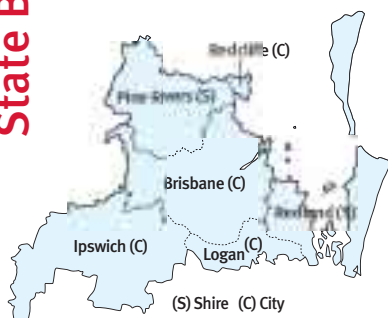
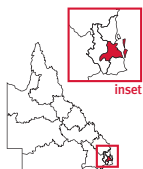




Regional Budget Statement

Greater Brisbane

State Budget 2006-07



Greater Brisbane includes Queensland's capital city of Brisbane, the cities of Ipswich, Logan and Redcliffe, and the shires of Pine Rivers and Redland.



The 2006-07 Budget re-affirms our Government's commitment to strengthening the Smart State's economy and investing in infrastructure and service delivery priorities.

This Regional Budget Statement outlines how we are meeting the needs of Greater Brisbane residents.

Through the Health Action Plan, we are committing \$9.7 billion in just over five years to build Australia's best health system.

To meet the needs of our growing population, we are investing in State-wide infrastructure, especially in rural Queensland where the Blueprint for the Bush will deliver health, water and transport facilities.

Ensuring the Smart State's future, Prep Year will begin in 2007 to give our children the best education.

We are also continuing our response to residents affected by Cyclone Larry and working towards a brighter future for all Queenslanders.

Peter Beattie MP
Premier of Queensland

Anna Bligh MP
Deputy Premier and Treasurer

State Budget highlights for the Greater Brisbane region in 2006-07 include:

- \$193.8 million to continue redevelopment and expansion at the Port of Brisbane
- \$29.86 million to continue to develop eight innovative research facilities including the Australian Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, and the Mater Medical Research Institute
- \$24.9 million for new maternity, neonatal and primary health care services at the new Mater Mothers' Hospital and refurbishment of the Mater Adult Hospital
- \$15 million to develop a community hospital role at The Prince Charles Hospital, with network linkages to the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
- \$13 million to develop the \$90.8 million Ipswich Justice Precinct including courthouse, watchhouse and police station
- \$12.58 million to upgrade and refurbish the Queensland Health Scientific Services facilities at Coopers Plains
- \$12.5 million for the Creative Industries and Maths, Science and Technology Academies opening in 2007.

Greater Brisbane



Artist's impression by Donovan Hill and Reddie Thompson Architects

Due to open in late 2006, the new State Library of Queensland will become a contemporary cultural destination with a relaxed leisure and learning atmosphere.

Greater Brisbane infrastructure

South East Queensland is the fastest growing region in Australia, with around 1,000 people moving to the region each week.

To meet the challenge of managing sustainable growth over the next 20 years, the *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2006-2026* outlines the Government's expected \$66 billion investment in this region for road and public transport projects, social and community infrastructure and water and energy network infrastructure projects planned for the next two decades. Funding in 2006-07 for the Greater Brisbane region includes:

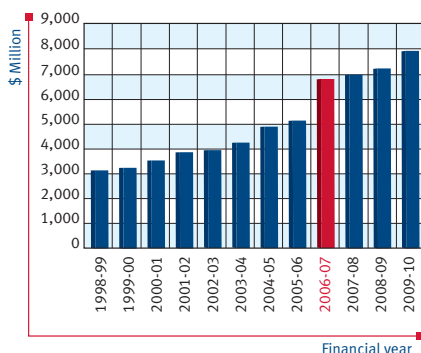
- \$346.7 million to begin planning and construction of road works for the \$1.6 billion upgrade of the Gateway

Motorway, including the duplication of the Gateway Bridge and expansion of the motorway to six lanes between Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road and Nudgee Road

- \$154.8 million for planning and construction activities for new busways in Brisbane, including the Green Bridge at Dutton Park to Capalaba, and Enoggera Creek to Bracken Ridge
- \$60.4 million to complete the Millennium Arts Project
- \$19.3 million to plan and acquire land for the construction of new Trade and Technician Skills Institutes at Acacia Ridge and Eagle Farm
- \$8 million to continue planning and commence pre-construction activities for the Springfield passenger rail line.

