

JOBS FOR OUTBACK QUEENSLAND



The Queensland Budget will directly support around

1,900 JOBS

in Outback Queensland in 2017-18.

Significant 2017-18 expenditure in Outback Queensland:

Infrastructure
\$428.2M

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support 1,200 jobs.

Health
\$2.4B

for the Cairns and Hinterland, Townsville, Torres and Cape, North West, Central West, South West Hospital and Health Services.

Education
\$7.8M

for maintenance and capital works projects for schools in Outback Queensland.

Outback Queensland 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.

Indigenous Water Infrastructure Program

\$120M

over four years for water, wastewater and solid waste infrastructure and to develop options for a long-term infrastructure program in Indigenous communities across Queensland.

North West Minerals Province

\$39M

over four years for a package of new measures to support a strong and prosperous future for the region.

Mining road train on a dirt road in Outback Queensland
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WHAT THE PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT IS DELIVERING FOR OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

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 Outback Queensland, including:

POLICY OUTCOMES



Back to Work
Employer support payments worth \$425,000 paid to 44 employers to directly employ **102 local jobseekers** and a further \$497,000 in Youth Boost payments to 67 employers to directly employ **86 young jobseekers**. *as at 31 May 2017*



Works for Queensland
\$52.3 million provided to regional councils to undertake 34 maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Outback Queensland. *as at 8 May 2017*



Drought relief funding
Assistance totalling **\$19.3 million** provided to 1,067 farmers to provide relief and help them deal with the adverse impacts of drought. *as at 30 April 2017*



Building Our Regions
\$22.5 million allocated to 33 projects to support local councils and other organisations to deliver critical infrastructure and support jobs. *as at 1 May 2017*

RESTORING FRONTLINE SERVICES*



31
extra
nurses
Up 5.3%



32
extra
doctors
Up 47.7%



23
extra
teachers
Up 2.5%

* Growth from March 2015 to March 2017

THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS

3,628,095
hectares of national
and regional parks

79 State Heritage
sites

37 hospitals and
health facilities

26 customer
service centres

10,934 km of
roads

3 Aboriginal
and Torres Strait
Islander Partnership
regional offices

20 fire stations

48 police stations

15 courthouses

58 schools

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STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT FOR THE NORTH WEST MINERALS PROVINCE

The North West Minerals Province, centred on Mount Isa and Cloncurry, is one of the world's richest mineral-producing regions. However, cyclical and other factors have presented short and longer term challenges for the resources sector, the broader economy and communities in the region.

In 2015, the Government co-chaired a Taskforce with the Queensland Resources Council to investigate these issues and advise on a way forward. This work informed the development of the Strategic Blueprint for Queensland's North West Minerals Province.

