



Queensland State Budget 2011–12

Regional Budget Statement



Queensland Government

Gold Coast

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.



Anna Bligh MP
Premier and Minister
for Reconstruction

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 on the Gold Coast and right across the State.

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.



Andrew Fraser MP
Treasurer and Minister for
State Development and Trade

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.

Government services on the Gold Coast

Smart Service Queensland
State Emergency Service
13 Health

Every Dollar Counts concessions website

For Government services call 13 13 04 or visit www.qld.gov.au
Telephone: 132 500
Telephone: 13 43 25 84
www.communityservices.qld.gov.au/community/concessions/

State-wide Highlights

Building Queensland's recovery and helping families with the cost of living

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

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● **\$5.9 million** for more classrooms at Coomera Springs State School and Southport Special School.

● **\$25 million** towards the \$244.1 million upgrade of the Mount Lindesay Highway between Rosia Road and Chambers Flat Road.

● **\$1.7 million** to support local community sports, including \$288,750 to construct six netball courts at Jimboomba Park.

● **\$30.3 million** to complete the \$394.8 million upgrade of the Hinze Dam.

● **\$80.2 million** of \$158 million to widen the Pacific Motorway from four to six lanes, between Nerang and Stewart Road, in partnership with the Australian Government.

● **\$141.5 million** for vocational education and training, including apprenticeships and traineeships.

● **\$435.6 million** of \$1.762 billion to continue constructing the new Gold Coast University Hospital, due to open in 2012.

● **\$100,000** of \$1.8 million to commence replacement of the auxiliary fire and rescue station at Mt Tamborine.



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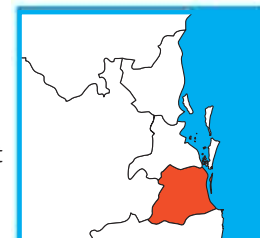
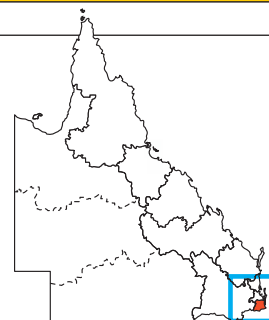
● **\$2.5 million** to complete the new ambulance station at Coomera.

● **\$12.3 million** for kindergartens at Beaudesert, Canungra, Coomera, Coomera Springs, Eagleby South, Elanora, Highland Reserve, Logan Village, Mount Warren Park, Norfolk Village, Palm Beach and Waterford State Schools.

● **\$175.3 million** of \$1.195 billion for the Gold Coast Rapid Transit System, a light rail project from Southport to Broadbeach, funded by the Australian, State and Local Governments and delivered as a public private partnership.

● **\$1.5 million** to construct a new Police Beat at Burleigh Heads.

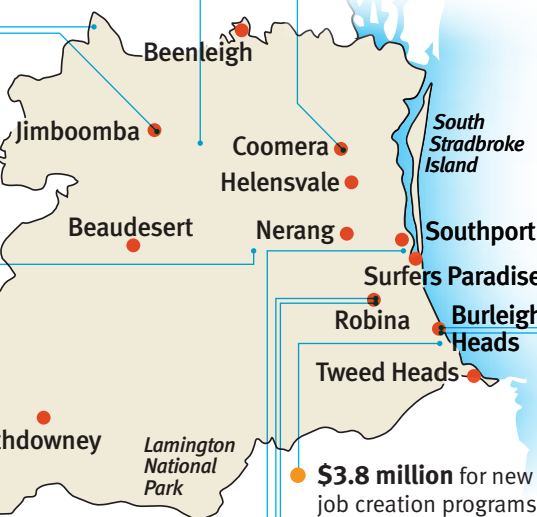
● **\$500,000** to refurbish the Burleigh Heads Police Complex.



Key

● Health
● Education
● Law and order
● Infrastructure
● Economic Development
● Community
✚ Disaster response

● **\$159.7 million** towards the \$421.6 million upgrade of the Pacific Motorway between Springwood South and Daisy Hill, in partnership with the Australian Government.



● **\$6.5 million** towards staging the Gold Coast 600.



● **\$3.8 million** for new job creation programs and to grow a skilled workforce.

● **\$59.9 million** to complete the Robina Hospital, due for completion in 2012.

● **\$18.9 million** for the Robina Health Precinct, providing ambulatory and community health services.

● **\$20 million** of \$132 million to widen Olsen Avenue in Southport from four to six lanes between Melia Court and Smith Street Connection Road.



Disaster response funding

✚ **\$10 million** to local governments for recovery and reconstruction projects, in partnership with the Australian Government.

✚ **\$90,000** to support community recovery and rebuild community cohesion.



Cost of living support for Queenslanders

Supporting Queenslanders 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.

● **\$165.9 million** for cost of living concessions, to improve affordability of council rates for pensioners and electricity for pensioners and seniors.

● **\$17.5 million** to provide cost of living concessions to pensioners for South East Queensland water costs. In 2011-12, the subsidy will increase by \$20, to \$120 per annum.

● **\$1.073 billion** to subsidise public transport costs for trains, buses and ferries across South East Queensland.

● **\$37.6 million** in travel assistance to help students with disabilities access school programs to meet their individual needs.