

Regional Budget Statement Fitzroy

State-wide Highlights

The 2009-10 Budget will support and create jobs by continuing the Government's capital works program for roads, schools and hospitals as well delivering new job creation programs and initiatives to expand Queensland's skills base.

- \$3.53 billion for better and safer roads
- \$464.77 million on major hospital developments
- \$301 million to build and renew school facilities through the State Schools of Tomorrow program
- \$101 million for the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative
- 203 new police officers
- 50 new ambulance officers
- 350 new teachers and teacher aides
- 645 new doctors, nurses and allied health professionals
- \$3.06 million for the Support Our Heroes package to support emergency service volunteers and prepare communities for natural disasters
- \$36 million over three years for new tourism campaigns
- \$96 million over five years for new climate change initiatives
- \$50 million over six years for the Great Barrier Reef Protection Package.

As a part of the global economy, Queensland has felt the effects of the global financial and economic crisis. The worst set of global economic circumstances in more than 75 years has resulted in falling revenues and rising unemployment.

That's why the centrepiece of the 2009-10 State Budget is jobs – creating and sustaining jobs, assisting business and industry, and positioning our economy for future growth.

Specific investments in education, employment and training, business and vital industries such as tourism will help create and support jobs for Queenslanders.

The Queensland Government is investing \$18 billion in its jobs-generating building program, with



Anna Bligh MP
Premier
and Minister for the Arts

injections of funding for roads, ports, schools, transport and other vital infrastructure.

Frontline service delivery is our focus with commitments for police, hospitals and healthcare, ambulance services and teachers – the things we need to keep our communities healthy, safe and growing.

The Government is determined to cushion Queenslanders from the

full impact of the global recession. That means acting now to support the economy and making the long term decisions needed for the future.

Queensland's prosperity and growth is built on the strength of our regions. This document puts on record the Government's commitment to the people and economy of the Fitzroy region.



Andrew Fraser MP
Treasurer and Minister for Employment
and Economic Development



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Protecting jobs in Fitzroy

As the global economic crisis takes hold and Queensland's economic growth rate slows, the Government is committed to protecting the jobs of today and creating the jobs of tomorrow.

The Government's job programs are more important than ever before and will play a crucial role in supporting Queensland workers through these uncertain economic times.

The Government will implement a host of initiatives that will create new jobs and equip our workforce with the skills needed for future recovery.



Productivity Places Program

A \$414 million industry-based program (including \$259 million in Australian Government funding) to deliver almost 150,000 new training places over four years.



Tourism Blueprint to Protect Jobs

A \$37.8 million program to create 1,000 new jobs for new, regionally-focussed tourism market and product development campaigns, and to support the 'drive travel' market.



Sustainable Resource Communities

A \$25 million program to create 500 new jobs over the next 12 months by boosting employment in regional areas affected by the mining downturn.



Payroll tax apprentice and trainee incentives

A \$15 million scheme to assist Queensland businesses that employ apprentices and trainees. In addition to the payroll tax exemption provided for apprentice and trainee wages, businesses will also receive a 25% rebate on payroll tax for other equivalent employees in 2009-10.



Queensland Green Army

A \$57 million program to create 3,000 new jobs over three years by putting an army of unemployed Queenslanders to work to improve our waterways, beaches, national parks and green spaces.

Green Army participants will work on projects of strategic importance to enhance and protect Queensland's natural assets, strengthen the tourism industry and promote increased environmental awareness around the State.

It will create 2,300 jobs through work placements of up to six months and 700 year-long Green Traineeship positions for young, unemployed Queenslanders.

For more information about the Green Army, visit www.greenarmy.qld.gov.au.



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Covering an area of 122,969 square kilometres or 7.1 per cent of the State, Fitzroy is home to nearly 5 per cent of Queensland's total population. Almost 210,000¹ Queenslanders now call the Fitzroy region home.

Key industries within the Fitzroy region include agriculture, mining, manufacturing and tourism. The region's industrial city of Gladstone is renowned for its aluminium production and large-scale minerals processing, and is the site of one of Queensland's largest multi-commodity ports – providing a gateway for large-scale coal and agriculture exports.

The Queensland Government recognises the valuable contribution Fitzroy makes to the State's economic and social development. This Regional Budget Statement highlights the Government's commitment to get on with the job of supporting the region and its people.

1 Population data as at 30 June 2008, Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth (cat. no. 3218.0).

Delivering jobs for Queensland

Jobs are the Government's number one priority. Faced with challenging global economic conditions, the Government will create and protect jobs to help keep Queensland strong and secure our economic foundations.

