

JOBS FOR DARLING DOWNS

The Queensland Budget
will directly support around

4,300 JOBS

in Darling Downs in 2017-18.

Significant 2017-18 expenditure in Darling Downs:

Infrastructure

\$917.9M

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support 3,700 jobs.

Health

\$903.4M

for the Darling Downs and South West Hospital and Health Services.

Education

\$27.9M

for maintenance and capital works projects for schools in Darling Downs.

Darling Downs will also benefit from:

Works for Queensland

\$200M

of additional funding over two years to support job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works across regional Queensland that improve local government assets, bringing the total commitment to \$400 million.

Natural Resources
Investment Program

\$42.3M

over four years from 2018-19 to help support the sustainable management of Queensland's water, land and vegetation resources.

Six Full Cohorts
– 2020 Ready

\$250M

over two years for new classrooms and other infrastructure in the State's secondary schools to cater for the 17,000 additional students expected in 2020.

Darling Downs farmland
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WHAT THE PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT IS DELIVERING FOR DARLING DOWNS

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering a range of significant projects and has implemented a broad suite of policies to boost economic growth and drive more employment opportunities in Darling Downs, including:


POLICY OUTCOMES



Building Our Regions
\$28.6 million allocated to 12 projects to support local councils and other organisations to deliver critical infrastructure and support jobs.
as at 1 May 2017



Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate
Rebates claimed by 1,825 businesses to reinvest **\$5.4 million** into their business and support employment.
in the 12 months to April 2017



Back to Work
Employer support payments worth \$314,000 paid to 43 employers to directly employ **69 local jobseekers** and a further \$638,000 in Youth Boost payments to 79 employers to directly employ **115 young jobseekers**.
as at 31 May 2017



Drought relief funding
Assistance totalling **\$3.8 million** provided to 587 farmers to provide relief and help them deal with the adverse impacts of drought.
as at 30 April 2017

RESTORING FRONTLINE SERVICES*



209
extra
nurses
Up 11.9%



51
extra
doctors
Up 15.4%



183
extra
teachers
Up 5.2%

* Growth from March 2015 to March 2017

THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS

259,291 hectares of national and regional parks

190 State Heritage sites

33 hospitals and health facilities

22 customer service centres

6,114 km of roads

1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership regional office

37 fire stations

52 police stations

13 courthouses

154 schools

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DARLING DOWNS TO BECOME ASIA'S FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BOWL

The 2017-18 Budget provides funding totalling \$4.3 million over three years for Growing Queensland's Food Exports and to establish a Rural Economies Centre of Excellence.

These programs will help agri-businesses in Darling Downs and throughout Queensland transition to more efficient agricultural production and will develop new supporting infrastructure to meet the demand for fruit and vegetables in Asia and other parts of the world. Satisfying growing international demand for fresh, safe, high-quality food means higher returns for producers, more jobs and new business opportunities in rural Queensland.

The programs will complement recent industry development projects led by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and Trade and Investment Queensland. These projects have seen irrigated crop producers in communities such as Inglewood and St George grow and export new crops including sweet corn, broccoli, blueberries and garlic; all of which are much more water efficient than traditional crops. These new production systems have led to the establishment of new business and employment opportunities in rural communities, including in packaging and processing facilities.

INVESTING IN JOBS FOR DARLING DOWNS

Darling Downs, which includes the garden city of Toowoomba, is one of Australia's most productive agricultural regions. Darling Downs' high quality produce is in demand across Australia and overseas and the region is set to build on its status as a major hub for services and logistics. The Palaszczuk Government is investing in jobs for Darling Downs through a diverse range of projects and initiatives:

1 Swanbank Power Station Gas Supply Strategy

\$4.7 million in 2017-18 to ensure future gas supply to Swanbank Power Station.

2 Roma Hospital redevelopment

\$18 million in 2017-18 out of a \$75 million total spend to commence the major redevelopment of the Roma Hospital, including the demolition of the existing facility while concurrently redesigning the Hospital. Part of the Enhancing Regional Hospitals Program.

3 Roma auxiliary fire and rescue station and area operations facilities

\$700,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$5.2 million total spend to relocate and upgrade the Roma auxiliary fire and rescue station and area operations facilities.

