

QUEENSLAND'S COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN

► **Budget update**



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QUEENSLAND'S RECOVERY

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged Queenslanders like never before. Its impacts have been felt by individuals, families, businesses and communities across the state.

The Queensland Government's Economic Recovery Plan has provided a decisive and effective response to the COVID-19 health and economic crisis.

We entered the pandemic in a strong economic and fiscal position, which meant we were well placed to take early action.

We have responded to the pandemic with more than **\$14.2 billion** of initiatives, supporting Queenslanders right across the state, driving economic recovery and creating jobs.

We were the first state to implement response measures and the first to recover all the jobs lost during the pandemic. Employment has increased by 253,200 persons since May 2020, more than any other state or territory.

Queensland is the place to be.

We are continuing to deliver on our Economic Recovery Plan to help Queenslanders get back on their feet and look for the next big opportunity.

The 2021–22 Budget continues our commitment to deliver the ongoing support, stimulus and reform needed to drive sustainable economic growth and create ongoing jobs, in line with our 6 economic recovery priority areas.

1 Safeguarding our health

Safeguarding our health and jobs by keeping Queensland pandemic-ready.

2 Backing small business

Helping small business, the backbone of our economy, thrive in a changing environment.

3 Making it for Queensland

Growing manufacturing across traditional and new industries, making new products in new ways and creating new jobs.

4 Building Queensland

Driving investment in the infrastructure that supports our recovery, resilience and future prosperity.

5 Growing our regions

Helping Queensland's regions grow by attracting people, talent and investment, and driving sustainable economic prosperity.

6 Investing in skills

Ensuring Queenslanders have the skills they need to find meaningful jobs and set up pathways for the future.

Our Economic Recovery Plan remains firmly focused on:

- **Protecting our health**
- **Creating jobs**
- **Working together**

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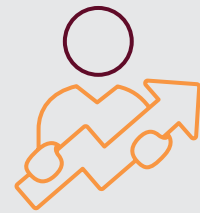
Faster domestic economic growth than the rest of Australia

State final demand **up by 3%** since March quarter 2020.



More jobs recovered than any other state or territory

Employment **up by 253,200** since May 2020.



Faster workforce participation growth than any other state or territory

Labour force participation rate **up by 4.7 percentage points** since May 2020.



Faster consumption growth than the rest of Australia

Household consumption **up by 3.3%** since March quarter 2020.



Faster dwelling investment growth than the rest of Australia

Dwelling investment **up by 18.4%** since March quarter 2020.



More interstate migrants than any other state or territory

Queensland welcomed **30,000 net interstate migrants** over 2020.



Faster housing lending growth than the rest of Australia

Housing lending **up by 118%** since April 2020, including **up by 96%** for owner-occupier first home buyers.



Faster dwelling approvals growth than the rest of Australia

Approvals for construction of houses and apartments **up by 61%** since April 2020.



Faster retail trade growth than the rest of Australia

Real retail turnover **up by 6.2%** since March quarter 2020.

SAFEGUARDING OUR HEALTH

Our economic success depends on our ability to protect the health and wellbeing of Queenslanders.

Our effective health response underpins the current economic recovery. The capacity and resilience of our health system is the key to maintaining Queensland's strong economic performance into the future.

By safeguarding the health of Queenslanders and limiting the spread of the virus, we were able to ease emergency health restrictions earlier than expected, and Queensland's domestic economy has recovered more rapidly than most other economies across the world.

We will now leverage our success in managing the pandemic to increase job opportunities and maintain our capacity to safeguard the health of all Queenslanders.



CONTINUING OUR RECOVERY

Reflecting our commitment to safeguarding the health of Queenslanders, health operating funding has increased by more than 13 per cent over 2 years – from \$18.455 billion in 2019–20 to \$20.885 billion in 2021–22.

We will remain pandemic-ready and build our strong health and community support systems through the delivery of a range of ongoing initiatives and new measures in the 2021–22 Budget.