Building a better health system

Queensland health budget
1998-99 to 2009-10



Source: Queensland Treasury

The Government is reforming the Queensland health system. The 2005 Action Plan marked a new start with the biggest single injection of funding in the State's history. In 2006-07, the health budget of \$6.65 billion represents a 24% increase over the 2005-06 Budget. Increased health expenditure within the Greater Brisbane region includes:

- additional funding of \$18.32 million, as part of increased State-wide funding of \$27 million, to enhance elective surgery in various specialities and to purchase equipment to support increased capacity at the Mater Adults' Hospital, Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Princess Alexandra Hospital and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
- \$18.25 million, from a State-wide commitment of \$39 million, for enhanced cardiac services
- \$15.84 million, from over \$60 million State-wide, toward the treatment and care of cancer patients
- \$11 million to continue the redevelopment of integrated primary health care facilities at North Lakes and Browns Plains, with \$5.5 million for the proposed new community health centre at Nundah
- \$5.23 million, from a State-wide commitment of \$18 million, to support community mental health services by employing additional specialist mental health staff.

As a result of funding increases for health services, the region will receive an increase of more than 950 staff and 110 beds in health service districts across the Greater Brisbane area.

Covering less than 0.3% of the State, the Greater Brisbane region is home to 1.62 million Queenslanders. As the State's centre for administration, Greater Brisbane's well-developed knowledge base is supported by several universities and research and training facilities.

As a Government, we recognise the valuable contribution of Greater Brisbane to the Smart State's economy. This Regional Budget Statement highlights the Government's commitment to the region and its people.

Improving health care and strengthening services to the community

We are committed to providing better hospitals, services and health care for all Queenslanders. Within the Greater Brisbane region, this commitment includes:

- \$50.74 million to continue the redevelopment at The Prince Charles Hospital
- \$14.1 million to continue the refurbishment of the Redcliffe Hospital, including the emergency and specialist outpatients department
- \$12.58 million to upgrade and refurbish the Queensland Health Scientific Services facilities at Coopers Plains
- \$10.63 million to upgrade services at Redland Hospital
- \$5.49 million to complete the Logan Hospital emergency department upgrade
- more than \$47 million to non-Government organisations for a range of community health services.

The Greater Brisbane region will also benefit from a range of State-wide commitments including:

- \$70 million for new health technology equipment
- \$69.3 million to meet the increasing cost of providing existing health services

Suncorp Stadium



Image courtesy of Blue Scope Steel

Suncorp Stadium is a 52,500 seat, world-class, state-of-the-art venue that will host international events in 2006.

- \$25.4 million in increased funding for workforce training and recruitment initiatives for medical, nursing and allied health staff
- \$12.3 million to improve access and meet growing demand for renal services.

Expenditure on new and upgraded emergency facilities and staffing includes:

- \$9 million as part of a \$35.3 million three-year commitment to recruit 144 new ambulance officers across Queensland
- 21 new paramedics for the region, fulfilling the Government's \$35.9 million election commitment to recruit 240 extra paramedics statewide over three years
- \$2.41 million to complete the new 24-hour ambulance station at Carindale
- funding allocations for various fire stations, including \$431,000 for Eatons Hill, \$627,000 for Kenmore and \$2.44 million for Oxley/Durack.

The Government is continuing its support for people with disabilities and their carers with a \$168.8 million commitment in the Greater Brisbane region including:

- \$61.5 million for community organisations to support individuals with a disability and their families
- \$33.01 million to assist adults with a disability to maintain the living arrangements of their choice and participate in the community
- \$8.01 million to provide short term and limited respite support for families, carers and people with a disability.

In 2006-07, the Government continues its support for services provided by community groups in Greater Brisbane with funding of \$54.2 million. This includes: \$6.2 million for early intervention and family support services; \$3.18 million toward domestic and family violence prevention; \$2.24 million to establish Youth Justice Services at Brisbane North, Inala and Bayside; and \$2.27 million for child care facilities and services.

We are providing ongoing housing and housing-related services to support low-income families and individuals in the Greater Brisbane region in 2006-07, including:

- \$121.72 million for new and upgraded public housing and land purchases
- \$26.41 million will be provided for community housing programs and services to address crisis, transitional and long-term housing needs
- \$9.7 million to commence stages two and three of the Lady Bowen Complex to provide services for homeless people
- \$5.64 million for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing rental program.

