

Regional Budget Statement Greater Brisbane

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.

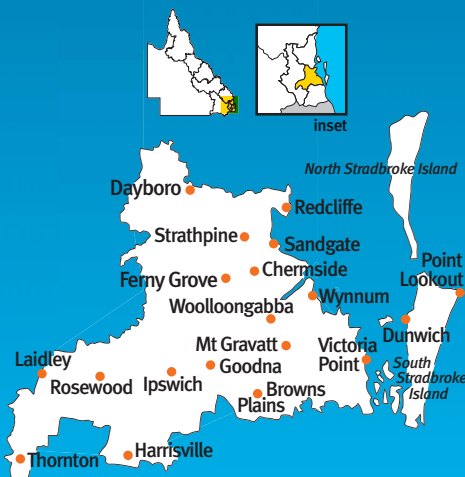
Frontline service delivery is our focus with commitments for police, hospitals and healthcare, ambulance services and teachers – the things we need to keep our communities healthy, safe and growing. The Government is determined to cushion Queenslanders from

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 Greater Brisbane region.



Andrew Fraser MP
Treasurer and Minister for Employment
and Economic Development



Boggo Road redevelopment

Protecting jobs in Greater Brisbane

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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It might be the smallest of Queensland's regions, but what Greater Brisbane lacks in size it makes up in population. Covering an area of 4,132 square kilometres or 0.2 per cent of the State, Greater Brisbane is home to 40 per cent of Queensland's total population. More than 1.7 million¹ Queenslanders now call Greater Brisbane home.

The Greater Brisbane region plays host to a diverse economy powered by world-class higher education facilities, a flexible and competitive private sector, considerable private and public sector infrastructure investment, and a strong research and training presence – all with access to domestic and international transport networks.

The Queensland Government recognises the valuable contribution Greater Brisbane 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 the Greater Brisbane region include:

- \$152 million for the new \$600 million Supreme and District Courts in Brisbane
- \$125 million towards the 13 kilometre Darra to Springfield rail line
- \$69.47 million towards the \$130 million expansion of the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
- \$57 million towards a third rail track between Corinda and Darra
- \$49.5 million for improvements at the Port of Brisbane

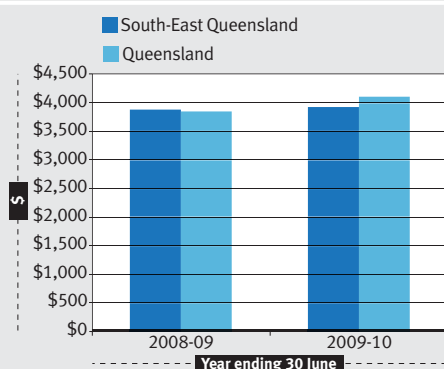
- \$43.7 million for improvements to Swanbank Power Station and other electricity facilities in the region
- \$41.8 million to develop electricity substations at Bundamba, Buranda and Taringa as well as a new transmission line between the South Pine and Sandgate substations
- \$33.1 million to expand and improve social housing, including building 124 new rental units. This is part of the Government's \$1.447 billion capital expenditure to expand and improve social housing across the State
- \$18.5 million to improve disability access to Citytrain stations and trains
- \$17.9 million to enhance rail freight capacity in metropolitan areas
- \$10 million for the \$65.3 million redevelopment of Northshore Hamilton
- \$8.4 million to complete construction of the \$63.3 million Kurilpa Bridge
- \$5.26 million to complete an upgrade of the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre
- \$3.2 million to upgrade electricity supplies between Loganlea and Jimboomba.

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 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 Greater Brisbane region include:

- \$167.55 million towards an Ecosciences Precinct at Boggo Road and a Health and Food Sciences Precinct at Coopers Plains. Total funding over the life of this project is \$377.9 million, including an \$87.9 million contribution from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation. The project is scheduled for completion in 2011
- \$32.37 million under the Smart Futures Fund, Innovation Funds and the Smart State Research Facilities Fund to support research and development infrastructure
- \$28.1 million to create 3,560 jobs for young people and those disadvantaged in the labour market through the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, which includes Queensland's Green Army
- \$7.1 million to promote economic and social participation in urban fringe communities.

Capital investment per capita 2008-09 to 2009-10



1. Data is based on ABS Statistical Divisions for 2006 ASGC. Due to boundary changes, data prior to 2008-09 has not been provided.