Hospital Building Fund

\$2 billion to assist in meeting growth pressures across the health system.

COVID-19 response

\$480 million to continue the COVID-19 response, including the vaccination program, fever clinics, contact tracing and testing capability, compliance activities, facilitation of quarantine in government-arranged accommodation, COVID-19 contact centres, and wellness checks for people in mandatory hotel quarantine.

More hospital capacity

\$482.5 million to address pressures in emergency patient flow through our public hospitals, elective surgery waitlists, and to support the opening of the Nambour General Hospital Redevelopment.

Support for vulnerable Queenslanders

\$30 million over 4 years to boost support services for victims of domestic, family and sexual violence across the state.

Queensland Health employs more than **51,000** nurses, doctors and ambulance officers, an increase of over 1,500 since March 2020.



NEW PUBLIC HOSPITAL FOR SPRINGFIELD

Through a \$1 billion investment over the next decade, the Queensland Government will partner with Mater Health Services to deliver a new 174-bed public hospital in Springfield to cater for the rapidly growing population in the Greater Ipswich region. The expanded hospital, including an Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit and Maternity services, is expected to open in 2024.



OUR **KEY SUPPORT** SO FAR

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, the government's priority has been – and continues to be – safeguarding the health of all Queenslanders and building community resilience.

We are protecting Queenslanders from COVID-19 and keeping Queensland pandemic-ready.

- **\$1.3 billion** COVID-19 response package to expand fever clinics, increase hospital capacity, establish contact tracing and testing capability, and deliver the COVID-19 vaccination program.

This includes a **\$46.55 million** Mental Health and Wellbeing Community package to support localised mental health services.

- **\$979 million** for the Building Better Hospitals program, increasing capacity in areas of major population growth.
- **\$265 million** for the Satellite Hospitals program across South East Queensland.

- **\$100 million** to support the wellbeing of Queensland school students, including employing an additional 464 wellbeing professionals in state schools.
- **\$61.9 million** to deliver the Shifting Minds Flagship, supporting suicide prevention and crisis services.

BACKING SMALL BUSINESS

The Queensland Government is supporting small business – the backbone of our economy – to thrive in a changing environment.

Over 450,000 small businesses create local jobs in all regions and sectors across the state.

Small businesses are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of extreme events and disruptions, including the COVID-19 pandemic. Substantial challenges remain for small businesses reliant on international tourism, students and workers.

Reflecting the success of our Economic Recovery Plan and the hard work and adaptability of our local businesses, many of the state's small businesses are getting back on track.



W. Titley & Co, a fourth-generation family business in Charters Towers, continued to support its staff and the community with a COVID-19 Jobs Support Loan.

CONTINUING OUR RECOVERY

Queensland's economic recovery is well underway, with a resurgence in consumer and business confidence across the state.

To position Queensland's small businesses to come back better, we are continuing our support through a range of new measures as part of the 2021–22 Budget as well as the delivery of ongoing initiatives.

Back to Work

\$140 million to provide businesses with the confidence to employ Queenslanders who have experienced a period of unemployment and help workers facing disadvantage in the labour market.

Business Investment Fund

\$100 million to invest in small to medium sized businesses that have significant growth potential.

Small Business Grants

\$25 million in new grants programs to support small businesses at various stages, from new and emerging to fast growing.

Live Music Support Program

\$7 million to extend support for the state's live music venues.

Security of Payment Reform

\$56 million to progress building and construction industry fairness reforms that provide for effective, efficient and fair processes for securing payment.

Small businesses
employ around **915,000**
Queenslanders.



OUR **KEY SUPPORT** SO FAR

The Queensland Government moved swiftly to provide a pipeline of support for small businesses throughout the pandemic – during the initial response period and to support ongoing recovery.