4 Chinchilla State High School new multi-purpose hall

\$3.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3.9 million total spend to construct a multi-purpose hall.

5 Warrego Highway overtaking lanes (Dalby to Miles)

\$25.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$35 million total spend to construct overtaking lanes on sections of the Warrego Highway between Dalby and Miles, due for completion in June 2018. Part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

6 Kogan Creek Power Station enhancements, overhaul and refurbishment

\$11.8 million in 2017-18 to enhance, overhaul and refurbish the Kogan Creek Power Station.

7 Warrego Highway Dalby Western Access upgrade (Stage 1)

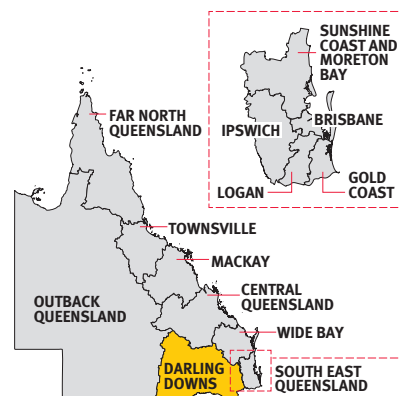
\$17.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$59 million total spend to upgrade the Warrego Highway Dalby Western Access, Condamine Street to Watt Street, due for completion in April 2018. Part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

10 Braemar Substation secondary systems replacement

\$1.7 million in 2017-18 out of a \$29.2 million total spend to replace aged secondary systems at the Braemar Substation to ensure continued reliability of supply to the surrounding area.

11 Myall Creek Development

\$370,395 in 2017-18 out of a \$740,790 total spend to construct footpaths, shade structures, a pedestrian bridge, improved interpretive signage, LED lighting and landscape improvements at the Myall Creek open space development to improve aesthetics and enhance usability. Part of the 2016-17 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.



13 Elderly Parent Carer Innovation Initiative – Crows Nest

\$350,400 in 2017-18 out of a \$438,000 total spend to continue the Elderly Parent Carer Innovation Initiative with a project in Crows Nest aimed at greater security for older parent carers who can no longer look after their adult son or daughter with a disability.

14 Tara auxiliary fire and rescue station relocation and upgrade

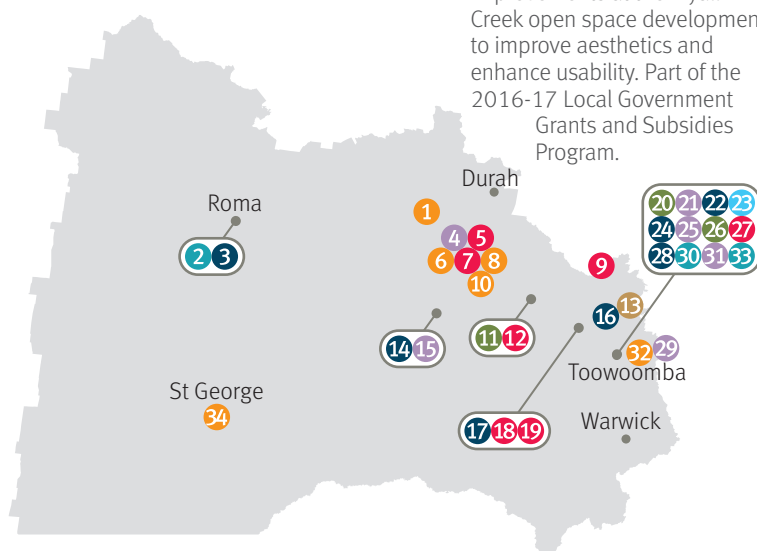
\$150,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$1.8 million total spend to relocate and upgrade the Tara auxiliary fire and rescue station.

15 Tara Shire State College new early years service

\$1.3 million in 2017-18 out of a \$1.9 million total spend to construct a new early years service.

16 Goombungee auxiliary fire and rescue station relocation and upgrade

\$1.6 million in 2017-18 to relocate and upgrade the Goombungee auxiliary fire and rescue station.



8 Kogan Creek Mine development and refurbishment

\$8.2 million in 2017-18 to develop and refurbish the Kogan Creek Mine.

