

# DELIVERING FOR SOUTH 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

#### Taroom Trough Development Plan Works

Fast-tracking the Taroom Trough Development Plan and investing in new refining and storage capability on Queensland soil, \$19 million as part of the *Queensland Fuel Security Plan*.

#### New CT scanner for Charleville Hospital

Delivering a new CT scanner for Charleville Hospital, providing easier access to vital diagnostic imaging services closer to home.



### Building Queensland's Future

#### Residential Activation Fund

Investing over \$26 million to fast-track the construction and upgrades of essential water, sewer, stormwater drainage and road infrastructure to unlock land for new homes in Charleville, Thargomindah, St George, Quilpie and Roma.

#### Great Artesian Basin Water Security Program

Supporting eligible landowners across the Great Artesian Basin to replace, upgrade or plug uncontrolled bores (\$46 million over four years). Delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.



### Making Queensland Safer

#### 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.

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

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## Making Queensland Safer



### **Victims Advocate Service**

Delivering a nation-leading Victims Advocate Service as a one-stop shop that provides dedicated, end-to-end support to victims of crime throughout the justice process.

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### **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.





### **New school amenities**

Replacing the senior amenities at Dirranbandi P-10 State School.

### **More homes for frontline workers**

Delivering fit-for-purpose and secure government employee housing throughout Queensland to attract and retain key frontline staff, with 91 homes planned for completion in 2026-27, including three in Charleville.

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### **Enabling Infrastructure for the Charleville Aurora Estate Extension Project**

Constructing water, sewerage, stormwater, power and telecommunications infrastructure to support residential development in Charleville. Part of the Residential Activation Fund.

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### **Thargomindah Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Constructing a new modular design sewage treatment plant at Thargomindah to enable growth in the town. Part of the Residential Activation Fund.

### **Sams and Frew streets, Thargomindah**

Constructing new sewer and water mains along Sams and Frew streets, with stormwater infrastructure and kerb and channel to support residential development in Thargomindah. Part of the Residential Activation Fund.

### **Bowen and Alfred streets, St George**

Constructing kerb and channel, stormwater drainage and footpaths on Bowen and Alfred streets, St George to support residential development. Part of the Residential Activation Fund.

### **Quilpie Town Residential Estate**

Upgrading Eagle Drive and Cemetery Road and associated stormwater drainage to support a residential development in Quilpie. Part of the Residential Activation Fund.

### **Roma Police Paddock subdivision**

Upgrading intersections and the installation of trunk water and sewer infrastructure for a residential subdivision in Roma. Part of the Residential Activation Fund.

### **Castlereagh Highway**

Delivering to improve safety and flood immunity on the Castlereagh Highway (St George-Hebel).

### **Diamantina Developmental Road reconstruction works**

Delivering reconstruction works on Diamantina Developmental Road (Quilpie-Windorah) under the 2025 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. Delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

### **Country Roads Connect Program**

Delivering funding to local governments to pave unsealed regional roads which would otherwise become impassable during weather events.

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### **Small Business First - Regional Business Gateways**

Supporting regional small businesses to design and deliver initiatives that unlock regional opportunities and build long-term economic capacity (\$16 million over four years).

### **Frontline housing and homelessness services**

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

### **Upgrade parks in Paroo**

Upgrading amenities and minor infrastructure at John Kerr Park and the Cunnamulla pool to improve community access and safety (\$600,000 over three years). Part of the Works for Queensland Program.

### **Skilling Queenslanders for Work**

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

### **Return to work support for women in Queensland**

Supporting women to access a suite of resources, workshops and development opportunities to support their return to work through the Future Women Jobs Academy program.

### **First 5 Forever**

Delivering the First 5 Forever family literacy initiative in South West Queensland.

### **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.

### **First Home Owner Grant**

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

### **Boost to Buy**

Delivering the Boost to Buy home ownership scheme, supporting up to 2,000 first home buyers.

### **Supercharged Solar for Renters**

Driving down renters' power bills for more than 6,500 households with solar rebates, saving around \$700 a year. Eligible landlords can receive a rebate of up to \$3,500 to install solar on rental properties.

### **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.

### **\$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.