- **Substantial tax relief through** payroll tax refunds, payment holidays and deferrals, exemptions from payroll tax for JobKeeper payments and land tax relief across 2019–20 and 2020–21.
- **\$1 billion** for concessional jobs support loans, interest free for 12 months. Nearly 90 per cent of businesses accessing these crucial loans were small businesses with fewer than 20 employees.
- **\$500 million** in utilities bill relief for households and businesses—including \$100 million in electricity bill rebates for eligible small and medium sized businesses.
- Up to **\$196 million** in Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grants for over 20,000 businesses, including a specific focus on small regional businesses.
- **\$21.3 million** waived in liquor licensing annual fees for 2020–21.
- **\$22.5 million** to support the arts, culture and creative sectors, including funding for the Live Music Support Program.
- Approximately **400 free online courses** made available for businesses and their employees through the Small Business Skills Hub.
- Introduction of a Queensland Government **SME procurement target** of 25 per cent, increasing to 30 per cent by 30 June 2022.

SUPPORTING THE LIVE MUSIC SECTOR

Building on our previous support, the Queensland Government is helping Queensland's live music industry with new investment of \$7 million in 2021–22 supporting the sustainability of the state's live music venues. This funding backs Queensland-based live music venues that have been significantly impacted by COVID-19.



MAKING IT FOR QUEENSLAND

Queensland's innovative manufacturers played a critical role in keeping our supply chains open during the COVID-19 crisis. We will continue to help our businesses and industry make, grow and export more products to the rest of the world.

Through the pandemic, our manufacturers stepped up and adapted to meet the challenges of the health crisis, quickly filling gaps in global supply chains for personal protective equipment and other essential products for our frontline workers.

Now that Queensland's recovery is underway, we are working with industry to increase adoption of leading-edge technologies, develop a highly skilled workforce, and improve their access to domestic and global markets.

CONTINUING OUR RECOVERY

We are continuing to support Queensland manufacturers through the delivery of key ongoing initiatives and new measures as part of the 2021–22 Budget.

Queensland Jobs Fund

\$3.34 billion to support industry and turbocharge job creation, including through the \$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund.

Waste management and resource recovery

\$93.6 million to continue to grow the sector while reducing Queensland's waste.

Queensland Hydrogen Taskforce

\$2.6 million to promote the sustainable development of Queensland's emerging hydrogen industry.

Backing Queensland maritime jobs

\$21 million to support the establishment of a new coastal shipping service.



Queensland's manufacturing
sector supports around
165,000 jobs each year.



PARTNERING WITH WORLD CLASS MED TECH TO CREATE QUEENSLAND JOBS

The Queensland Government is partnering with medical technology company, Vaxxas, to produce over 300 million High-Density Micro-projection Array Patch (MAP) needle-free vaccines a year at a new facility in Northshore Hamilton.

Over the next 10 years, production is expected to contribute \$497 million to the Queensland economy and create up to 139 new, highly skilled and knowledge-intensive jobs.



OUR **KEY SUPPORT** SO FAR

The Queensland Government has supported our manufacturing sector to realise new opportunities.

- **\$1 billion** investment pipeline for rail manufacturing, including \$600 million to manufacture 20 new trains in Maryborough, supporting service delivery following the opening of Cross River Rail.
- **\$16.5 million** to create Manufacturing Skills Queensland, an independent industry body, to support workers, employers, apprentices and trainees in the manufacturing industry.
- **\$15.5 million** to boost the Made in Queensland program with a focus on bringing critical manufacturing back to Queensland.
- **\$10 million** to further develop the renewable hydrogen industry in Queensland and support projects in regional Queensland.
- **\$8.5 million** to establish new manufacturing hubs and grants programs in Mackay and on the Gold Coast.

BUILDING QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Government continues to drive substantial investment in economic and social infrastructure to support our recovery, resilience and future prosperity.

We have supported employment across the state through the delivery of our substantial capital works program, supporting our industries, regions and communities.

Our investment and ongoing commitment to building Queensland, through the government's capital works program and by facilitating private sector investment, has long-term payoffs beyond the current recovery.

