



# Queensland State Budget 2011–12

Regional Budget Statement



Queensland Government

## Greater Brisbane

### 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 Greater Brisbane 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 Greater Brisbane

Smart Service Queensland  
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Telephone: 132 500  
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## 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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- **\$47 million** to commence works for the \$1.147 billion Moreton Bay Rail Link between Petrie and Kippa-Ring.



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- **\$6 million** to complete new ambulance stations at Pinjarra Hills and North Lakes.

- **\$118.3 million** to continue the \$417.7 million construction of the Richlands to Springfield rail project.

- **\$10.6 million** to support local community sports, including \$4.4 million for the Cricket Australia Centre of Excellence.

- **\$13 million** for kindergartens at Bald Hills, Durack, Gumdale, Kingston, Kruger, Logan Reserve, Mount Gravatt East, Regents Park and Seven Hills State Schools, Stretton State College and Woodcrest State College.

- **\$145.8 million** towards the \$334 million Translational Research Institute for health and medical research, in partnership with the Australian Government.



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- **\$692.7 million** for vocational education and training, including apprenticeships and traineeships.

- **\$244.3 million** towards the new \$570 million Brisbane Supreme and District Court.

- **\$1 million** to complete the new Carina Police Station.



- **\$8 million** towards construction of a new Olympic standard swimming pool and a ski jump facility at the Sleeman Sports Complex, in partnership with the Australian Government.

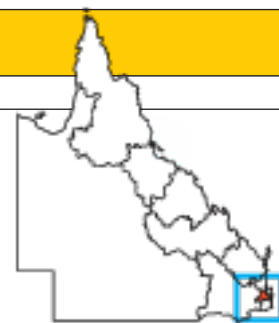
- **\$120 million** towards the \$385 million upgrade of Port Connect, including a three kilometre extension from the Gateway Motorway to Pritchard Street.

- **\$3.4 million** to continue planning for a new fire station at Brassall and a replacement fire station at Ripley to replace the existing Ipswich fire station.

- **\$30 million** to complete the \$146.7 million expansion of the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

- **\$241.7 million** towards the \$1.402 billion Queensland Children's Hospital.

- **\$66.3 million** to complete the \$465.8 million Eastern Busway between the South East Busway and Main Avenue, Coorparoo.



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

- **\$8.2 million** to acquire and manage a new national park on North Stradbroke Island.

## Disaster response funding

- ✚ **\$137.3 million** to local governments for recovery and reconstruction projects, in partnership with the Australian Government, including to rehabilitate riverside parks in Brisbane.
- ✚ **\$72.5 million** of \$145 million to be provided to fast-track reconstruction of Brisbane Ferry Terminals and the Riverwalk, in partnership with the Australian Government.
- ✚ **\$16 million** to reconstruct the AJ Wyllie Bridge on Gympie Road, Petrie, to improve flood resilience to future weather events.
- ✚ **\$26.5 million** of \$170 million to restore the prime transport connections between Brisbane and southern Queensland by repairing sections of the Warrego Highway.



## 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.
- **\$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.