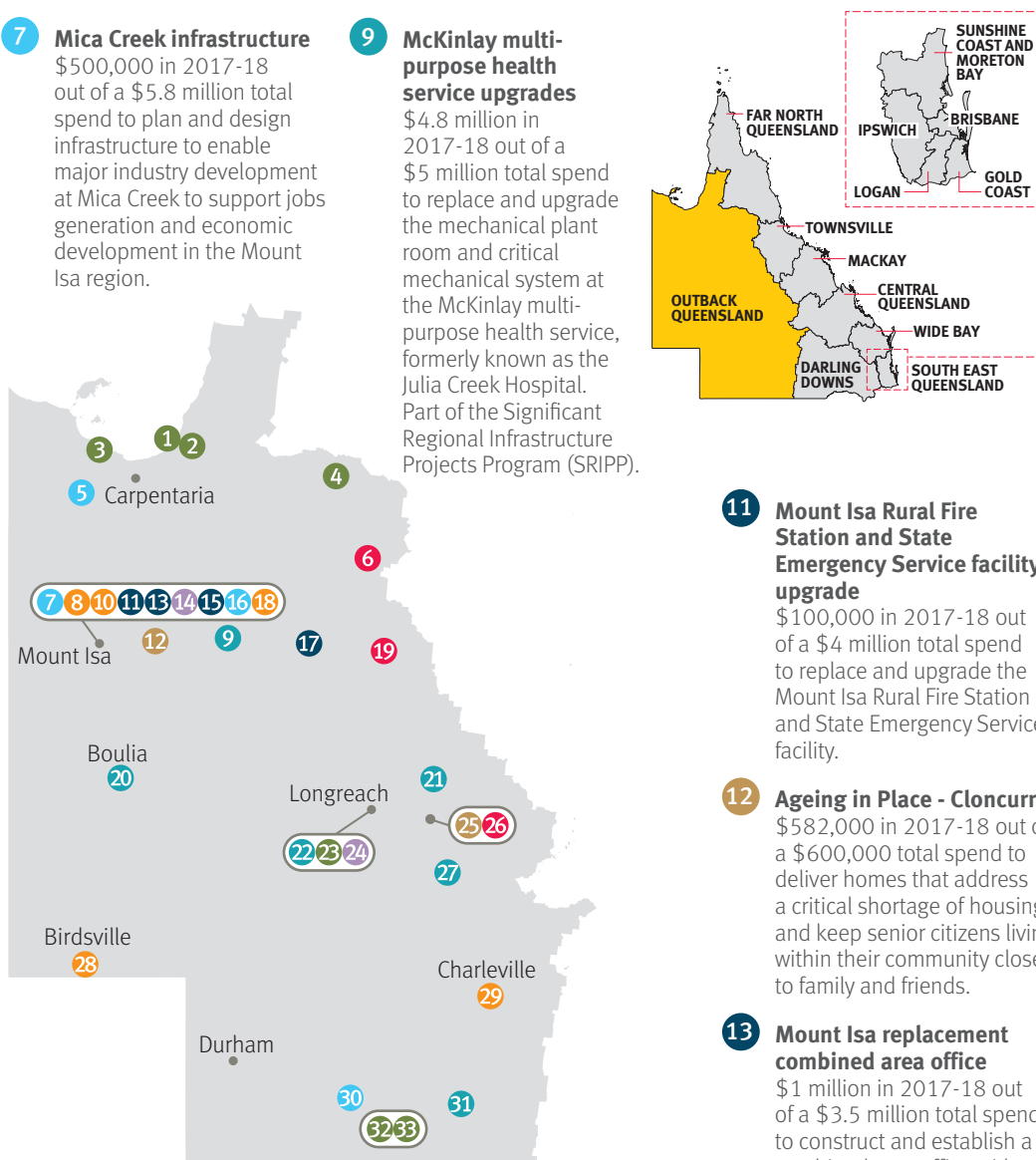
The Blueprint provides more than \$39 million for a package of new measures to support the region by facilitating continued resources sector development, diversifying the economy, creating employment opportunities and delivering integrated and appropriate services.

The Queensland Government is committed to supporting regional communities in the North West Minerals Province and will continue to work with its partners to facilitate a smooth transition towards a strong and prosperous future.

INVESTING IN JOBS FOR OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

Outback Queensland, by far the largest Queensland region by area, is as diverse as it is vast. Outback Queensland's prosperity will continue to be driven by its world-class mineral resources and substantial livestock production. The region continues to display its resilience and strength in the face of evolving conditions in the resources sector and ongoing drought. The Palaszczuk Government is investing in jobs for Outback Queensland through a diverse range of projects and initiatives:

- 1 Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre expansion**
 \$1.1 million in 2017-18 out of a \$2.5 million total spend to redevelop and expand the Centre at Karumba to create a high quality regional tourist attraction to support local jobs and tourism activities. Part of the 2016-17 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.
- 2 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program - Normanton**
 \$840,000 in 2017-18 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Normanton.
- 3 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program - Burketown**
 \$840,000 in 2017-18 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Burketown.
- 4 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program - Georgetown**
 \$560,000 in 2017-18 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Georgetown.
- 5 Queensland Regional Natural Resource Management Investment Program**
 \$3.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$23.6 million total spend to improve water quality in the Thompson River and Galilee Basin and prickly acacia weed control in the Mitchell Grass Downs. Part of the Queensland Regional Natural Resource Management Investment Program.
- 6 Kennedy Developmental Road sealing (The Lynd to Hughenden)**
 \$16 million in 2017-18 out of a \$50 million total spend to pave and seal sections of the Kennedy Developmental Road between Hughenden and The Lynd, due for completion in January 2019. Part of the State Infrastructure Fund and the Northern Australia Roads Programme, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 7 Mica Creek infrastructure**
 \$500,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to plan and design infrastructure to enable major industry development at Mica Creek to support jobs generation and economic development in the Mount Isa region.
- 8 Lake Julius solar power**
 \$1 million in 2017-18 out of a \$13 million total spend to develop solar power supply for the Lake Julius system to address increases in electrical costs and secure cost-effective water supply, especially during drought periods.
- 9 McKinlay multi-purpose health service upgrades**
 \$4.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$5 million total spend to replace and upgrade the mechanical plant room and critical mechanical system at the McKinlay multi-purpose health service, formerly known as the Julia Creek Hospital. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program (SRIPP).
- 10 Clear Water Lagoon to Mount Isa Terminal Reservoir supply reliability**
 \$7.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$17.5 million total spend to improve supply reliability from Clear Water Lagoon to Mount Isa Terminal Reservoir, which will start construction of 35-megalitre operational storage tanks at the Mount Isa Mines site, including associated pipelines and ancillary infrastructure.
- 11 Mount Isa Rural Fire Station and State Emergency Service facility upgrade**
 \$100,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$4 million total spend to replace and upgrade the Mount Isa Rural Fire Station and State Emergency Service facility.
- 12 Ageing in Place - Cloncurry**
 \$582,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$600,000 total spend to deliver homes that address a critical shortage of housing and keep senior citizens living within their community close to family and friends.
- 13 Mount Isa replacement combined area office**
 \$1 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3.5 million total spend to construct and establish a combined area office with collocated facilities for Fire and Rescue, Rural Fire, the State Emergency Service and Emergency Management in Mount Isa to service north-western Queensland.
- 14 Spinifex State College - Mount Isa - Senior Campus multi-purpose hall upgrade**
 \$794,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$860,000 total spend to upgrade the multi-purpose hall.