It will ensure that essential services and infrastructure are available across Queensland by building the schools, hospitals, bridges, roads and tunnels that our growing state will need in the future.



CONTINUING OUR RECOVERY

We are continuing to support economic recovery and future growth through the delivery of our existing infrastructure pipeline and through new measures in the 2021–22 Budget.

Capital works

\$52.2 billion capital program over 4 years, delivering on the government's \$50 billion infrastructure guarantee.

Hospital Building Fund

\$2 billion to assist in meeting growth pressures across the health system.

New social housing

\$1.8 billion to boost social housing supply over 4 years, delivering 6,365 new dwellings.

School infrastructure

\$1.4 billion for 10 new schools to open in 2023 and 2024, as well as additional and renewed infrastructure in Queensland's existing state schools.

Works for Queensland

\$200 million in additional funding for job creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works in regional areas, bringing the total program funding to \$1 billion.

SEQ Community Stimulus Program

\$150 million in additional funding to enable investment in new infrastructure and community assets that create jobs in local communities.

Queensland's capital works program is directly supporting **46,500 jobs** in 2021–22.



OUR **KEY SUPPORT** SO FAR

The Queensland Government's response to the challenges of COVID-19 was fast and decisive, including providing a pipeline of major capital works to sustain the economic recovery.

- **\$400 million** for road improvements, supporting 430 direct jobs.
- **\$346 million** boost for the Building Future Schools Program including for 3 new schools that will open in 2022.
- **\$200 million** COVID Works for Queensland program for over 500 projects to build productive infrastructure.
- **\$172 million** support for home building through the First Home Owners Grant and Regional Home Building Boost.
- **\$50 million** to fast track tourism infrastructure projects and support tourism icons.
- **\$50 million** Unite and Recover Community Stimulus Package to fast-track investment in infrastructure and community assets.

DELIVERING INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Government continues to deliver on its election commitments and support economic recovery through the construction of major infrastructure projects across Queensland's regions, including:

- **\$2.1 billion** for a roads stimulus package, in partnership with the Australian Government
- **\$367.2 million** for the Rookwood Weir project, in partnership with the Australian Government
- **\$28 million** for the Cairns Marine Precinct upgrade.

Cairns Marine Precinct

GROWING OUR REGIONS

A growing Queensland economy needs strong regions that attract the people, talent and investment needed for long-term prosperity.

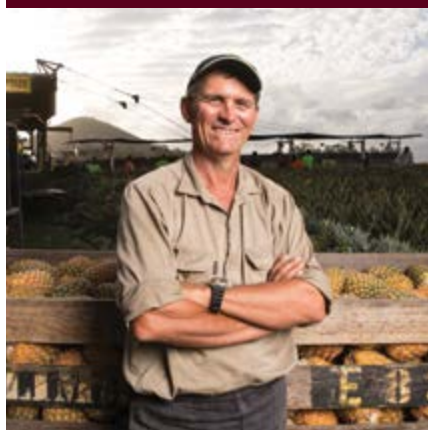
Queensland is Australia's most decentralised mainland state, with more than half of Queenslanders living outside of Brisbane.

Our regions have had a mixed experience during the COVID-19 pandemic. Tourism areas were hit hard, while our agriculture and mining regions helped Queensland's economy to keep going.

The agriculture and mining industries, while experiencing labour disruptions, have worked hard to maintain our supply chains and provide the raw materials needed to support the global economic recovery.

Our tourism areas have pivoted to meet the demands of stronger domestic tourism, but key sectors and regions continue to feel the impacts from the disruption to international tourism.

We will continue to partner with our regions to address these challenges and take advantage of the opportunities presented by our ongoing economic recovery.



CONTINUING OUR RECOVERY

Our commitment to supporting Queensland's regions and building economic resilience continues through the delivery of a range of ongoing initiatives and new measures in the 2021–22 Budget.

Regional capital works

\$8.987 billion for capital works in areas outside of Greater Brisbane, representing around 61 per cent of our total capital spend and directly supporting around 29,800 jobs in 2021–22.