2. South East Queensland includes the ABS Statistical Divisions of Brisbane, Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast

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

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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
- \$900,000 for newborn and family drop-in clinics to provide specialist advice to new parents at Redcliffe, Deception Bay and other locations across the State. This is part of the Universal Postnatal Contact Service program.

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

- \$117.53 million to support people with a disability and their carers
- \$114.01 million for the Home and Community Care initiative
- \$105.1 million to continue the new \$1.283 billion Queensland Children's Hospital
- \$29.5 million for the \$52 million expansion of the Princess Alexandra Hospital's emergency department to deliver an additional 30 beds
- \$27 million (\$81.1 million over three years) for faster emergency care at Logan, Redland and QEII hospitals
- \$14.49 million to improve community sport and recreation facilities
- \$13.8 million in funding across South East Queensland to fluoridate Greater Brisbane's water supply
- \$11.2 million (\$44.9 million over four years) for the Sandgate Eventide Nursing Home to provide additional rehabilitation beds for public patients
- \$10.6 million to help Queenslanders remain in their own homes or in the private rental market
- \$7.6 million for the \$15.2 million enhancement of Forensic and Scientific Services, including redesigning and refurbishing forensic DNA analysis and high containment laboratories, and forensic pathology accommodation
- \$6 million for the \$80 million Queensland Children's Hospital Academic and Research Centre, to be co-located with the Queensland Children's Hospital, and support research

Fostering innovation

\$50,000 (\$150,000 in total) in research funding to the University of Queensland to develop better methods of managing *staphylococcus aureus*, or golden staph, the hospital 'super-bug' resistant to many antibiotics. This research will be used to develop new treatment strategies.

and achievement of improved health outcomes for children and young people

- \$5.9 million to complete the \$139.6 million upgrade of the Prince Charles Hospital
- \$4.2 million for the \$122 million expansion of the Ipswich Hospital
- \$3.92 million to support the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless
- \$2.97 million to improve the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable children and their families
- \$1.55 million for the Centre of National Research on Disability and Rehabilitation Medicine (CONROD) to continue its research into acute treatment and rehabilitation for people injured in road traffic crashes.

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 the Greater Brisbane region's natural environment include:

- \$130.7 million to complete the Western Corridor Recycled Water Project
- \$6.8 million for the \$8.8 million redevelopment of the old Kangaroo Point TAFE site, which will provide almost 10,000 square metres of public parkland
- \$964,000 as part of a \$1.93 million grant to Brisbane City Council to provide for the delivery of demineralised water from the Giso Island Water Recycling Plant to the City of Ipswich for industrial use.

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 the Greater Brisbane region will include:

- \$650 million of Australian Government funding to commence the \$1.95 billion upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway to a minimum of six lanes between Dinmore and Goodna. This project is due for completion in 2012-13



Houghton Highway Bridge duplication

The Queensland Government remains committed to investing in infrastructure in the Greater Brisbane region to support and create jobs, and meet the region's growing infrastructure needs. In 2009-10, the Government will invest \$125 million to continue the new \$315 million Houghton Highway Bridge duplication between Brighton and Redcliffe.

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- \$259.2 million to continue the \$1.88 billion upgrade of the Gateway Motorway between Mount Gravatt-Capalaba Road and Nudgee Road, due for completion by mid-2011
- \$171.8 million towards the Northern Busway, scheduled for completion in 2012
- \$142.3 million to commence the \$322.3 million roundabout on Airport Drive, as part of the Airport Link Project, due for completion in 2011-12
- \$138.24 million towards the Buranda to Coorparoo section of the Eastern Busway
- \$130 million of Australian Government funding to continue the \$700 million upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway between Wacol and Darra, due for completion in 2012-13
- \$125 million to continue the new \$315 million Houghton Highway Bridge duplication between Brighton and Redcliffe
- \$119.7 million to continue the \$414.6 million duplication of the Centenary Highway between Springfield and Darra, in conjunction with the Darra to Springfield rail extension, due for completion in 2011-12
- \$93.5 million in joint Queensland-Australian Government funding to begin stage one of the Pacific Motorway Upgrade between Springwood South and Daisy Hill, due for completion in 2011-12, at a total cost of \$421.6 million
- \$37.8 million to complete the Eastern Busway between the Princess Alexandra Hospital and Buranda
- \$22.5 million for the South-East Queensland Cycle Network
- \$12.7 million to address urban congestion of arterial roads across South-East Queensland
- \$2 million for roadworks at the Fisherman Islands Business Park
- \$1.8 million for the Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety-Queensland, to continue its valuable work in research, education and outreach activities.