15 Mount Isa permanent fire and rescue station upgrade
\$789,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$1 million total spend to upgrade the Mount Isa composite fire and rescue station providing a scientific and specialised services hub for north-western Queensland. Part of the Accelerated Works Program.

16 Strategic Blueprint for the North West Minerals Province
\$11.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$39 million total spend for a package of new measures to support a strong and prosperous future for the region.

17 Richmond replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station
\$2.2 million in 2017-18 to relocate and upgrade the Richmond auxiliary fire and rescue station.

18 Mica Creek Power Station overhauls
\$2.1 million in 2017-18 to carry out a major refurbishment and upgrade to Mica Creek Power Station.

19 Flinders Highway culvert upgrades (Charters Towers to Hughenden)
\$7.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$15.3 million total spend to upgrade culverts on the Flinders Highway between Charters Towers and Hughenden, due for completion in January 2019. Part of the Northern Australia Roads Programme, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

20 Boulia Community Hospital refurbishment
\$1.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$2 million total spend to refurbish the Boulia Primary Health Care Centre to bring the existing building up to modern standards and improve patient care workflows. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

21 Aramac Primary Health Care Centre redevelopment
\$1.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3 million total spend to redevelop the existing primary health care facility at Aramac including three consultation rooms, a treatment room and a resuscitation bay.

22 Longreach Hospital medical imaging upgrade
\$4.4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$5.6 million total spend to undertake alterations to consolidate medical imaging and accommodate a new CT scanning room and control room at Longreach Hospital.

23 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program - Longreach
\$700,000 in 2017-18 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Longreach.

24 Longreach Pastoral College upgrades
\$693,000 in 2017-18 to upgrade building and infrastructure at Longreach Pastoral College.

25 Ageing in Place - Barcardine
\$582,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$600,000 total spend to deliver homes that address a critical shortage of housing and keep senior citizens living within their community close to family and friends.

26 Landsborough Highway widening (Blackall to Barcardine)
\$5.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$12.5 million total spend to rehabilitate and widen a section of the Landsborough Highway between Blackall and Barcardine, due for completion in March 2018. Part of the National Highway Upgrade Programme, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

27 Blackall Hospital redevelopment
\$5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$17.9 million total spend to construct a new community hospital in Blackall to support the delivery of contemporary, flexible models of care. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

28 Birdsville Geothermal Plant capital works
\$7.4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$15.1 million total spend for capital works at the geothermal power plant at Birdsville.

29 Charleville auxiliary fire and rescue station relocation and upgrade
\$2.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3 million total spend to relocate and upgrade the Charleville auxiliary fire and rescue station.

30 Frew Street Stormwater Drainage Project
\$295,850 in 2017-18 out of a \$806,862 total spend to upgrade the underground stormwater drainage of the Frew Street Catchment in Thargomindah to improve flood resilience. Part of the 2016-17 Natural Disaster Resilience Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

31 Cunnamulla Hospital building linkway
\$100,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$550,000 total spend to build a link between the Clinic and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Buildings at Cunnamulla Hospital.

32 Currawinya National Park development works
\$646,135 in 2017-18 out of a \$648,135 total spend to fund recreation and visitor facilities, management and access infrastructure and plant and equipment essential for the expansion of Currawinya National Park.

33 Currawinya National Park bilby fence upgrade
\$350,000 in 2017-18 out of a \$700,000 total spend for upgrades to improve the effectiveness of the Currawinya National Park bilby fence.