Bruce Highway upgrade

\$200 million a year for priority sections of the Bruce Highway.

Regional hospitals

\$426 million for new and upgraded regional hospitals.

Regional education

\$309.2 million in 2021–22 to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in regional Queensland.

Inland freight

\$200 million contribution towards the Inland Freight Route (Charters Towers to Mungindi), in partnership with the Australian Government.

Reef water quality

\$270 million to maintain the Queensland Reef Water Quality program and protect Great Barrier Reef waters.

Drought assistance

Up to \$71.4 million for the Drought Assistance and Reform Package (and a further \$50 million per annum for 4 years for drought preparedness and emergency drought loans).

2021 Queensland Betterment Fund

\$20 million to improve disaster resilience and reduce the cost of future reconstruction of public assets damaged by natural disasters, jointly funded with the Australian Government.

Public cyclone shelters

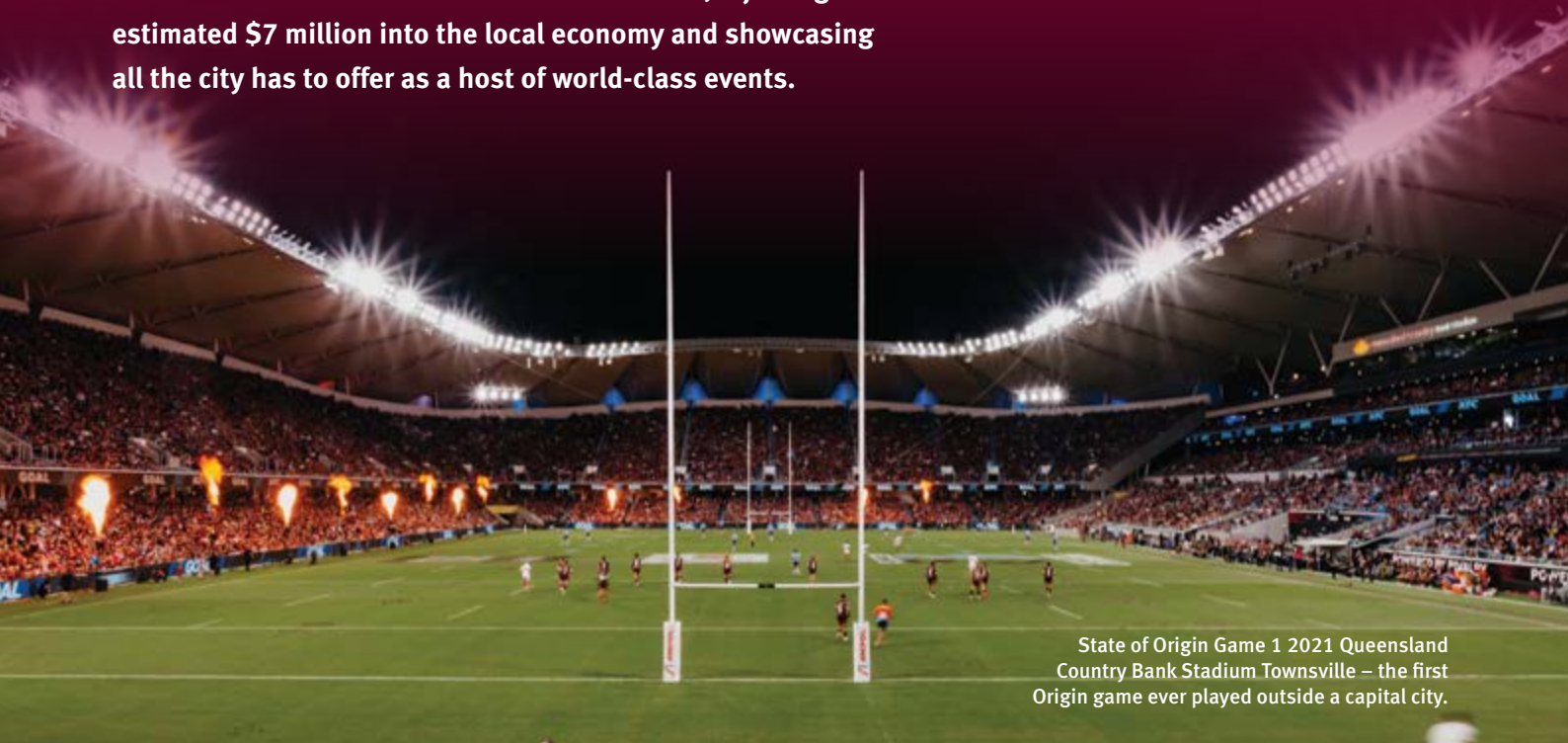
\$13.8 million for maintenance of Queensland public cyclone shelters.

