



# Queensland State Budget 2011–12

Regional Budget Statement



Queensland Government

## Fitzroy

### Over the 2011 summer, Queensland experienced State-wide devastation from natural disasters.

The floods and Cyclone Yasi saw 100 per cent of Queensland local government areas declared disaster affected and triggered the largest rebuilding and recovery operation ever undertaken in this state.

The 2011-12 Budget fosters that recovery, while also providing relief for families.

My Government's decision to abolish the ambulance levy will provide immediate relief for families doing it tough.

There is also a new \$140 million Queensland Building Boost, to stimulate the housing sector and make it more attractive for people to purchase their first home.

We will also implement reforms to our education system by moving Year 7 into high school, enabling our children to get full benefit from the new Australian Curriculum. This Budget invests a record amount in events funding - an \$85.8 million boost over five years - to help Queensland attract major events and drive up tourism numbers. This is a Budget built on strength of spirit that will restore long-term social and economic prosperity to the Fitzroy region and right across the State.



Anna Bligh MP  
Premier and Minister  
for Reconstruction

### On track for recovery from the global financial crisis, Queensland's economy was instead faced with the worst floods in 100 years and Cyclone Yasi.

Mines were flooded, crops destroyed and communities were isolated. Some of our key export partners, too, were hit by natural disasters.

The 2011-12 State Budget faces those challenges head-on, reprioritising our needs and maintaining our sights on prosperity and a return to surplus.

It will also chart our course back to the front of the economic pack, with growth in 2011-12 to outpace the other states and the nation.

Our prosperity is in our regions - our mineral-rich centres, our tourism and heritage hotspots, and our business, industry and agriculture hubs.

This Government will maintain its focus on economic reform and jobs generation.

Our infrastructure investment will clock in at \$15 billion - more than Western Australia and more than Victoria. The program will support almost 93,000 jobs.

The 2011-12 State Budget will strengthen Queensland's economy and deliver on our commitment to protect Queensland jobs.



Andrew Fraser MP  
Treasurer and Minister for  
State Development and Trade

## Government services in Fitzroy

Smart Service Queensland

State Emergency Service

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Every Dollar Counts concessions website

For Government services call 13 13 04 or visit [www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au)

Telephone: 132 500

Telephone: 13 43 25 84

[www.communityservices.qld.gov.au/community/concessions/](http://www.communityservices.qld.gov.au/community/concessions/)

## State-wide Highlights

### Helping Queenslanders into new homes

- Massive stimulus package for building new homes
- \$10,000 grant for a new home contracted between 1 August 2011 and 31 January 2012
- Zero stamp duty for first home buyers under \$500,000
- First home owners can now receive up to \$17,000
- Kick-starting the housing market, generating jobs and construction

### Rebuilding Queensland

- \$6.8 billion in State and federal disaster funding, including \$2.9 billion on roads, \$2.75 billion for local governments and \$656 million for small business, non-profit organisations and primary producers

### Supporting jobs and investing in the future

- \$100 million over three years in new Smart State initiatives
- \$85.8 million over five years to attract new events to support tourism
- Capital program of \$15 billion in 2011-12, supporting 93,000 jobs

### A better education system for our children

- \$328 million over four years for State schools for building works to move Year 7 to secondary school in 2015
- \$50 million in 2011-12 for the State School Investment Program

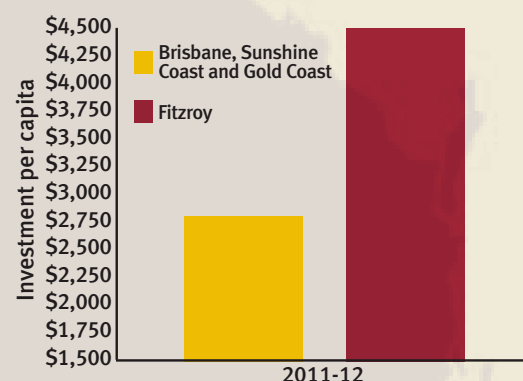
### Investing in services

- A record health budget of \$11.05 billion
- More police, to meet our commitment to deliver 600 officers this term, and 50 new ambulance officers

### A greener Queensland

- \$75 million to support investment in solar power energy generation
- \$60 million to the end of next year for ClimateSmart Home Services – reducing households bills and carbon emissions

### Capital expenditure per capita



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- **\$300,000** of \$4.1 million to commence replacement ambulance stations at Emerald and Calliope.

