

Greater Brisbane

Brisbane City skyline



Premier's Message

The Queensland Government is firmly committed to strengthening and building the Greater Brisbane region, forging a strong, prosperous future, and achieving a better quality of life for all Queenslanders.

This second Regional Budget Statement for Greater Brisbane highlights capital works and services in the State Budget 2003-04 that specifically meet the needs of people within the region.

This Budget delivers improved and integrated services in the areas of health, families, education, housing and law and order to achieve better outcomes for people in Greater Brisbane.

A highly skilled and educated workforce is integral to our Smart State initiatives in employment creation and economic growth. In 2003-04 the Government will spend more than \$60 million on initiatives that will provide further training and employment opportunities.

Greater Brisbane will benefit from the following infrastructure funding in the State Budget 2003-04:

- The \$280 million redevelopment of the Suncorp Stadium as a 52,500 seat world-class venue will finish

with the stadium to be opened officially on 11 June 2003

- \$146.97 million allocated by the Port of Brisbane, including \$50 million for reclamation and outer sea bund wall to improve the Port's capabilities
- \$90.4 million for the new Magistrates Court in Brisbane
- \$42 million to continue the \$135 million Inner Northern Busway Project, in partnership with the Brisbane City Council
- \$10 million in National Highway funding towards planning for the Ipswich Motorway upgrade from four to six lanes between Granard Road and Riverview
- \$7.47 million to construct the Redcliffe Residential Aged Care Facility on the Redcliffe Community Health site
- \$2.21 million to provide housing to support people with an intellectual disability at Wacol, Ipswich and Logan.

The initiatives contained in this Regional Budget Statement reinforce my Government's commitment to working in partnership with the people of Greater Brisbane to maximise the social, economic and environmental capacity of the Smart State.



Queensland Government

Peter Beattie
Premier and Minister for Trade



This Regional Budget Statement outlines key Government spending in the State Budget 2003-04 designed exclusively for the needs of the people of Greater Brisbane.

As a Government, we recognise the uniqueness and diversity of the regions which form the Smart State. In the State Budget 2003-04 we will spend \$2.7 billion on capital works in South East Queensland, including Greater Brisbane.

The Greater Brisbane region includes Queensland's capital city Brisbane, the cities of Logan, Ipswich and Redcliffe and the shires of Pine Rivers and Redland. Greater Brisbane is home to 40% of Queenslanders, including 21% of the State's Indigenous population. The region's population is projected to increase to almost 1.8 million by 2016.

The Greater Brisbane region is the location of choice for a number of national business headquarters and is a transport and distribution centre for the State, including the Port of Brisbane.

More jobs for Queensland – skills and innovation – the Smart State

High standards of training and education are the foundation of our efforts to position Queensland as the Smart State.

Through the *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative, the Government will continue to support the region's young job seekers, with \$26.4 million allocated to help create 4,230 jobs across the region.

In support of our focus on education, the following joint State-Commonwealth funding is allocated to TAFEs:

- \$3.31 million to develop a new campus of the Bremer Institute of TAFE at Inala
- \$2.6 million to develop a new campus at Browns Plains for the Logan Institute of TAFE

- \$0.6 million to consolidate Brisbane and Northpoint Institute of TAFE and deliver more efficient and effective vocational education and training in north Brisbane, including a permanent campus at Caboolture.

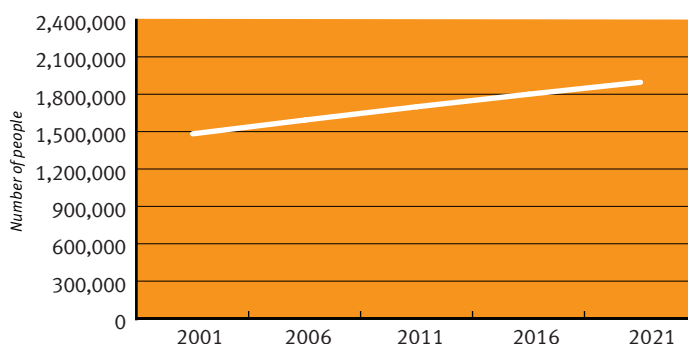
School facilities ensure we have the infrastructure in place to deliver a high standard of education to our young people. In 2003-04, \$8.72 million is allocated toward construction of North Lakes State College. Highlights of other education funding include:

- \$12.5 million for the next stage of Calamvale Community College
- \$10.9 million for the next stage of Forest Lake State High School.

