

Fitzroy

Support for drought-affected Queenslanders

The Government's Drought Assistance Package is a \$62 million, two-year package of targeted assistance for individuals and communities in drought-affected areas. It provides both business-related support for landholders and social welfare services to get families through tough times.

Rental relief of almost \$9 million over the term of the package includes rebates for land rental and the waiving of annual water licence fees for drought-affected landholders and lessees.

\$32.75 million is being provided for freight subsidies and emergency water infrastructure rebates to support producers and communities. The Australian Government is providing \$13 million over two years to support the emergency water infrastructure rebate component of the Queensland Department of Communities' Disaster Relief Assistance Scheme.

The Government is providing an additional \$1.5 million to expand mental health support workshops and additional interventions in drought areas. \$5.9 million will be used to provide information, support, case management and coordination of community resilience-building strategies.

Learn more about drought assistance at www.daff.qld.gov.au/environment/drought/assistance/new-package or by telephoning 13 QGOV (13 74 68).



Bruce Highway Upgrade

The Bruce Highway is part of the National Land Transport Network and is Queensland's major east coast transport and economic corridor. The highway plays a significant role in freight and passenger transport. Its safe and efficient operation is important nationally.

The Queensland Government's Bruce Highway Action Plan sets out a detailed program of works which will improve the safety, flood immunity and capacity of the Bruce Highway, over the next 10 years.

Projects in the action plan include:

- safety improvements, including wide centre line and shoulder seals, audible edge lines, more overtaking lanes, safety barriers, intersection improvements, verge clearing, improved rest areas and critical maintenance to catch up on the backlog of maintenance on the highway
- flood immunity improvements, including raised embankments, culverts, bridges, bypasses, vegetation clearing and flood warning systems
- capacity improvements, including new alignments, extra lanes, intersections, service roads and town bypasses.

Together, the Australian and State Governments have committed \$8.5 billion over the next 10 years to implement the priorities from the Bruce Highway Action Plan including:

- \$177.3 million towards the duplication of the Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra) from the Cooroy Southern Interchange to Sankeys Road (Section A), at a total cost of \$590 million
- \$66 million to duplicate a section of the Bruce Highway from two to four lanes, from Vantassel Street to Cluden, at a total cost of \$137.5 million
- \$47 million to provide a new elevated crossing of the Bruce Highway across the Yeppen Floodplain, at a total cost of \$296 million
- \$24.5 million to commence the Stage 1 upgrade of the Bruce Highway between Caloundra Road and the Sunshine Motorway, at a total cost of \$1.134 billion (Stages 1 and 2).

A STRONG PLAN FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Regional Budget Statement
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This Budget continues to deliver a Strong Plan for a Brighter Future.

The 2014-15 Budget carefully balances increases in education, health and community services spending, while not introducing or raising any new taxes or reducing services.

Strong choices have to be made so that a brighter future can be ours; we need to reduce the State's \$80 billion debt and the annual \$4 billion interest bill. This Budget outlines our plan to secure our finances by making the strongest and smartest choice to reduce debt so we can sustainably invest in the schools, hospitals and infrastructure for the future.

We are making significant progress in restoring our finances, growing a four pillar economy, revitalising frontline services and funding infrastructure projects and jobs – with more than 60,000 jobs created in Queensland in the last year. To sustain this we must reduce debt, so we can truly keep building on our Strong Plan for a Brighter Future.

Health
UP 6% to
\$13.6 billion

New and improving hospitals:

\$224.5 million towards building the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital

\$369.8 million towards building the Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital

\$173.3 million for the redevelopment of hospitals in Cairns, Mackay, Mount Isa, Townsville and Rockhampton

Education
UP 7% to
\$11.8 billion

Great Results Guarantee

\$131 million to improve the numeracy and literacy of our children

10 new schools

under the \$1.4 billion Queensland Schools Project

Transport and roads
\$5.4 billion

Toowoomba Second Range Crossing

\$321 million towards the history making \$1.6 billion, 41km innovative toll road project

75 new six-car trains

Bruce Highway
\$768 million in 2014-15 to upgrade sections of the Bruce Highway

Safe Night Out Strategy
\$44.5 million
to address alcohol and drug-related violence

Royalties for the Regions
\$495 million
for infrastructure improvements

Drought assistance
\$62 million

267 new police

Safer Children
\$406 million
for child and family services in response to the Carmody Inquiry

Reef Water Quality Program
\$55 million

\$33.9 million for tourism marketing and event promotion

For more detail: www.budget.qld.gov.au

Great state. Great opportunity.