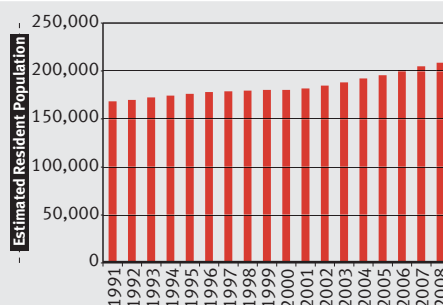
In 2009-10, the Government will drive Queensland's \$18 billion building infrastructure program to stimulate growth, create and protect jobs and meet the infrastructure needs of our rapidly growing population.

Key building projects in Fitzroy include:

- \$56.8 million to improve the Callide Power Station
- \$38.2 million for development of the RG Tanna Coal Terminal at the Port of Gladstone
- \$36.6 million to complete construction of a new electricity substation at Larcom Creek and a transmission line between Larcom Creek and a new substation at Yarwun
- \$26 million to upgrade electric freight locomotives in Rockhampton
- \$21.1 million to improve the efficiency and capacity of the Stanwell Power Station
- \$21.1 million for rail track duplication between Grange and Tunnel in the Blackwater system
- \$11.6 million for rail track duplication between Stanwell, Wycarbah and Westwood in the Blackwater system
- \$10 million to establish a new Berserker zone electricity substation
- \$8.59 million as part of a \$10.52 million grant to the Rockhampton Regional Council for the Capricorn Coast/Fitzroy River Water Pipeline
- \$7.8 million for preliminary planning to develop rail infrastructure at Wiggins Island

Estimated Residential Population

1991 to 2008^{(a)(b)}



(a) Data for year ending 30 June

(b) All years are standardised to ASGC 2008

Source: ABS, Regional Population Growth, Australia and New Zealand, Cat no. 3218.0

- \$4 million for the construction of a third spur line between Callemondah and the RG Tanna Coal Terminal
- \$3.29 million (\$6.06 million over two years) for the transition and management stage of the Gladstone-Fitzroy Pipeline
- \$3 million to upgrade and maintain rental units in Indigenous communities. This is part of the Government's \$1.447 billion capital program to expand and improve social housing across the State
- \$2.35 million towards the Lower Fitzroy River Weirs project
- \$2 million grant to the Central Highlands Regional Council for upgrades to the Emerald Airport.

As well as protecting jobs now, the Government is preparing for the future. By developing the skills base of Queensland workers, supporting emerging industries, building on traditional strengths, and attracting investment and

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innovation, Queensland will be well positioned to lead Australia through the period of recovery and beyond.

In 2009-10, other job-generating investments in the Fitzroy region include:

- \$52.7 million for vocational education and training activities in the region
- \$7.3 million to complete the \$9.7 million redevelopment of Rockhampton's Central Queensland Institute of TAFE
- \$3.66 million to create 590 jobs for young people and those disadvantaged in the labour market through the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, which includes Queensland's Green Army

Investing in our health

To make Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people, the Government is investing in healthy lifestyles, hospitals and other frontline health services to ensure Queenslanders receive the best possible healthcare when illness strikes.

During the next three years, the Queensland Government aims to employ more than 3,500 additional doctors, nurses and allied health professionals across the State. In addition, \$7.9 million will be spent to train and recruit fully accredited nurse practitioners to reduce emergency department waiting times.

In 2009-10, the Government will also provide funding for the following State-wide initiatives:

- \$464.77 million towards major hospital capital works
- \$30 million for the expansion of the Surgery Connect program to deliver additional elective surgery procedures
- \$1 million additional funding for new maternity services under the Mums and Bubs program to provide one-on-one midwifery support in Gladstone and other locations across the State
- \$900,000 for newborn and family drop-in clinics to provide specialist advice to new parents in Emerald and other locations across the State. This is part of the Universal Postnatal Contact Service program.

In 2009-10, individuals and families in Fitzroy will also benefit from the following treatment and healthcare initiatives aimed at maintaining healthy, strong communities:

- \$74.2 million towards the \$149.1 million Rockhampton Hospital expansion. Total project funding includes a \$76 million investment from the Australian Government's Health and Hospitals Fund to further expand the hospital, and provide additional inpatient beds, operating theatres and research space to support regional health training
- \$12.37 million for the Home and Community Care initiative
- \$6.36 million to support people with a disability or mental illness
- \$4 million to provide treatment sessions by visiting specialists prior to the development of a new \$6.5 million oncology centre at Rockhampton
- \$3.3 million to complete the \$15.9 million co-location of community-based health and mental health services in Gladstone
- \$2.7 million over two years to support victims of domestic and family violence in Rockhampton
- \$1.79 million to improve community sport and recreation facilities



Rockhampton Hospital

The Queensland Government is committed to making Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people by investing in healthcare, health services and hospitals. In 2009-10, the Government will invest \$74.2 million towards the \$149.1 million expansion of the Rockhampton Hospital (pictured).