To maintain existing educational facilities within the region, \$5.31 million is provided for the Triple R program, which provides repainting, reticulation and re-roofing enhancements to local schools.

Support of new and existing industry is integral to the Smart State. The \$100 million Smart State Research Facilities Fund has allocated a further \$7.5 million toward establishment of the Australian Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology at the University of Queensland.

Population Projections, Greater Brisbane, 2001 to 2021



Source: Department of Local Government & Planning, Population Trends and Prospects, 2001

Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane

The \$280 million redevelopment of the Suncorp Stadium will finish with the official opening of the Stadium on 11 June 2003.



Other funding that supports innovation in the Smart State includes:

- \$2 million for the Australian Research Council's Centres of Excellence to establish 8–9 research centres over five years. Benefits to the Smart State are world-class infrastructures, expertise in biotechnology, genome/phenome research, complex systems and photon science, attraction of leading researchers and business opportunities
- \$10 million of a total Government contribution of \$92.5 million to the Institute for Molecular BioScience at the University of Queensland
- \$7.5 million of a total Government contribution of \$22.5 million allocated for the Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation at Queensland University of Technology.

Building Queensland's regions

The Queensland Government will continue its partnership with the Greater Brisbane region in 2003-04 to promote growth and economic development.

In support of this priority, the Government has allocated a further \$50 million over four years to extend the Regional Centres Program across the State. Benefits for Greater Brisbane include:

- \$3 million to Ipswich City Council for the Ipswich River Heart program
- \$2.75 million to Redland Shire Council to develop the Redland Performing Arts Centre, featuring a 400-500 seat theatre auditorium
- \$2 million to Logan City Council for the Springwood CBD Revitalisation Project and a beautification landscaping project
- \$1 million to Redcliffe City Council for the Redcliffe Parkland and Recreation Enhancement Project

- \$975,000 to Pine Rivers Shire Council to continue the Strathpine CBD Revitalisation.

We will provide \$10.51 million to develop the Creative Industries Precinct at Kelvin Grove in partnership with the Queensland University of

Technology. The precinct will be a building block to promote future growth of creative industries in Queensland.

The development of new industry and employment in Greater Brisbane will be supported by \$12 million funding to purchase 107 hectares of land at Wacol, identified for future industrial development.

A safe and efficient transport network underpins regional development in the Smart State. In Greater Brisbane in 2003-04 major transport funding includes:

- \$30 million from the Centenary of Federation fund to widen the Bruce Highway to six lanes between Dohles Rocks Road and Boundary Road
- \$13 million to duplicate the Mount Lindesay Highway to four lanes from Middle Road to Green Road.

An efficient power supply is vital to economic development within Greater Brisbane. In 2003-04 major power projects include:

- \$19.86 million allocated by CS Energy to refurbish and upgrade the Swanbank B power station
- \$27.86 million allocated by Powerlink towards development of transmission lines from Belmont substation to reinforce supply to the Brisbane area.

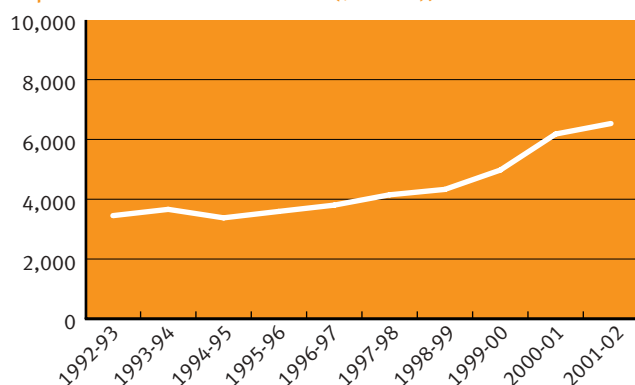
In 2003-04, Energex has allocated \$60.9 million to upgrade its electricity supply infrastructure in Greater Brisbane including:

- \$5.65 million toward replacement of ageing overhead river cables at Newstead
- \$5.5 million to continue construction of a new modular substation at Tanah Merah
- \$3 million as the foundation work of a \$66.3 million project to reinforce electricity supply to Brisbane's Central Business District due to an expected continuation in load growth.

Royal Brisbane Hospital



Exports from the Port of Brisbane (\$ million), 1992-93 to 2001-02





We have allocated \$10,000 for vegetation mapping in the Southeast Queensland Bioregion to determine areas of high conservation value and support vegetation management plans.