Royalties for the Regions

The Queensland Government has committed \$495 million over four years from 2012 for community infrastructure, roads and flood mitigation projects across Queensland's regions.

Royalties for the Regions ensures regional communities receive real long-term benefits through better planning and infrastructure investment. The program is helping communities better manage the impacts of resource sector development and ensures they remain liveable and sustainable well into the future.

To date, Royalties for the Regions has approved over \$296 million to support 93 infrastructure projects, with a total cost of over \$501 million, across 38 regional and shire councils. These include:

- 34 community infrastructure projects including 20 water, sewerage and waste management projects, six regional airport upgrades, two telecommunications projects, and other projects that will provide a variety of community facilities
- 40 projects to provide critical road safety and access improvements across regions impacted by resource development
- 16 flood mitigation projects that will provide levees, upgraded town drainage and road and bridge upgrades to improve access and safety
- 3 projects to support essential community services including two new childcare facilities and a new medical centre.

Investment in these projects is critical to managing growth and improving the liveability of resource communities.

The Fitzroy region will benefit from \$61.8 million for 12 projects in the Banana and Livingstone Shires, the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire, and the Central Highlands, Gladstone, and Rockhampton Regional Council areas, including water treatment and supply infrastructure, road upgrades and flood mitigation works.

Baralaba water treatment plant
\$4.5 million for a fully-automated water treatment plant at Baralaba.

RG Tanna Coal Terminal
\$50.6 million for the \$90.5 million upgrade of the RG Tanna Coal Terminal, due for completion in June 2018.

Boyne River and outer channels
\$13 million of \$20 million for an environmental impact statement for the development of outer channels for the region and a marine facility at Boyne River, due for completion in June 2016.

Rockhampton-Gracemere water pipeline
\$1 million to duplicate the Rockhampton to Gracemere water supply pipeline and upgrade the Mawdsley Hill and Lucas Street pump stations.

Blackwater Pipeline
\$1.24 million to refurbish Blackwater Pipeline.

Lower Fitzroy River
\$1 million for feasibility studies of the Lower Fitzroy River infrastructure.

Fitzroy energy supply
\$20.1 million for network refurbishment, load energy management, asset replacement and reliability and augmentation works for the Fitzroy region energy network.

Supported accommodation
\$475,000 for supported accommodation in Rockhampton.

Sustainable agriculture and water quality
\$850,000 for sustainable agriculture, reef water quality and weed and pest management in the Central Highlands and Dawson, Isaac, Connors and Mackenzie catchments.

Rockhampton Hospital
\$13.6 million to complete the \$173.1 million hospital expansion, in partnership with the Australian Government, plus \$5 million for a helipad and \$12 million for an intensive care unit.

Rockhampton Watchhouse
\$700,000 for closed circuit cameras in Rockhampton Watchhouse.

Recovery and reconstruction
\$105.1 million for local government authorities for recovery and reconstruction projects in partnership with the Australian Government.

Callide improvements
\$29.5 million for improvements to the Callide power stations.

Year 7 moving to high school
\$3 million of up to \$6.6 million for education facilities at Gladstone State High School as Year 7 joins high school in 2015.

Gladstone Harbour
\$1.75 million of \$4 million to improve the health of Gladstone Harbour.

Arcadia Valley Road
\$8 million to upgrade 23.5 kilometres of the Arcadia Valley Road.

Carnarvon infrastructure
\$500,000 of \$1.6 million to refurbish the Carnarvon information centre.

Kin Kora roundabout
\$12.7 million to upgrade the Kin Kora roundabout to a four-way signalled intersection.

Bruce Highway Yeppen floodplain
\$47 million for the \$296 million elevated crossing of the Bruce Highway across the Yeppen floodplain, in partnership with the Australian Government, due for completion in November 2016.

Reef management
\$8.4 million for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Field Management Program.

Social housing
\$10.7 million to expand and improve social housing, including \$2.3 million for remote Indigenous housing.

Mount Morgan site
\$2.8 million for the abandoned Mount Morgan mine site, including water treatment and management.

Stanwell operations
\$38 million for sustaining operations at Stanwell Power Station, including \$23.4 million to overhaul Unit 4.

Awoonga Dam
\$15.1 million to upgrade Awoonga Dam's spillway capacity to better cope with flooding.

