Delivering for DARLING DOWNS

The Queensland Budget will directly support the Darling Downs with significant expenditure in 2018-19 including:

**Infrastructure** $1.246B

- for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around 4,100 jobs in Darling Downs.

**Health** $950.9M

- for the Darling Downs and South West Hospital and Health Services.

**Education** $50.7M

- for maintenance and capital work projects for schools in Darling Downs.

Darling Downs will also benefit from:

**Drought Relief** $34.6M

- in 2018-19 to continue support for Queensland producers and communities affected by drought.

**Toowoomba Second Range Crossing** $1.606B

- to improve the flow of heavy vehicle traffic around Toowoomba.

**Back to Work - Regional** $305M

- including an additional $155 million to support employers hiring eligible unemployed jobseekers in regional Queensland.

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**Skilling Queenslanders for Work**

- $13 million allocated to provide training to 1,608 people, including 897 people who have now been employed. (July 2015 to April 2018)

**Building our Regions**

- $39 million allocated to 18 projects to provide funding for critical infrastructure in regional areas of the state to support economic development, including generating jobs. (March 2015 to March 2018)

**Drought Relief**

- $5.9 million in financial assistance provided to 739 farms to help manage the adverse impacts of drought. (March 2015 to March 2018)

**Works for Queensland**

- $18.8 million provided to regional councils to undertake 76 maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Darling Downs. (December 2016 to April 2018)

Restoring frontline services in Darling Downs

- 302 extra nurses up 17.2%
- 68 extra doctors up 20.6%
- 183 extra teachers up 6.3%
- 64 extra teacher aides up 8.7%

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The Queensland Government is investing in Darling Downs by delivering a diverse range of projects and initiatives, including:

1. Roma Hospital redevelopment
   $60.1 million in 2018-19 out of a $90.4 million total spend for redevelopments delivering 18 single rooms including palliative care and mental health care, two two-bed patient rooms, two birth suites, six accommodation units, a perioperative suite including two operating theatres and parking. Part of the Enhancing Regional Hospitals Program.

2. South West Hospital and Health Service upgrade of electrical services
   $503,171 in 2018-19 out of a $6.8 million total spend for upgrades to existing electrical services at the Augathella, Dirranbandi, Mitchell, and Mungrinde Multi-Purpose Health Services and Cunnamulla Hospital.

3. Warrego Highway rail crossing upgrade - Chinchilla
   $14.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $16 million total spend, due for completion May 2019. Part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

4. Warrego Highway overtaking lanes - Dalby to Miles
   $20.2 million in 2018-19 out of a $35 million total spend, due for completion in November 2018. Part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

5. Yarraman replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station
   $800,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1.5 million total spend to replace the Yarraman auxiliary fire and rescue station.

6. Abandoned Mine Lands Program - Linc Energy mine site
   $9.6 million in 2018-19 out of $15.3 million total spend to 2021-22 to manage the disclaimed mine site as part of the Abandoned Mines Land Program.

7. Warrego Highway safety upgrade - Oakey to Miles
   $19.8 million in 2018-19 out of a $40 million total spend, due for completion in June 2019. Part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

8. Dalby Eastern and Western Access upgrade
   $21.3 million in 2018-19 out of a $115 million total spend to widen the Warrego Highway south-east of Dalby and improve access between Condamine Street and Watt Street. Due for completion in late 2018. Part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

9. Dalby Civic Centre development
   $751,086 in 2018-19 out of a $1.1 million total spend to upgrade an existing pavilion to an integrated entertainment precinct. Part of the 2017-19 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

10. Dalby State School - additional classrooms and administration block
    $2.8 million in 2018-19 out of a $3.6 million total spend to replace classrooms and administration block.

11. Elderly Parent Carer Innovation Initiative - Crows Nest
    $43,800 in 2018-19 out of a $438,000 total spend to assist elderly parents to secure sustainable living arrangements for their adult sons or daughters with disability.

12. Tara Shire State College - early years service
    $3.6 million in 2018-19 out of a $3.8 million total spend to construct an early years service.

13. Highfields State Secondary College - additional classrooms
    $5.6 million in 2018-19 out of a $7.9 million total spend to construct sports hall and eight learning areas.

14. New England Highway Cycleway - Toowoomba CBD to Highfields
    $7 million in 2018-19 out of a $7.5 million total spend, due for completion in June 2019.

15. Chariton fire and rescue services
    $3 million in 2018-19 out of a $10.6 million total spend to upgrade the co-located fire station, regional communications centre and regional headquarters.

16. Advancing Our Training Infrastructure - Toowoomba
    $4 million in 2018-19 out of a state-wide spend of up to $85 million over three years to redevelop, refurbish and expand identified high-need TAFE facilities.