- **\$5.5 million** for kindergartens at Berserker Street, Crescent Lagoon, Kin Kora, Tannum Sands and Taranganba State Schools.



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- **\$8.2 million** to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority for the Marine Park's Field Management Program.

- **\$6.5 million** of \$13 million for the Rockhampton Riverbank Redevelopment Stage 2 project, for enhancements to the swimming facility and public amenity improvements.

- **\$59.3 million** for vocational education and training, including apprenticeships and traineeships.

- **\$1.6 million** to complete the \$2.2 million airconditioning replacement and electrical upgrade at Blackwater North State School.

- **\$3.4 million** to replace the auxiliary fire and rescue station at Emerald.

- **\$27.7 million** this year for the \$149.1 million project to expand the Rockhampton Hospital, in partnership with the Australian Government.

- **\$1.5 million** to assist people affected by domestic and family violence in Rockhampton.

- **\$1 million** to support local community sports, including \$238,560 to install lighting at four multipurpose sports ovals at Yeppoon.

- **\$65.5 million** towards \$121.8 million for works at the Port of Gladstone's RG Tanna Coal Terminal.

- **\$2.4 million** to replace the ambulance station at Gladstone.

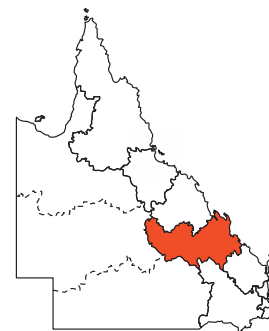
- **\$2.5 million** towards the \$3 million upgrade of Calliope Police Station.

- **\$6.4 million** for corridor planning and land acquisitions for the liquefied natural gas corridor from Callide to Curtis Island.

- **\$1.1 million** to construct a cycling and walking track between Yeppoon and Bondoola.



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Key	
●	Health
●	Environment
●	Education
●	Law and order
●	Infrastructure
●	Community
+	Disaster response

- **\$8.5 million** allocated this year towards the project for a \$50 million new road and rail overpass south of the Capricorn Highway between Gracemere and Kabra.

## Disaster response funding

- ✚ **\$123.9 million** to local governments for recovery and reconstruction projects, in partnership with the Australian Government, including to repair local Rockhampton streets.

- ✚ **\$30 million** over two years for cyclone shelters, including in Yeppoon/Rockhampton.

- ✚ **\$1.3 million** to support community recovery and rebuild community cohesion.

- ✚ **\$48 million** to reconstruct sections of the Bruce Highway between Gin Gin and Benaraby.



## Cost of living support for Queenslanders

Supporting our State's regions by improving access to and affordability of a range of services:

- **\$140 million** to reduce the cost of electricity bills by abolishing the Community Ambulance Cover levy.
- **\$411 million** to ensure that regardless of where they live, all Queensland electricity customers of a similar type pay a similar price for electricity.
- **\$165.9 million** for cost of living concessions, to improve affordability of council rates for pensioners and electricity for pensioners and seniors.
- **\$337.8 million** for regional freight and passenger transport subsidies, including bus services in Gladstone and Rockhampton and coach services in Emerald.
- **\$54.6 million** for the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme which assists patients accessing specialist medical services not available within their local area.
- **\$146.7 million** for the School Transport Assistance Scheme to assist students who have to travel long distances to their nearest school.