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



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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 further invest in the Greater Brisbane region with the following initiatives aimed at promoting education and early childhood development:

- \$633 million for vocational education and training activities
- \$155.3 million to improve State schools at Bayside, Bremer, Bundamba, Durack, Glenala, Silkstone, Wynnum and Wynnum North. This is part of a significant investment in the region under the State Schools of Tomorrow initiative
- \$26.8 million to construct a new school at Thornlands South scheduled to open in 2010. This will be one of seven new schools to be constructed across South East Queensland as part of the South East Queensland Schools Public Private Partnership project
- \$23.3 million to complete the \$26.1 million relocation of Amberley State School
- \$22.7 million to continue the \$62.1 million upgrade of the SkillsTech Australia trade campus at Acacia Ridge.

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.

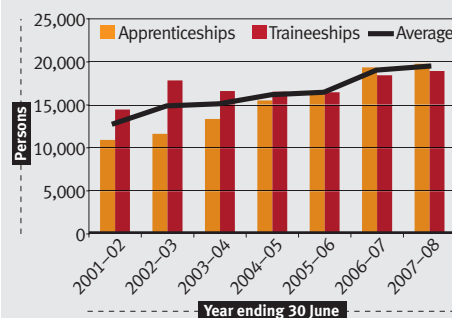
In 2009-10, individuals and families across Queensland will benefit from:

- \$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 facilities including the Combined Emergency Services Academy at Whyte Island
- \$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
- \$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.

The Greater Brisbane region will also benefit from the following initiatives aimed at improving emergency services:

- \$54 million towards the construction of the \$78.7 million integrated communications and emergency operations centre at Kedron
- \$32.4 million to complete the new \$110.5 million courthouse, police station and watchhouse at Ipswich
- \$3.68 million to complete the new \$4.19 million police station at Springfield
- \$3.2 million to replace the Woodridge Fire Station
- \$2.6 million to replace the Pullenvale Fire Station
- \$2.44 million to progress a \$2.5 million replacement police station for Camp Hill/Carina

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



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

- \$2.3 million to complete the \$2.8 million Redland Bay Fire Station
- \$2.24 million to complete the \$2.8 million refurbishment of the heritage-listed Fortitude Valley Police Station
- \$2.2 million for an ambulance station at Springfield
- \$1.96 million to complete the new \$6.47 million police station at Carseldine
- \$1.8 million for the new \$2 million ambulance station at Ashgrove/The Gap
- the donation of a \$6 million twin-engine helicopter to Surf Life Saving Queensland to patrol beaches between the Gold Coast and Noosa, and \$400,000 per annum towards ongoing operating costs.



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 Greater Brisbane region and across Queensland, visit the Q150 website at www.q150.qld.gov.au

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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 Greater Brisbane

Brisbane

Department of Communities – Greater Brisbane Regional Office

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

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 – 8:30am to 4:30pm

Brisbane

Department of Environment and Resource Management – Landcentre Business 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

Queensland Primary Industries and Fisheries

Primary Industries Building
80 Ann Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Telephone: 3404 6999
Facsimile: 3404 6900
Opening hours: Monday to Friday – 8am to 6pm

Brisbane Northside

Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation

825 Zillmere Road
Aspley QLD 4034
Telephone: 3406 6997
Facsimile: 3406 6977
Opening hours: Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 5pm

Brisbane Southside

Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation

6 Paxton Street
Springwood QLD 4127
Telephone: 3884 9750
Facsimile: 3808 9759
Opening hours: Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 5pm

Ipswich

Department of Communities – Moreton Regional Office

5-7 Wharf Street
Ipswich QLD 4305
Telephone: 3280 1777
Facsimile: 3280 1962
Opening hours: Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 5pm

Ipswich

Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation

26 East Street
Ipswich QLD 4305
Telephone: 3280 1951
Facsimile: 3280 1945
Opening hours: Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 5pm

North Stradbroke Island

QGAP

5 Ballow Street
Dunwich QLD 4183
Telephone: 3409 9906
Facsimile: 3409 9431
Opening hours: Tuesday, Thursday – 8:30am to 1pm then 2pm to 4pm
Inspections done at 1:45pm by appointment

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