Almost **1.3 million** Queenslanders work in our regions.



HISTORIC STATE OF ORIGIN SHOWCASES REGIONAL QUEENSLAND

Securing the historic State of Origin opener for Townsville delivered a welcome boost for local businesses, injecting an estimated \$7 million into the local economy and showcasing all the city has to offer as a host of world-class events.



State of Origin Game 1 2021 Queensland Country Bank Stadium Townsville – the first Origin game ever played outside a capital city.

Longreach tourism business, Outback Aussie Tours, has employed 4 staff through Back to Work.



BACKING REGIONAL QUEENSLAND THROUGH FLAGSHIP PROGRAMS

The Queensland Government is supporting regional Queensland through additional investment in flagship programs including:

- \$200 million for the Works for Queensland program to support regional councils to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects
- \$140 million over 4 years for a revitalised Back to Work program to provide eligible businesses the confidence to employ Queenslanders who have experienced a period of unemployment and help workers facing disadvantage in the labour market
- \$70 million over 3 years for Building our Regions (Round 6) to support local government infrastructure projects in regional Queensland, with a focus on water and sewerage infrastructure projects.

SECURING A SAFER BRUCE HIGHWAY

'The Bruce' is Queensland's economic artery, our national highway connecting Brisbane to Cairns. The Queensland Government is committing at least \$200 million a year to boost safety and upgrade priority sections of the Bruce Highway under a jointly funded \$13 billion plan to build a better Bruce over the coming decade.

We've locked in an \$883 million jointly funded boost to:

- build a 4-lane bypass at Tiaro, north of Gympie
- prioritise upgrades between Gladstone and Proserpine
- prioritise upgrades north of Townsville.

Our plan will be delivered in partnership with the Bruce Highway Trust Advisory Council, which brings together peak transport and industry leaders, including the RACQ and Queensland Farmers' Federation, and soon 6 regional Queenslanders, to oversee the development of a 15-year vision and 5-year rolling action plans for Bruce Highway upgrades.

We'll take trucks off the Bruce too, rolling out a jointly funded \$500 million upgrade program on the Inland Freight Route between Charters Towers and the New South Wales border.

Encouraging more trucks to use the inland route will create regional jobs, improve freight productivity and make inland highways safer and more flood resilient.



Widening works along the Bruce Highway near Phillip Street, Mount Pleasant.

INVESTING IN REGIONAL HEALTH

The Queensland Government is investing \$426 million for new and upgraded regional hospitals, including:

- \$116.6 million to redevelop Roma Hospital
- \$74.8 million to redevelop Atherton Hospital, including the emergency department and operating theatres
- \$70 million for a new mental health facility at Cairns Hospital
- \$46 million to refurbish the Thursday Island Hospital and Primary Health Care Centre
- \$39.6 million for the Fraser Coast Mental Health Project, including a new acute inpatient unit at Hervey Bay Hospital and a refurbished sub-acute specialist older persons unit at Maryborough Hospital
- \$18.2 million for the Rockhampton Hospital Cardiac Hybrid Theatre

- \$31.5 million for a purpose-built Sarina Hospital and staff accommodation
- \$5 million to upgrade the Proserpine Hospital Acute Primary Care Clinic.