Realising the Smart State through education, skills and innovation

The Government continues to drive economic growth by utilising innovation and skills through its *Smart Queensland: Smart State Strategy 2005–2015*. In 2006-07, initiatives in Greater Brisbane include:

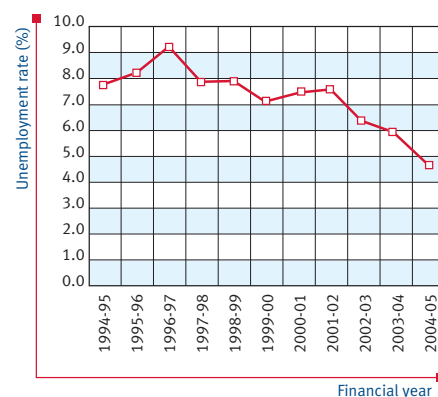
- \$290 million over four years to construct the Ecosciences Precinct at Boggo Road, the Health and Food Sciences Precinct at Coopers Plains and ancillary facilities
- \$150,000 State-wide to continue the Science on Saturday program to encourage children to understand the importance of science and take an interest in science as a possible future career.

We are committed to providing high-quality education facilities to support Queensland's growing population. In 2006-07, \$86.85 million is allocated in Greater Brisbane for school capital works including:

- \$11.5 million for the continuing construction of the Springfield Lakes State School
- \$10.71 million investment in North Lakes State College
- \$2.61 million for Gumdale State School for a combined administration and four-classroom block.

We are investing in training facilities across Greater Brisbane. Funding will total \$34.02 million in 2006-07, including \$20.12 million to develop the Acacia Ridge Trade Campus.

Unemployment rate ^a
1994-95 to 2004-05



Source: DEWRSB - Small Area Labour Markets. (QRSIS database maintained by the Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR))

(a) Data based on un-smoothed series

Protecting our children and enhancing community safety

The Government continues to implement significant reforms to improve the child protection system. A record \$503.1 million, up almost 28% since last year, will be spent in 2006-07 to protect our children.

The Greater Brisbane region will benefit from State-wide initiatives including:

- \$15.6 million to continue to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Recognised Entities
- \$10 million for non-Government partners to deliver extra alternative care places for children in care with complex and extreme needs
- \$7.6 million for an extra 50 front-line staff and to attract and retain child protection staff in regional, rural and remote areas.

We are also investing in major funding initiatives to boost our police service, with the number of police officers across Queensland reaching 9,728 by September 2007 through the creation of 350 extra police officer positions. This will more than meet the Government's commitment to maintain police numbers at or above the national average police-to-population ratio.

The Government is providing funding for services and infrastructure to enhance community safety in Greater Brisbane. Key projects for 2006-07 include:

- \$75.33 million to redevelop the Sir David Longland Correctional Centre
- \$23.68 million to expand the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre
- \$13 million to develop the \$90.8 million Ipswich Justice Precinct including a courthouse, watchhouse and police station



Get set for Prep

Preparatory Year will be available at all State schools from 2007 to help Queensland kids make a smooth transition to Year 1. Replacing preschool, it will lay the foundation for success at school by developing a positive approach to learning; independence and confidence; thinking, problem-solving and language skills; physical abilities; and early literacy and numeracy. To prepare for the intake of eager young students, the Queensland Government is undertaking one of the largest building programs in education history. Across the State, \$106 million will be spent on building and upgrading classrooms and other facilities, with 240 schools offering Prep Year in the Greater Brisbane region.

41st Australian Nationals



A driver revs up for another huge day of drag racing at the Australian Nationals in Ipswich.

- \$8.56 million towards construction of a new Pine Rivers courthouse
- \$4.4 million to complete construction of a new Sandgate courthouse
- \$1.3 million to establish Neighbourhood Police Beats at Bellbowrie, East Brisbane and Tingalpa.

Managing urban growth and building Queensland's regions

Efficient and integrated transport networks are essential for the ongoing development of Queensland. In Greater Brisbane, major transport infrastructure initiatives include:

- \$118 million towards the \$333 million Inner Northern Busway project, linking it with the Queen Street Bus Station
- \$79.7 million to construct a third rail track from Salisbury to Kuraby and a second rail track from Mitchelton to Keperra
- \$47.7 million to improve disabled access to Citytrain stations and trains
- \$33.5 million towards the Eastern Busway from Buranda to the Green Bridge via the Boggo Road precinct
- \$11.75 million to continue constructing the \$270 million South West Arterial between Springfield and Yamanto
- \$10.3 million towards constructing new cycle links.