Photo supplied courtesy of Queensland Health

Fostering innovation

\$111,000 (\$870,000 in total) from the Research-Industry Partnerships Program to Central Queensland University for the OZ-ECP Brakes project. The project will develop new and better electronically controlled pneumatic brakes for heavy-haul freight trains.



- \$1.5 million (\$10.2 million over four years) to provide 15 rehabilitation places at the Rockhampton Hospital, and outreach services in Yeppoon and Mount Morgan
- \$1.3 million to help Queenslanders remain in their own homes or in the private rental market
- \$1.14 million to support the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless
- \$1.1 million to complete construction of the \$21.5 million replacement hospital at Yeppoon
- \$989,000 to improve the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable children and their families.

Renewable energy and the environment

The Queensland Government is committed to the fight against climate change and reducing Queensland's carbon footprint by one-third by 2020. Across the State, the Government is investing an additional \$95.83 million over five years in new climate change initiatives, including \$15.6 million for disaster management, \$15 million for the ClimateSmart Business Service, \$8 million for the Energy Efficiency Retrofit program, \$4.5 million to extend the Rural Water Use Efficiency initiative, and \$52.7 million on energy conservation and demand management initiatives.

The Government will also create new green jobs by investing in emerging industries and renewable energy projects, such as the Solar Hot Water Program. This program will provide up to 200,000 Queensland homes with solar hot water or heat pump systems at a fraction of the normal price.

Other initiatives aimed at protecting Fitzroy's natural environment include \$4.9 million for dust suppression measures at the RG Tanna and Barney Point Coal Terminals.

Better and safer roads

The Government's \$3.53 billion road building program plans for growth by creating and sustaining Queensland jobs, improving road safety and quality, reducing congestion, and continuing to connect people and places around the State.

In 2009-10, the Government's commitment to improve road quality and safety in Fitzroy will include:

- \$36 million towards the \$70 million realignment of the Dawson Highway at the Calliope Range. This project forms part of the \$150 million package for the Bowen Basin region to support Central Queensland's coal mining industry and is due for completion in 2010-11
- \$11.3 million as part of a \$65 million project to replace bridges across the Don River and construct approaches on the Leichhardt Highway, south of Wowan. This project forms part of the \$150 million package for the Bowen Basin region to support Central Queensland's coal mining industry and is due for completion in 2011-12
- \$4.2 million to complete a section of the Blackwater-Rolleston Road in Blackwater. This \$4.5 million project is funded from the Queensland Government's Sustainable Resource Communities initiative
- \$4.1 million to complete the \$8.5 million pavement reconstruction on the Dawson Highway between Meteor Creek north and Three Chain Road, south-east of Springsure
- \$3.5 million for the \$5.6 million reconstruction of approximately 9 kilometres of pavement between Injune and Rolleston on the Carnarvon Highway
- \$3.4 million to commence the \$5.6 million widening of a 9.5-kilometre stretch of the Burnett Highway, north of Biloela
- \$2.8 million to complete the \$8 million pedestrian bridge at the Yaamba Road and Main Street intersection in Rockhampton.



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Promoting education and early childhood development

The Queensland Government is focussed on ensuring every Queensland child has access to high-quality education. The emphasis will be on the essentials of literacy, numeracy and science, as well as major infrastructure investment to provide first-rate teaching and learning environments, and generate employment opportunities.

In 2009–10 the Queensland Government will provide \$301 million to continue the State Schools of Tomorrow program to improve and build new facilities in some of Queensland's oldest schools.

As part of the Government's commitment to universal access to a quality early childhood education, joint Queensland and Australian Government funding of \$15.4 million under the Early Childhood Reform National Partnership will be provided in 2009–10 for the establishment of kindergarten infrastructure on 15 State school sites with 240 new or extra kindergarten services to be running by 2014.

The Government will promote education and early childhood development in Fitzroy with \$1.5 million in Australian Government funding to construct a trade training centre at Rockhampton State High School.

