen Australia's copper capability as part of an up to \$600 million package. Delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work

Delivering employment and training programs in North West Queensland to assist unemployed and underemployed Queenslanders into work (part of the annual \$80 million Skilling Queenslanders for Work investment).

Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme

Delivering a boost to the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme, with faster payments through system upgrades and a nation-leading 45c/km fuel subsidy, providing cost of living relief for patients travelling to specialist medical services by car.

Office of the Cross-Border Commissioner

Delivering improved outcomes in border communities by maintaining the operation of the Office of the Cross-Border Commissioner. The Office is also providing funding to deliver improved outcomes in border communities through a Cross-Border Community Liaison Project.

First Home Owner Grant

Supporting first home buyers to buy or build a new home with boosted \$30,000 grants to get into the market sooner.

Upgrade at John Campbell Miles Memorial Lookout in Mount Isa

Upgrading the John Campbell Miles Memorial Lookout into a vibrant, inclusive community space and tourism gateway with upgraded infrastructure and facilities to increase housing availability and support staff attraction and retention (\$4.2 million over three years). Part of the Works for Queensland Program.

Mount Isa Terminal Reservoir UV System installation

Installing a UV disinfection system at the Mount Isa Terminal Reservoir to further strengthen water quality, safety and reliability.

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Queensland Fuel Security Plan

Fast-tracking the Taroom Trough Development Plan and investing in new refining and storage capability on Queensland soil.

Development of national biofuels feedstock strategy

Supporting development of a national biofuels feedstock strategy and development of growth opportunities or production systems for Queensland agricultural feedstocks (\$742,000 in 2026-27).

Queensland Food Farmers' Commissioner

Supporting Queensland farmers through the Queensland Food Farmers' Commissioner to thrive in a competitive market.

Mandatory implementation of sheep and goat individual eID

Supporting the mandatory implementation of sheep and goat individual electronic identification (eID) through targeted support schemes (\$6.5 million over three years). Part of the Biosecurity Preparedness Package.

\$150 Back to School Boost

Better relief you can rely on with a 50% increase to the Back to School Boost, with \$150 for every primary school student.

Healthy Kindy Kids

Expanding the Healthy Kindy Kids program statewide, with free vision, hearing and speech development checks for children in kindergarten, giving them the best chance to be ready for school.