34 Energy meters in isolated communities
\$4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$6 million total spend to roll out multi-card-operated meters in isolated communities in Outback Queensland.

35 Strategic transmission infrastructure
The Queensland Government will commit \$150 million of Powerlink's 2016-17 earnings to develop strategic transmission infrastructure in north and north-west Queensland to support a clean energy hub.

KEY

	Community wellbeing
	Utilities
	Health
	Education
	Transport and roads
	Justice and safety
	Government services
	Recreation and culture
	Region-wide/Statewide

36 First 5 Forever grants
\$101,477 in 2017-18 out of a \$405,908 total spend to support parents in their young child's (0-5) emergent literacy development in Outback Queensland.

37 Homelessness services
\$4.9 million in 2017-18 to deliver specialist homelessness services in Outback Queensland. Part of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

38 Social housing
\$48.3 million in 2017-18 to expand and improve social housing in Outback Queensland. Part of the National Partnership on Remote Housing, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

39 Transport and Tourism Connection Program
\$5.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$10 million total spend to upgrade road access to tourist and culturally significant sites in Outback Queensland, due for completion in mid-2018.

40 Works for Queensland
\$11.2 million in 2017-18 out of a \$28 million total spend to support local governments in Outback Queensland 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.

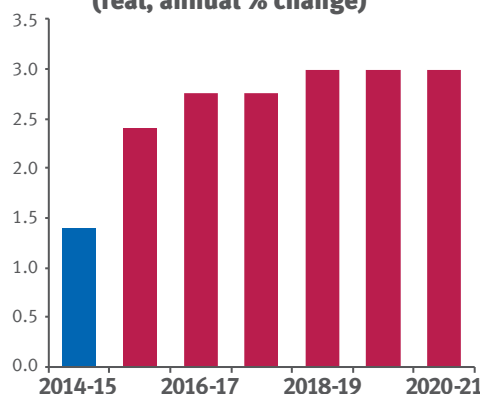
It will also be a budget to deliver more jobs for Outback Queensland and across the State.

BUDGET OUTLOOK

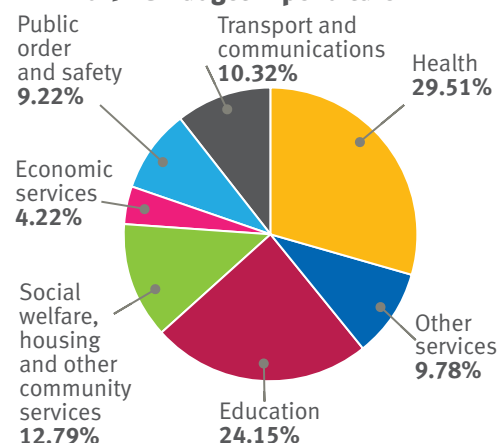
2016-17 NET OPERATING SURPLUS OF \$2.8B

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 OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

The Palaszczuk Government is dedicated to boosting trade and investment outcomes, supporting Outback Queensland 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 for Outback Queensland

- ◆ An Outback Queensland Trade and Investment Action Plan which will include local initiatives to boost the regional economy
- ◆ Trade and investment training for up to 20 Outback Queensland small and medium sized enterprises
- ◆ Access for businesses to trade and investment training, 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

- ◆ Access by Outback Queensland institutions to Trade and Investment Queensland's assistance to identify IET opportunities and grow the sector



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

AGRIHIVE



Agrihive is a Longreach-based start-up that applies innovative solutions to Queensland's agricultural sector.

Inspired by a desire to help farmers improve their profitability, Agrihive provides a range of digital tools to help farmers manage the financial side of their business.

The Queensland Government has provided support to Agrihive, helping them to grow their business through referrals to potential investors and introductions in international markets.

Agrihive's digital solution was launched in May 2017 and has already had a very positive response from users.



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.

ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Largest employing industries¹

Mining
19.2%

Public administration and safety
17.0%

Accommodation and food services
11.6%

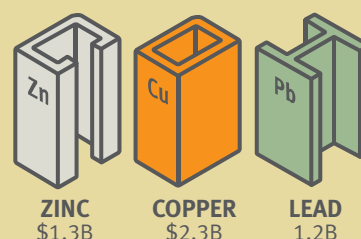
Agriculture
9.9%

Construction
7.1%

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

Base metals production

\$4.8 billion
worth of base metals
produced in
Outback Queensland in
2015-16, 81.3% of the State total



Source: Department of Natural Resources and Mines