The Government continues to ensure a reliable energy supply through its investment in the electricity network in 2006-07, including:

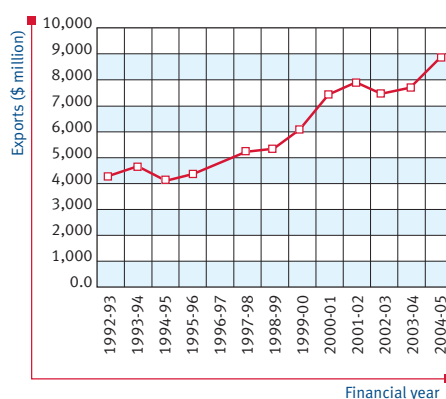
- \$605.7 million to upgrade and maintain the ENERGEX electricity and gas distribution networks
- \$55 million for the South East Queensland Augmentation project across the Darling Downs and West Moreton, Greater Brisbane and South Coast regions.

The Government is also managing the State's water resources and ensuring a continuing water supply through a range of initiatives including:

- \$69 million for land acquisitions for new water infrastructure, including two new dams located on the Logan and Mary Rivers
- \$16.87 million to continue upgrading wastewater treatment facilities at Oxley Creek, Wynnum and Sandgate
- \$12.83 million State-wide as part of the Water Reform — Continuity of Supply initiative.

Queenslanders enjoy a lifestyle with a high level of community participation in a range of sporting activities. In the Greater Brisbane region, \$6.5 million is allocated to new projects including: \$1.4 million to construct a multipurpose recreation centre at Loganholme; \$1.1 million to build tennis courts and a clubhouse at Wavell Heights; and \$751,900 for an activities centre and soccer field, and upgrade the existing amenities at Yeronga.

Exports from Port of Brisbane
(\$ million), 1992-93 to 2004-05



Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

Protecting the environment for a sustainable future

The natural and cultural heritage of Greater Brisbane is valued by all Queenslanders. To reflect this, we are committing:

- \$20 million to buy back land with high conservation values in South East Queensland
- \$12.8 million State-wide to complete the implementation of the new vegetation management framework
- \$7.15 million is allocated to continue biosecurity programs in the Greater Brisbane region, including fire ant control
- \$960,000 in the region to enhance our national and conservation parks.

Growing a diverse economy and creating jobs

Launched in March 2006, the \$1 billion *Queensland Skills Plan* is the Government's strategy for responding to skills shortages across Queensland. This strategy aims to ensure the vocational education and training sector meets the skill challenges facing the Greater Brisbane region. In 2006-07, the plan will deliver:

- \$3.59 million for new trade apprenticeships as part of a \$24.79 million plan to provide 6,630 extra training places in the region by 2010
- \$4.01 million for new Certificate IV and above training places as part of a \$28.09 million plan to provide 6,320 additional training places in the region by 2010
- new Skilling Solutions Queensland centres in Ipswich, Capalaba, Chermide and Indooroopilly to provide face-to-face advice to Queenslanders on training and career opportunities.

In 2006-07 the Government is continuing its commitment to supporting and promoting the Queensland Tourism Industry with \$6 million State-wide for the 14 Regional Tourism Offices and six Convention Bureaus. This includes an extra \$1 million to assist with destination marketing and development.

Delivering responsive government

The Government's continuing commitment to restore public trust and accountability in the Queensland public health system includes \$7.7 million to establish a new Health Quality and Complaints Commission.

Through initiatives such as regular Ministerial Regional Community Forums and Community Cabinets, the Queensland Government continues to engage local communities, businesses and other government agencies to ensure better co-ordination of services and to respond to local needs.

Budget Highlights 2006-07

Budget summary

Stronger economic growth maintains low unemployment

- Queensland's economic growth is forecast to strengthen to 4¼% in 2006-07 and exceed growth in the rest of Australia for the 11th consecutive year.
- Employment growth is expected to exceed the rest of Australia in 2005-06 and 2006-07 at 3% and 2½% respectively.
- As a result, Queensland's year-average unemployment rate is forecast to remain at 5% – around the 30-year low, and slightly below the national rate (5¼%).

Strong finances

- The expected 2005-06 operating result of \$2.853 billion reflects the strength of the economy and investment markets.
- A General Government operating surplus of \$245 million is forecast in 2006-07.
- Moderating surpluses reflect significant capital investment, implementation of the Health Action Plan and commitments in other key service delivery areas, and the impact of a range of State tax abolition and relief measures.
- The State's net worth is budgeted to grow from around \$96 billion at 30 June 2006 to over \$107 billion by 30 June 2010.

Competitive taxes

- Queensland maintains its tax competitiveness, with Queenslanders to pay an average of 15% less State tax than taxpayers in other states and territories in 2006-07.
- Queensland's competitiveness has been enhanced through a range of tax measures in the 2006-07 Budget.