9 New England Highway overtaking lanes (Yarraman to Toowoomba)

\$4.7 million in 2017-18 out of a \$7 million total spend to construct overtaking lanes at various locations on the New England Highway between Yarraman and Toowoomba, due for completion in December 2017.

12 Warrego Highway Dalby Eastern Access upgrade

\$18.3 million in 2017-18 out of a \$56 million total spend to widen the Warrego Highway from four to six lanes at Dalby Eastern Access, due for completion in June 2018. Part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

17 Oakey auxiliary fire and rescue station relocation and upgrade

\$879,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$1.3 million total spend to relocate and upgrade the Oakey auxiliary fire and rescue station.

18 Warrego Highway duplication (Charlton to Kingsthorpe)

\$44.4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$160 million total spend to duplicate the Warrego Highway between Charlton and Kingsthorpe Toowoomba, due for completion in January 2018. Part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

19 Warrego Highway overtaking lanes (Oakey to Dalby)

\$8.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$44 million total spend to construct overtaking lanes on the Warrego Highway between Oakey and Dalby, due for completion in October 2017. Part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

20 Highfields Sport and Recreation Park

\$825,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$1.5 million total spend to construct additional fields, multi-purpose courts, clubhouse infrastructure and associated amenities in Toowoomba. Part of the Get Playing Plus Program.

21 Highfields State Secondary College new buildings

\$1.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$11.2 million total spend to continue the construction of the student centre and general learning areas.

22 Highfields Police Station replacement and upgrade

\$100,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$2.8 million total spend to replace the Highfields Police Station.

23 Charlton North Catchment - Stormwater Detention Basin Project

\$1.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$2.8 million total spend to construct earthworks, upstream protection works and landscaping components of the Charlton North Catchment stormwater detention basin to provide physical resilience against potential stormwater and flood damage to valuable infrastructure. Part of the 2016-17 Natural Disaster Resilience Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

24 Charlton Fire and Rescue Regional Headquarters upgrade

\$630,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$750,000 total spend to provide infrastructure for a South-Eastern Regional Headquarters and commence development of regional training and logistics facilities at Charlton.

25 Wilsonton State High School new multi-purpose hall

\$3.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3.9 million total spend to construct a new multi-purpose hall.

26 Cobb+Co Museum maintenance

\$158,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$400,000 total spend to address critical maintenance and safety issues at Cobb+Co Museum.

27 Toowoomba Second Range Crossing

\$252.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$1.606 billion total spend to construct a bypass route from the Warrego Highway at Helidon to the Gore Highway at Athol, due for completion in December 2018. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

28 Toowoomba State Air Operations facility hangar fitout

\$500,000 in 2017-18 to fitout a hangar acquired at the Toowoomba airport to support the State Air Operations capability, providing enhanced coordination and deployment of rotary and fixed wing aircraft.

29 Lockyer District State High School multi-purpose hall upgrade

\$1.2 million in 2017-18 out of a \$1.3 million total spend to upgrade the multi-purpose hall.

30 Toowoomba Hospital Emergency Department

\$560,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$3 million total spend to expand clinical capacity in the Emergency Department at Toowoomba Hospital.

31 Centenary Heights State High School redevelopment

\$930,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$9.8 million total spend to conduct master planning and commence redevelopment.

32 Grantham Substation upgrade

\$2.2 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3.2 million total spend to carry out network construction works at Grantham substation to improve network performance.

33 Drayton ambulance station

\$100,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$4 million total spend to construct a new ambulance station in Drayton to meet the growing demand for services in the Darling Downs.

34 St George irrigation and water supply refurbishment and enhancement

\$1.1 million in 2017-18 to repair, maintain, renew and enhance existing water infrastructure assets for St George irrigation and water supply.

35 Advance Queensland


\$1.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3.8 million total spend to support entrepreneurs, industry and universities to turn great ideas into investable products and provide jobs of the future. Delivered in partnership with local government and the private sector.