17. Lockyer Neighbourhood Centre
    $250,000 in 2018-19 to upgrade the neighbourhood centre.

18. Cobb+Co Museum maintenance
    $176,000 in 2018-19 out of a $500,000 total spend to address maintenance and safety issues at the museum.

19. Harristown State High School - additional classrooms
    $11.1 million in 2018-19 out of a $12 million total spend to construct a new building - 14 learning areas and four specialist areas.

20. Centenary Heights State High School - new performing arts centre
    $8.9 million in 2018-19 out of a $9.2 million total spend to construct a new performing arts centre and refurbish existing classroom blocks.

Please note: Not all Government expenditure for the region is shown. Dollar amounts may include capital and operating expenditure, though may not represent the entire funding allocated.
Drayton - new ambulance station  
$1.2 million in 2018-19 out of a $4.6 million total spend for the planning and construction of a new ambulance station.

Carnarvon Highway widening - St George to Surat  
$8.7 million in 2018-19 out of a $16.5 million total spend, due for completion in January 2019. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

Yarranlea Substation upgrade  
$887,959 in 2018-19 out of a $8.1 million total spend to carry out substation refurbishment work to improve network performance.

Beardmore Dam - Thuraggi channel repair  
$1.2 million in 2018-19 out of a $2.1 million total spend to extend the existing channel structure for future protection.

Dirranbandi auxiliary fire and rescue station upgrade  
$500,000 in 2018-19 out of a $800,000 total spend to upgrade the auxiliary fire and rescue station.

Glen Niven Dam  
$5 million in 2018-19 to meet dam safety requirements.

Stanthorpe Hospital roof replacement  
$870,065 in 2018-19 out of a $885,900 total spend to replace the roof of the main building and western annex.

Driving Queensland Agriculture and Rural Jobs Growth  
$7.4 million in 2018-19 out of a $19.2 million total spend over three years to support the Rural Jobs Initiative, Rural Economic Development Grants Scheme, Queensland Feral Pest Initiative and Pulse Storage Research, Development and Extension.

First 5 Forever  
$155,000 in 2018-19 to deliver the First 5 Forever family literacy initiative which helps parents and carers to improve development outcomes for children 0-5 years.

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**Warrego Highway Upgrade Program**

The $635 million program comprises projects being delivered between Toowoomba and Miles, jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments. The upgrades are essential to the region’s economic growth, with $150.8 million allocated in 2018-19. Key projects include:

- Oakley to Miles safety upgrade – a $40 million project of road treatments to improve the safety on the busiest sections of the highway
- Dalby to Miles overtaking lanes – a $35 million project to provide additional overtaking lanes at regular intervals in both directions. Construction started in January 2018
- Dalby Eastern and Western Access upgrades – $115 million total spend to widen the Warrego Highway south-east of Dalby and improve access between Condamine Street and Watt Street, due for completion in late 2018
- Drillham to Palardo upgrade – an $11 million project to widen narrow sections of the highway to a safe standard for heavy vehicles. Construction started in May 2018.

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**Roma Hospital Redevelopment**

The $90.4 million redevelopment of Roma Hospital will see ageing infrastructure replaced with new facilities to enable the delivery of contemporary models of care.

It will deliver additional patient beds, birth suites, operating rooms and accommodation for families or people having to travel long distances for day surgery. Construction has commenced and is scheduled to be completed by 2020.
The 2018-19 Budget supports the delivery of the Palaszczuk Government’s election commitments and includes measures focused on building the infrastructure our community needs and expects, supporting the delivery of services for all Queenslanders and developing the skills needed in a changing economy.

Since January 2015 approximately 150,000 jobs have been created in Queensland. This Budget will continue to support job creation and deliver for Queenslanders, with key initiatives including:

- $808 million over seven years for the Building Future Schools Fund to deliver world-class learning environments and address enrolment growth
- $109.6 million over two years to increase nurse navigators to 400 and $57 million over four years to recruit an additional 100 midwives
- $171.9 million over four years for 400 police officers in high priority areas across the state
- $330 million over five years to protect our national treasure, the Great Barrier Reef
- $371.1 million over the next four years to deliver a new public transport ticketing system across the state
- $26 million to extend the increased the Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate initiative (up from 25 per cent to 50 per cent) until June 2019
- $200 million over three years to extend Works for Queensland for regional maintenance and minor infrastructure works
- $40 million over two years for the Growth Area and Regional Infrastructure Investment Fund
- additional funding to bring Advance Queensland support to $650 million
- a further $155 million to extend the Back to Work regional program to continue to provide support payments to employers, with applications open until 30 June 2020
- $180 million over three years to boost Skilling Queenslanders for Work to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation
- the Government’s commitment to employ 3,700 teachers over the next four years at an estimated cost of $1 billion
- up to $34.6 million in 2018-19 for the continuation of the Drought Assistance Package, including the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme.

All figures refer to 2018-19 financial year unless otherwise stated.