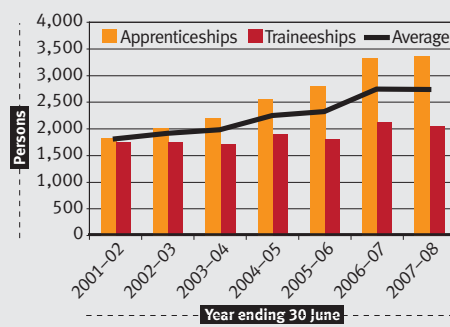
Improving emergency services

During the past year, Queensland has experienced devastating floods, cyclones and torrential storms. The Government's investment in emergency services will help make Queensland communities safer, provide quality emergency relief services, and create and sustain jobs.

In 2009–10, individuals and families across Queensland will benefit from:

- \$57.03 million for new and upgraded police stations and facilities
- \$22.2 million for nine new or improved urban fire and rescue stations, and improvements to emergency service facilities
- \$20.93 million for 150 new ambulance vehicles, including 140 replacement vehicles and 10 additional vehicles
- \$19.25 million for 20 new or redeveloped ambulance facilities

Participation in post-secondary education Apprenticeships and traineeships, 2001–02 to 2007–08



Source: DET, Apprenticeships and traineeships, (unpublished data)

- \$14.8 million for 57 new or replacement urban and rural fire and rescue appliances
- \$1.84 million (\$7.34 million over four years) to increase safety for rural firefighters under the \$12.98 million Support our Heroes package
- \$1.22 million (\$5.64 million over five years) for vehicles, flood boats and trailers for the State Emergency Service under the \$12.98 million Support our Heroes package.

Fitzroy will also benefit from \$119,000 to complete the replacement ambulance station at Mount Morgan.



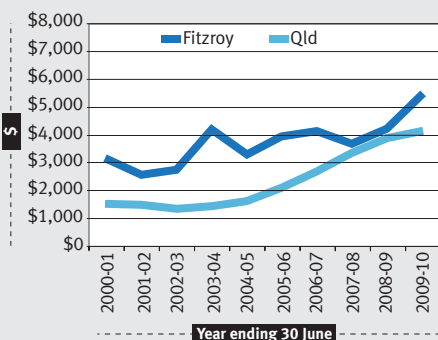
Get on board with Q150 celebrations

Queensland has come a long way since its birth as a separate colony 150 years ago. To celebrate this milestone, the Government is bringing Queenslanders together to honour the importance of our people, places and stories in shaping our great State.

With more than 480 community events and 91 social, historic and community legacy infrastructure projects happening around the State, there's something for everyone to enjoy – including the historic Q150 Steam Train and travelling Q150 Shed.

To find out more about Q150 celebrations in the Fitzroy region and across Queensland, visit the Q150 website at www.q150.qld.gov.au

Capital investment per capita 2000–01 to 2009–10



Source: ABS, Regional Population Growth, Australia and New Zealand, Cat no. 3218.0

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Budget summary

Internationally Australia is a standout performer; Queensland to remain ahead of the nation

- Queensland's economy is expected to expand by $\frac{1}{2}\%$ in 2008-09, compared with no growth in the Australian economy.
- The State economy is forecast to experience a slightly milder contraction than the national average in 2009-10.
- Year-average employment growth is forecast to be $1\frac{1}{4}\%$ in 2010-11, compared with $\frac{1}{2}\%$ over the year to June quarter 2011 for Australia as a whole.
- Queensland's year-average unemployment rate is forecast to peak at $7\frac{1}{4}\%$ in 2010-11, compared with a peak in the national rate of $8\frac{1}{2}\%$ in June quarter 2011.

Challenging fiscal environment

- A deteriorating global and domestic economic environment has significantly impacted Queensland's finances.
- Since the 2008-09 Budget, \$15 billion over 4 years has been knocked off the State's key revenue sources (GST, taxes and royalties).
- As a result, Queensland is forecasting a General Government operating deficit in 2009-10 and across the forward estimates.
- The Government is committed to returning the Budget to surplus and lowering the State's debt levels and, consequently, has implemented around \$5.4 billion worth (over four years) of measures aimed at improving Queensland's fiscal position.
- The Government has undertaken steps to repair the State's finances for the longer term, charting a course back to surplus by 2016-17.

