

Mackay

Regional Hospitals Redevelopment

Regional Queenslanders will benefit from \$173.3 million for hospital redevelopments in Cairns, Mackay, Townsville, Rockhampton and Mt Isa. The total estimated cost is \$1.424 billion.

Cairns

- \$81.4 million for the \$446.3 million Cairns Hospital redevelopment, delivering an additional 168 beds by 2015.

The redeveloped Cairns Hospital will also provide an ambulatory cancer care centre, radiation oncology service, more cardiac care facilities, surgical capacity, intensive care capacity, birthing and special care nursery services, and aged care and rehabilitation.

Townsville

- \$41.2 million in 2014-15 for the \$334 million Queensland and Australian Government funded Townsville Hospital expansion.

The Townsville Hospital expansion will significantly expand health services in the Townsville region and deliver long-term local benefits. It will include an emergency department, maternity unit, intensive care unit, neonatal intensive care services, operating theatres, clinical support and services, pathology expansion, Townsville Cancer Centre expansion and Planned Procedure Centre.

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- \$29.4 million for the \$408.3 million Mackay Base Hospital redevelopment.

The Mackay Base Hospital redevelopment will almost double bed capacity to 318 beds. It will include emergency and outpatients departments, delivery suites and special care nursery, an intensive care and coronary care unit, inpatient surgical and medical wards, renal support, dental services and a mental health facility.

Rockhampton

- \$13.6 million for the \$173.1 million Queensland and Australian Government funded Rockhampton Hospital expansion.

The Rockhampton Hospital expansion will increase capacity by 30 beds, including four new operating rooms and support areas, a new eight-level building to house cancer services, medical officers' facilities, two wards and provision for a future intensive care unit.

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

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

267 new police

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 Mackay region will benefit from \$23.7 million for eight projects in the Isaac, Mackay and Whitsunday Regional Council areas that include water and sewerage projects, road upgrades, a new medical centre and flood mitigation works.