36 Homelessness services

\$3.7 million in 2017-18 to deliver specialist homelessness services in Darling Downs. Part of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

KEY

	Community wellbeing
	Utilities
	Health
	Education
	Transport and roads
	Justice and safety
	Government services
	Recreation and culture

 Region-wide/Statewide

37 Investigations into underground coal gasification

\$15.4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$48.9 million total spend to investigate environmental impacts, progress preliminary rehabilitation and pursue prosecution actions related to adverse impacts of underground coal gasification which was banned in Queensland in 2016.

38 Social housing

\$20 million in 2017-18 to expand and improve social housing in Darling Downs.

39 Toowoomba Range Capacity and Clearance

\$24.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$34.5 million total spend to upgrade track and tunnels between Brisbane and Toowoomba to cater for growing demand from the Darling Downs and the South West regions of Queensland, due for completion in February 2019.

40 Works for Queensland

\$3.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$9.5 million total spend to support local governments in Darling Downs to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works. Works for Queensland has received an additional \$200 million in the 2017-18 Queensland Budget for projects outside South East Queensland.

\$1.8 BILLION QUEENSLAND HOUSING STRATEGY

The biggest commitment to housing in the State's recent history includes:

- ◆ **\$1.2 billion** to renew the social housing property portfolio
- ◆ **\$420 million** to boost the supply of social and affordable housing
- ◆ **\$75 million** to progress home ownership in discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- ◆ **\$100 million** for reforms to the housing and homelessness service system.

Additional funding of **\$30 million** is also provided in the 2017-18 Budget to extend the temporary increase in the **Queensland First Home Owners' Grant**, from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for six months.



THE PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT'S PLAN FOR JOBS IN QUEENSLAND

The Government's focus on creating opportunities for all Queenslanders has seen stronger economic growth, a return in business and consumer confidence and a drop in the State's unemployment rate. More than **59,000 jobs** have been created in Queensland since January 2015.

The 2017-18 Budget reinforces the Government's commitment to drive more inclusive economic growth and create more jobs in regional Queensland.

A **\$42.75 billion** four year capital works program will support thousands of jobs across the State, providing the infrastructure needed to promote long term prosperity. Around 63 per cent of total capital purchases will be spent outside of Greater Brisbane in 2017-18.

The 2017-18 Budget will ensure the ongoing resilience of communities impacted by Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie and its aftermath, with **\$1.1 billion** to be spent on rebuilding critical infrastructure.

Regional communities will directly benefit from significant initiatives in the 2017-18 Budget, including:

- ◆ Record investment in education and training (**\$13.7 billion**) and health (**\$16.6 billion**) focused on enhancing frontline services
- ◆ Record **\$1.8 billion** over 10 years for housing, including **\$1.62 billion** to renew existing social housing dwellings and to increase the supply of social and affordable housing
- ◆ **\$5.344 billion** in concessions to help Queenslanders who need it most and to reduce the price paid by all consumers in areas such as transport, electricity and water
- ◆ **\$1.16 billion** Powering Queensland Plan to secure electricity supply, reduce electricity costs and create 5,000 jobs
- ◆ **\$50 million** increase in the Back to Work Program and an additional **\$200 million** for the Works for Queensland Program (bringing the total commitment to \$400 million) in regional communities
- ◆ **\$2.37 billion** in 2017-18 for the Queensland Police Service to help make our communities safer.

The 2017-18 Budget will support the recovery, transition and growth of the Queensland economy.

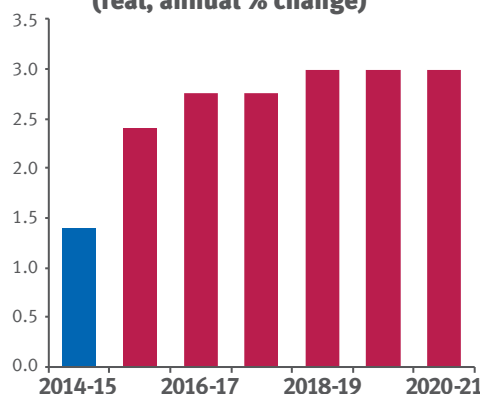
It will also be a budget to deliver more jobs for Darling Downs and across the State.