The 2021–22 Budget also provides funding for health facilities such as:

- \$70 million for the Building Rural and Remote Health Program to address aging and other health-related infrastructure at Camooweal, St George, Morven, Charleville and Blackwater
- \$12.5 million for the Woorabinda Multi-Purpose Health Service to increase from 4 residential aged care beds to 14, and upgrade facilities
- \$12.4 million for replacement of the Windorah Primary Healthcare Centre
- \$7.2 million for the redevelopment of Moura Multi-purpose Healthcare Service.

Thursday Island Hospital



SUPPORTING TOURISM AND REEF EDUCATION

The Queensland Government is supporting Queensland tourism to rebuild better with a range of initiatives including:

- \$15.9 million for the Good to Go Campaign to showcase Queensland and drive demand for tourism and events
- \$10.2 million in Holiday Dollars travel vouchers to support tourism operators in Far North Queensland, the Whitsundays, the Gold Coast and Brisbane, and stimulate spending in these regions, funded in partnership with industry
- \$10 million over 2 years for the Aviation Route Support Package, to rebuild Queensland's international aviation connectivity
- \$7.5 million for the Work in Paradise campaign to address a shortage of workers for regional tourism businesses
- \$1.1 million for the Great Barrier Reef Education Experience Program to turn the reef into the state's biggest classroom and increase bookings for local reef tour operators.

Entrada Travel Group in Cairns has seen an increase in the uptake of their travel experiences through the Holiday Dollars campaign.





INVESTING IN RENEWABLE ENERGY IN FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Government's \$40 million investment in transmission infrastructure in Far North Queensland will support the construction of Neoen's \$373 million, 157-megawatt Kaban wind farm.

The Kaban wind farm and associated transmission infrastructure will create 250 local jobs, deliver power to North Queensland and keep Queensland on track to meet our 50 per cent renewable energy target by 2030.

OUR KEY SUPPORT SO FAR

The Queensland Government has provided a range of support to industries and projects that will help catalyse and drive growth in our regions.

- **\$145 million** to establish 3 Queensland Renewable Energy Zones in southern, central and northern Queensland.
- **\$54.5 million** public transport package to support regional air, bus and ferry services affected by COVID-19.
- **\$17.5 million** for the agriculture sector to build business and digital capability and explore diversification opportunities.
- **\$10 million** Reef Assist Program to deliver priority environmental projects and create up to 200 job opportunities in Great Barrier Reef catchments.
- **\$10 million** to upscale the Collaborative Exploration Initiative to support exploration for new economy minerals.
- **Investing in Virgin Australia** to continue as Australia's second national carrier.
- 3 major road infrastructure packages:
 - **\$415 million** for new shovel-ready network improvements and targeted safety upgrades, in partnership with the Australian Government, supporting 670 direct jobs over the life of the program
 - **\$400 million** for new road network improvements, supporting 430 direct jobs over the life of the program
 - **\$185 million** Roads of Strategic Importance early works package, in partnership with the Australian Government, supporting 180 direct jobs in regional Queensland.

INVESTING IN SKILLS

The Queensland Government is making sure Queenslanders have the skills they need to find meaningful jobs and career pathways in a changing world.

The impacts of the pandemic have seen the demand for skills change across our industries, with reduced opportunities in some sectors, while demand for other skills have increased.

Our commitment to providing opportunities to participate in education and training has helped keep many Queenslanders, particularly our youth and other disadvantaged Queenslanders, engaged and connected to the labour market during the pandemic.

As we continue to recover, our investment in training and education will ensure Queenslanders have the skills and capabilities to respond to new opportunities and meet the changing needs of employers in all regions across the state.

This ongoing investment will help maintain Queensland's talented, highly skilled and flexible workforce, thereby making Queensland an even more attractive place for businesses to locate, invest, grow and create jobs.



