



# Queensland State Budget 2011–12

Regional Budget Statement



Queensland Government

## Sunshine 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.

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 Sunshine Coast 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 on the Sunshine Coast

Smart Service Queensland  
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Every Dollar Counts concessions website

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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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- **\$4.4 million** for new job creation programs and to grow a skilled workforce.
- **\$23.4 million** for additional inpatient, renal and oral health services at Caloundra and Nambour Hospitals.

- **\$500,000** to start the \$5 million upgrade to a section of Maleny-Kenilworth Road, between Cambrook Creek and Booloumba Creek Road at Cambrook.

- **\$7.7 million** for kindergartens at Banksia Beach, Caloundra, Kuluin, Mountain Creek, Peregrine Springs and Yandina State Schools and Kawana Waters State College.

- **\$196,000** to replace two bridges at Kondalilla Falls National Park.

- **\$6.1 million** to complete the \$8.9 million upgrade to Nambour-Mapleton Road between Willandra Place and Mapleton.

- **\$10 million** towards the \$153.1 million duplication of Morayfield Road between the Bruce Highway and Gaffield Street.

- **\$1.7 million** of \$3 million to install pressure relief valves and meet flood capacity requirements at the Ewen Maddock Dam.

- **\$8.7 million** for more classrooms at Meridan State College.



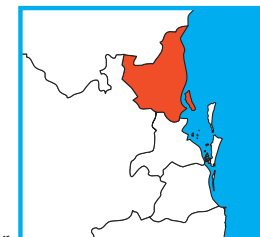
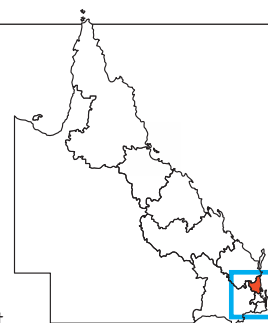
- **\$2.9 million** to support local community sports including \$146,895 to install an abseiling and climbing wall tower at Apex Youth Camp, Mudjimba.

- **\$11.6 million** towards new cardiac and vascular surgery procedural suites, a dedicated endoscopy procedural unit and a new outpatient neurosurgery service at Nambour Hospital.

- **\$8.7 million** of \$12.8 million to redevelop the Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE campus at Nambour.

- **\$9 million** towards enhanced capacity of the emergency department at Caloundra Hospital.

- **\$2.6 million** to complete a new ambulance station at Ningi.



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

- **\$46.3 million** towards the new \$2.033 billion Sunshine Coast University Hospital and Sunshine Coast Academic Research Centre.

- **\$114.5 million** for vocational education and training, including apprenticeships and traineeships.



## Disaster response funding

- ✚ **\$18.2 million** to local governments for recovery and reconstruction projects, in partnership with the Australian Government.

- ✚ **\$75,000** 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.