Outback

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.

• \$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.

Mackay

• \$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 has included increasing capacity by 30 beds, 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.

Support for drought-affected Queenlanders

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

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 droughtaffected 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 resiliencebuilding 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).



A STRONG PLAN FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Regional Budget Statement OUTBACK

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 **№** 6% to

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 № 7% to \$13.6 billion \$11.8 billion

Great Results Guarantee

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

10 new schools **A A A A A A A A**

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



Royalties for the Regions \$495 million

for infrastructure improvements

Drought assistance \$62 million



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Quality Program

\$33.9 million



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A STRONG PLAN FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Royalties for the Regions

The Oueensland 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.

Outback Oueensland will benefit from \$31.2 million for 25 projects in the Aurukun, Barcoo, Boulia, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, Cook, Diamantina, Flinders, Mareeba, McKinlay and Quilpie Shires, Napranum Aboriginal Shire, Mt Isa City Council, and the Barcaldine and Blackall-Tambo Regional Council areas. These projects include childcare centres, water and sewerage projects, flood mitigation works, and telecommunications, regional airport and road upgrades.



Mining exploration

\$4.5 million of \$9 million for surveys in the Winton-Boulia-Dajarra area in northwest Queensland to search for ore bodies.



Cloncurry **bypass**

\$4.8 million for the Cloncurry heavy vehicle bypass and to upgrade the Flinders Highway intersection.



Social housing

\$219.4 million to expand and improve social housing, including \$158.9 million for remote Indigenous housing.



Indigenous heritage

\$7.6 million for Indigenous communities to protect natural and cultural resources in Cape York and the Lake Eyre Basin.

Communication

central west

\$5.3 million for a modern

technology for the

communication system that supports

economic development and improves

response for central west communities.

social connectivity and emergency



Safety for Torres Strait children

\$1.73 million for the Torres Strait Islands Child Safe House.

Thursday Island Police Station

of Thursday Island Police Station.



Kowanyama store upgrade

\$1.3 million to upgrade the Government-owned retail store at Kowanyama, with better food quality, lower operating costs and increased health and safety for staff and customers.



Safety for women

\$1.7 million for the Mornington Island Safe Haven Women's Resource Centre.

Mount Isa Health Campus

\$7.7 million to complete the \$62.6 million

Mount Isa Health Campus redevelopment.



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Winton

Longreach •

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Ouilpie •

Thargomindah

housing in Bamaga.

Cape York welfare reform \$8 million to continue the Cape York Welfare Reform program to December 2015.



\$815,000 for sustainable agriculture, weed management and

water quality in Queensland's wet tropics region.

Sustainable agriculture and water quality

Sport and recreation clubs

\$391,200 for the Get in the Game initiative to help sport and recreation organisations develop facilities to support active club membership.



Reef management

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

\$2.4 million of \$7.1 million for a bridge and

Clermont-Alpha Road, 63km north of

Alpha, due for completion in June 2015.

Gilbert River catchments.

approaches at Native Companion Creek, on the

Support for agriculture

\$480,000 for irrigated cropping and high-

value agriculture in both the Flinders and

Childcare

Bamaga police housing

\$1.5 million for additional police



\$1.7 million to complete the North Hughenden sewerage scheme and treatment plant upgrade.



Cape York Region Package

\$18.4 million of \$208.4 million from the Australian Government for the Cape York Region Package, a program of upgrades of key roads and other infrastructure to improve communities' access to economic opportunity.



Outback Way upgrades

\$7 million for the \$24.5 million program of upgrades to the Outback Way, in partnership with the Australian and local governments.



Alpha safety hub

\$90,000 for a facility in Alpha for public safety agencies.

\$1.4 million for the Collaborative Area Management project to target pests and weeds to protect and

enhance agriculture.

Protecting

agriculture



Carnarvon Highway

\$4.9 million of \$5.7 million to widen and seal shoulders on a section of the Carnarvon Highway, 40km south of Injune, due for completion in June 2015.

Recovery and reconstruction

\$120.9 million for local government authorities for recovery and reconstruction projects in partnership with the Australian Government.



Bore water plant

\$1.5 million to Richmond Shire Council for a bore water treatment plant.

Birdsville

bridge

Yuleba Creek

\$3.8 million of \$5.7 million to replace a bridge at Yuleba Creek on the Roma-Condamine Road, due for completion in December 2014.

Cunnamulla Mobile surgical services

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Charleville

\$2.6 million to provide a mobile surgical van for rural and remote areas.

Tackling homelessness

Barcaldine Kindy and

\$850,000 for Stage 1 of the Barcaldine

Kindergarten and Childcare Centre to

opportunities in the resources sector.

help parents take advantage of job

\$9 million for specialist homelessness services.