State Budget Highlights

Budget summary

Creating new jobs

- In 2002-03, an estimated 55,000 new jobs were created in Queensland, accounting for almost a quarter of all new jobs in Australia.
- Queensland's year-average unemployment rate is expected to fall to 7% in 2002-03, its lowest level for 13 years.

Growing the economy

- Queensland's economic outlook is strong. Solid growth of 4% is forecast for 2003-04, exceeding the 3¹/₄% forecast nationally.
- Growth in household consumption and business investment is forecast to exceed national performance in 2003-04.

Strong finances

- A General Government net operating surplus of \$153 million and a cash surplus of \$152 million are forecast in 2003-04.
- The State's net worth is budgeted to grow from \$58.7 billion at 30 June 2003, to \$60.3 billion by 30 June 2004 and to \$67 billion by 30 June 2007.

Competitive taxes

- Taxpayers in other States and Territories will pay on average 28% more tax than Queenslanders.
- As a result of the land tax relief in this Budget, more than 13,500 land holders will not be liable for land tax in 2003-04.

Delivering on our priorities

Building Queensland's regions

- Capital spending will be boosted to \$5.3 billion in 2003-04, supporting some 44,500 full-time jobs with a total of 62.5% of capital works funding spent outside the Brisbane Statistical Division.
- The Regional Centres Program will receive \$50 million over four years to help local governments deliver infrastructure and community facilities.

More jobs for Queensland – skills and innovation – the Smart State

- The Budget includes \$100 million over 4 years for a package of measures to increase the effectiveness of public and private research and development.
- The Breaking the Unemployment Cycle initiative will be extended with an extra \$255 million over 3 years from 2004-05, plus an additional \$3.8 million to employ 300 public sector apprentices.
- Funding is provided for an extra 636 teachers in schools from 2004.

Safer and more supportive communities

- As the second year of a \$188 million four-year initiatives package, \$32 million will help generate better outcomes for families and children.
- The Queensland Ambulance Service will employ an extra 110 officers statewide, and will commence or complete 17 replacement and four new stations.
- The number of police officers will increase by approximately 300 in 2003-04 as the Police Service progresses towards the achievement of 9,100 officers by 2005.

Community engagement and a better quality of life

- There is an additional \$2.6 billion over 4 years for Health (including Commonwealth and State funding), compared to the 2002-03 Health Budget, including additional investment and service enhancements in acute hospital care, elective surgery, home and community care and mental health.
- An additional \$290.5 million in State funding is provided over four years to Disability Services Queensland including \$200 million to implement Funding Reform Project initiatives.

Valuing the environment

- As part of a \$150 million Commonwealth-State tree clearing reduction package, the State will provide an additional \$75 million over five years.



Government services in your region

For information on Government services in your region, contact the following offices of the Queensland Government Agent Program (QGAP), Department of State Development or Regional Communities.

Aspley

State Development Centre

Level 2, Christies Home Centre
Cnr Gympie and Zillmere Roads
Aspley QLD 4034
Phone: 3406 6999
Monday–Friday 8.30am–5.00pm

Brisbane

Office of Economic and Statistical Research

Level 16
61 Mary Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Phone: 3224 5326
Monday–Friday 9.00am–5.00pm

State Development Centre

Floor 21
111 George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Phone: 3225 1915
Monday–Friday 8.30am–5.00pm

Ipswich

Department of the Premier and Cabinet, SEQ West Regional Office

Ground Floor
Ipswich Court House Building
Limestone Street
Ipswich QLD 4305
Phone: 3280 1031
Monday–Friday 8.30am–5.00pm

State Development Centre

26 East Street
Ipswich QLD 4305
Phone: 3280 1943
Monday–Friday 8.30am–5.00pm

Beenleigh

Department of the Premier and Cabinet, SEQ South Regional Office

Unit 2, Post Office Plaza
Main Street
Beenleigh QLD 4207
Phone: 3287 8551
Monday–Friday 8.30am–5.00pm

North Stradbroke Island

QGAP

Shop 2, Stradbroke Place
Junner Street
Dunwich QLD 4183
Phone: 3409 9906
Monday and Friday 12.00–4.30pm,
Thursday 8.30am–4.30pm

Springwood

State Development Centre

6 Paxton Street
Springwood QLD 4127
Phone: 3884 7860
Monday–Friday 8.30am–5.00pm

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