Investing in infrastructure to sustain jobs

- The Government's key objective is to continue to invest in infrastructure to sustain jobs while the current economic circumstances prevail.
- The 2009-10 capital program is forecast to be \$18.2 billion which is expected to support 127,000 full-time jobs.
- In 2009-10 there will be capital outlays of \$7.307 billion for transport and main roads, \$1.447 billion for housing and homelessness services, \$1.837 billion for education and training, \$1.296 billion for health, and \$1.121 billion for water.

Delivering for Queensland

In 2009-10, the Government will provide \$20.3 million for intensive teaching of Year 3 and 5 students who are not meeting national literacy and numeracy standards.

The Budget will also provide for an additional 350 teachers and teacher aides to meet enrolment growth.

Queensland Health's budget will grow to \$9.037 billion in 2009-10, an 8.2% increase on the previous year.

An additional \$30 million will be provided for Surgery Connect to provide treatment opportunities for patients currently waiting longer for surgery than is clinically recommended.

The 2009-10 Budget will see funding provided for an additional 50 ambulance officers, 150 new ambulances, 20 new or redeveloped ambulance facilities, nine new or improved urban fire and rescue stations, 23 new or replacement urban fire and rescue appliances and 34 new or replacement rural fire appliances.

Government services in Fitzroy

Biloela

Department of Environment and Resource Management – Business Centre

Business Centre
Biloela Research Station
98-102 State Farm Road
Biloela QLD 4715
Telephone: 4992 9101
Facsimile: 4992 3468
Opening hours: Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 4:30pm

Biloela

QGAP

60 Kariboe Street
Biloela QLD 4715
Telephone: 4992 8700
Facsimile: 4992 1768
Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9am to 4:30pm; Wednesday – 9:30am to 4:30pm

Emerald

Department of Environment and Resource Management – Business Centre

Government Offices
99 Hospital Road
Emerald QLD 4720
Telephone: 4987 9300
Facsimile: 4987 9333
Opening hours: Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 4:30pm

Gladstone

Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation

Old Post Office Building
33 Goondoon Street
Gladstone QLD 4680
Telephone: 4971 2300
Facsimile: 4971 2333
Opening hours: Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 5pm

Moura

QGAP

Cnr Marshall and Shirley Streets
Moura QLD 4718
Telephone: 4997 2244
Facsimile: 4997 1388
Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9am to 4:30pm; Wednesday – 10am to 4:30pm

Mt Morgan

QGAP

Mt Morgan Learning Centre
38 Morgan St
Mt Morgan QLD 4714
Telephone: 4938 1359
Facsimile: 4938 1083
Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9am to 2pm; Wednesday – 9am to 1pm

Rockhampton

Department of Communities – Fitzroy and Central West Queensland Regional Office

Level 3, State Government Building
209 Bolsover Street
Rockhampton QLD 4700
Telephone: 4938 6715
Facsimile: 4938 4867
Opening hours: Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 5pm

Rockhampton

Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation

149 Bolsover Street
Rockhampton QLD 4700
Telephone: 4938 4575
Facsimile: 4938 4986
Opening hours: Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 5pm

Rockhampton

Department of Environment and Resource Management – Business Centre

Level 1, State Government Building
209 Bolsover Street
Rockhampton QLD 4700
Telephone: 4938 4600
Facsimile: 4938 4800
Opening hours: Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 4:30pm

Rockhampton

Office of Economic and Statistical Research

Ground Floor, State Government Building
209 Bolsover Street
Rockhampton QLD 4700
Telephone: 4938 4486
Facsimile: 4938 4488
Opening hours: Monday to Friday – 9am to 4:30pm

Rockhampton

Queensland Primary Industries and Fisheries

25 Yeppoon Road
Parkhurst QLD 4702
Telephone: 4936 0211
Facsimile: 4936 0345
Opening hours: Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 5pm

Springsure

QGAP

Eclipse Street
Springsure QLD 4722
Telephone: 4984 1433
Facsimile: 4984 1368
Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9am to 4:30pm

Yeppoon

QGAP

Yeppoon Courthouse
Normanby Street
Yeppoon QLD 4703
Telephone: 4939 5385
Facsimile: 4939 3023
Opening hours: Monday to Friday – 9am to 4:30pm

Other services

Smart Service Queensland

For information on all other Government services call 13 13 04 or visit www.qld.gov.au

State Emergency Service

Telephone: 132 500

13 Health

Telephone: 13 43 25 84

Green Army

Find out more or register your interest in joining the Green Army by calling 1800 249 215 (Monday to Friday – 8am to 6pm) or online at www.greenarmy.qld.gov.au

Rapid Response Team

A hotline (1800 035 749) is available for retrenched workers who require information about Federal and State Government assistance