BUDGET OUTLOOK

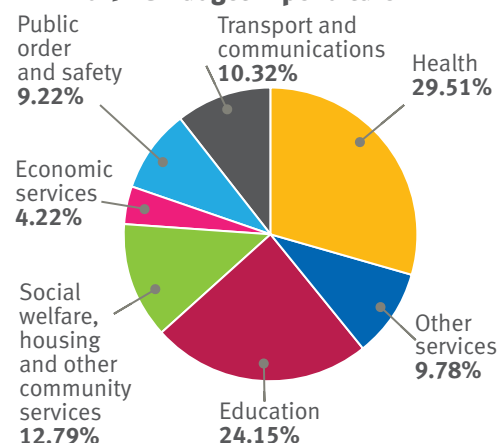
2016-17 NET OPERATING SURPLUS OF \$2.8B

the largest surplus since 2005-06, which will be used to support additional infrastructure investment and mitigate the impact of higher electricity prices throughout Queensland.

Queensland economic growth (real, annual % change)



2017-18 Budget Expenditure



DRIVING TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN DARLING DOWNS

The Palaszczuk Government is dedicated to boosting trade and investment outcomes, supporting Darling Downs businesses to expand into new markets and attracting job-creating investment to the region.

\$35 MILLION

over five years to boost trade and investment across Queensland including specific initiatives targeting Darling Downs

- ◆ A Darling Downs Trade and Investment Action Plan which will include local initiatives to boost the regional economy
- ◆ Trade and investment training for up to 90 Darling Downs small and medium-sized enterprises
- ◆ Access for Darling Downs entrepreneurs to a business leaders program or expert advice from international business mentors

\$25 MILLION

over five years to grow the international education and training (IET) sector including for Darling Downs

- ◆ Funding for two projects from the annual \$1.2 million IET Partnership Fund which supports projects that encourage investment in the IET sector

- ◆ Collaborative marketing with Trade and Investment Queensland's local partners through the IET Partnership Plan which is expected to be released in July 2017



Advancing Trade and Investment
Queensland Trade and Investment Strategy 2017-2022

For more information, view the *Trade and Investment Strategy 2017-2022* and the *International Education and Training Strategy to Advance Queensland 2016-2026* at tiq.qld.gov.au

INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE JAPANESE MARKET



Photo: Courtesy of Qualipac

The Queensland Government has been working with stakeholders to help Darling Downs vegetable and horticulture farmers benefit from increasing opportunities in the Japanese market.

Japan became Queensland's third largest overseas market for broccoli after just one season of exports, generating \$1 million in export revenue and supporting more than 25 part-time jobs in the Darling Downs economy.

With broccoli exports to Japan growing rapidly, and increasing demand from Singapore and Taiwan, it is expected that up to 40 part-time jobs will be created in new production areas on the Darling Downs.



The Queensland Government wants to work with small and medium businesses to drive down costs. That is why the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection is partnering with Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (CCI) to develop an enhanced **ecoBiz** program.

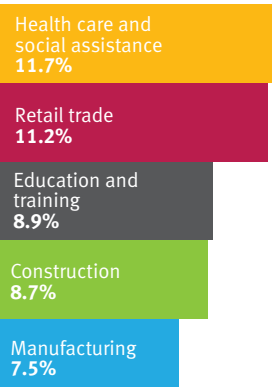
ecoBiz supports small and medium businesses to reduce their energy and water consumption, waste production and carbon footprint.

To help Queensland businesses achieve efficiencies, foster environmental innovation and drive costs down, an additional **\$916,000** has been committed in 2017-18 to develop the enhanced business sustainability program.

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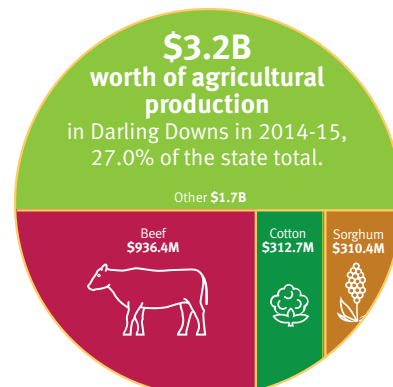
ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Largest employing industries¹



¹ In the year to March quarter 2017
Source: ABS 6219.0.

Agricultural output



Source: ABS 7503.0