CONTINUING OUR RECOVERY

We are continuing to invest in skilling Queenslanders through the ongoing delivery of existing programs and through new measures and additional funding in the 2021–22 Budget.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work

\$320 million to assist up to 15,000 disadvantaged Queenslanders each year to gain skills, qualifications and experience to enter and stay in the workforce.

Future skills

\$100 million to help train and retrain Queenslanders for in-demand jobs, including a TAFE Priority Skills Fund, Pre-Apprenticeship Support and Social Enterprises Jobs Fund.

TAFE infrastructure

\$100 million for Equipping TAFE for our Future infrastructure projects to build and modernise TAFE facilities.

Payroll tax rebate

\$31.2 million to continue the Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate for a further 12 months.

Free TAFE

\$21 million to continue providing Free TAFE and Free Apprenticeships to eligible Queenslanders aged under 25.

Local Schools, Local Jobs

\$45 million to build and upgrade training facilities in schools across the state, including in Queensland's regions.

There are over **68,000** apprentices and trainees across the state.



OUR **KEY SUPPORT** SO FAR

The Queensland Government was responsive in supporting small businesses, workers and jobseekers impacted by the pandemic to ensure they could access training and develop skills to support the recovery. We also assisted education and training providers to access the funds needed to support jobs across the state.

- **\$150 million** loan facility for Queensland universities to support cash flow and protect jobs.
- **\$20 million** to commence construction of the Hydrogen Training Centre of Excellence to expand training capacity to 800 apprenticeships per year and fast track the development of the industry.
- **\$17 million** contribution towards a \$23 million state of the art Renewable Energy Training Facility located in Brisbane.

SKILLING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH **LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS**

The Queensland Government is investing \$45 million to build and upgrade training facilities in schools across Queensland. New and upgraded training facilities and trade training centres will complement local and emerging growth industries including hydrogen, agriculture, aquaculture, manufacturing, defence maintenance and manufacturing, and aviation and aerospace.

POSITIONING FOR THE FUTURE

Queensland is the place to be as we continue to lead the nation's economic recovery.

More Australians are moving to Queensland to take advantage of our lifestyle and economy. Queensland welcomed 30,000 new residents from other states last year. Queensland is expected to welcome around 85,000 people over the next 4 years – around the same number as the city of Rockhampton.

We will build on our success by providing an environment in which private investment can continue to flourish and create new jobs into the future.

Our ongoing investment in productivity-enhancing infrastructure, skills and innovation will keep making Queensland an attractive place for people to live, visit, invest and do business.

We will also continue to provide essential services for all Queenslanders, no matter where they live.

By reducing costs for business and implementing reforms to unlock the state's economic potential, we will drive ongoing development of our regions and support our thriving communities.

The 2021–22 Budget outlines a range of measures that will boost the capacity of Queensland businesses to produce and sell goods and services to the rest of the world, and employ more Queenslanders.

We have established a \$3.34 billion Queensland Jobs Fund, including the new Industry Partnership Program to help industry establish and grow their businesses in Queensland, and the new Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund to provide cheaper, cleaner energy to power more jobs and more industries in Queensland.

We will continue to drive ongoing recovery and growth in industries such as resources, agriculture, international education, screen and tourism, while new jobs will also be created in emerging and growth industries like defence and aerospace, food processing, biomedical, advanced manufacturing, new economy minerals, and renewable energy, including hydrogen.

We will help all Queenslanders, including disadvantaged jobseekers, seize the opportunities created by this growth through the extension of our flagship employment and skills programs, including Skilling

Queenslanders for Work and Back to Work.

Our investment in new schools and training centres will also position Queenslanders, including our youth, for the opportunities of tomorrow.

Building on our strong economic recovery, we will keep working together with businesses, industry, unions, local government, the not-for-profit sector and the broader Queensland community to ensure the entire state unites to keep protecting our health and creating jobs.

We will ensure Queensland continues to be the place to be.





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