Delivering on our priorities

Improving health care and strengthening services to the community

- As part of the Queensland Government's commitment to the Health Action Plan, an investment of almost \$6.4 billion in just over five years was announced in 2005 to relieve pressure on health services delivered across the State. Through the 2006-07 State Budget, funding for Queensland Health will grow by \$9.7 billion over the five years.
- Increased recurrent funding of \$128 million and \$6 million in capital funding will be invested over four years to enhance disability services in Queensland.
- More than \$21 million is committed over the next three years to help fight obesity.

Protecting our children and enhancing community safety

- Additional funding of \$133.2 million will be invested over four years to enhance child protection services, including \$28.1 million in 2006-07.
- The Government is providing funding for an additional 350 sworn police officers across the State by September 2007, bringing the total number of sworn officers to 9,728 and meeting the Government's commitment to maintain police numbers at or above the national average police-to-population ratio.
- An additional \$35.3 million is provided over three years to recruit 144 additional ambulance officers and \$12.4 million over four years to improve ambulance call response times at communication centres.

Realising the Smart State through education, skills and innovation

- A record \$1 billion will be invested over five years in Queensland's education system, directed at planning, modernising and refurbishing school facilities across the State.
- The \$1 billion *Queensland Skills Plan* sets out initiatives to transform and modernise the State's vocational education and training system.
- Further funding of \$11.8 million is allocated over three years to develop a joint animal research facility with The University of Queensland.

Protecting the environment for a sustainable future

- As part of the Blueprint for the Bush, additional funding of \$11 million over three years is provided to improve the management of high-risk weeds and pest animals across Queensland.
- Additional funding of \$20 million is provided in 2006-07 to acquire properties within South East Queensland to increase green space. The land will be added to the protected estate.

Managing urban growth and building Queensland's regions

- Estimated capital spending is more than \$10 billion in 2006-07, an increase of 23% on estimated actual 2005-06 outlays. Almost 60% of this will be spent outside the Brisbane area. This spending will support around 73,700 full-time jobs in Queensland.
- More than \$150 million is provided for additional initiatives across rural and regional Queensland over the next four years as part of Blueprint for the Bush.



Government services in your region

North Stradbroke Island

QGAP Office

5 Barlow Place
Dunwich QLD 4183
Telephone 3409 9906
Facsimile 3409 9431
Opening hours:
Tuesday and Thursday –
8:30am to 1pm and 1:45pm to 4pm

Brisbane

Department of Communities

Level 2 Muruk House
230 Lutwyche Road
Windsor QLD 4030
Telephone 3109 0620
Facsimile 3872 0666
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 5pm

Brisbane

Department of Local Government, Planning Sport and Recreation – Women's InfoLink

Level 2, 52 Queen Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Toll free 1800 177 577
Facsimile 1800 000 658
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday – 9am to 5pm

Brisbane

Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water – LandCentre Service Centre

Level 2, Cnr Main and Vulture Streets
Woolloongabba QLD 4102
Telephone 3896 3216
Facsimile 3896 3333
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 4:30pm

Brisbane

Office of Economic and Statistical Research

Level 8, 33 Charlotte Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Telephone 3224 5326
Facsimile 3227 7437
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday – 9am to 5pm

Brisbane

Office of Urban Management

Level 4, 61 Mary Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Toll free 1800 021 818
Facsimile 3235 4563
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday – 9am to 5pm

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Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries

The Bookshop
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Ground Floor, 80 Ann Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Telephone 13 25 23 or 3404 6999
Facsimile 3404 6900
Opening hours:
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Brisbane Northside

State Development Centre

Level 2, The Homemaker Centre
Cnr Gympie and Zillmere Roads
Aspley QLD 4034
Telephone 3406 6999
Facsimile 3406 6996
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 5pm

Brisbane Southside

State Development Centre

6 Paxton Street
Springwood QLD 4127
Telephone 3884 7860
Facsimile 3808 9759
Opening hours:
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Ipswich

Department of Communities – Moreton Regional Office

5-7 Wharf Street
Ipswich QLD 4305
Telephone 3280 1777
Facsimile 3280 1962
Opening hours:
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Strathpine

Department of Communities

Level G, Crossroads
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Telephone 3384 8280
Facsimile 3384 8291
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Woodridge

Department of Communities

Level 2, 6 Ewing Road
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Opening hours:
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Mt Gravatt

Department of Communities

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