Delivering for the GOLD COAST

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

**Infrastructure**

$680.4M for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around 2,300 jobs on the Gold Coast.

**Health**

$1.494B for the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service.

**Education**

$81.7M for maintenance and capital work projects for schools in Gold Coast.

**Gold Coast will also benefit from:**

- **Building Future Schools Fund**
  - $808M over seven years, including $308 million in additional funding over six years, to deliver world class learning environments and meet enrolment demand.

- **Screen Queensland**
  - $50M including $20 million in additional funding over two years, to invest in the attraction of major screen productions.

- **Skilling Queenslanders for Work**
  - $420M including an additional $180 million over three years from 2018-19 to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation.

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- **Advance Queensland**
  - $5.8 million of grants awarded to 88 applicants to drive innovation, build on our natural advantages, and help raise the Gold Coast’s profile as an attractive investment destination. Part of the $650 million Advance Queensland initiative. (July 2016 to April 2018)

- **Recovery and resilience against natural disasters**
  - $5 million for the provision of financial assistance for capital works to disaster affected communities in 2018-19.

- **Skilling Queenslanders for Work**
  - $12.7 million allocated to provide training to 2,250 people, including 1,181 people who have now been employed. (July 2015 to April 2018)

- **Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate**
  - $4.3 million in rebates claimed by 496 businesses to reinvest and support employment. (July 2015 to April 2018)

**Restoring frontline services on the Gold Coast**

- 653 extra nurses up 23.6%
- 186 extra doctors up 20.4%
- 507 extra teachers up 11.4%
- 69 extra teacher aides up 8%

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The Queensland Government is investing on the Gold Coast by delivering a diverse range of projects and initiatives, including:

1. **Ormeau Woods State High School - additional classrooms**
   - $6.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $7.8 million total spend to construct a new building - five learning areas and three specialist areas.

2. **Pimpama new permanent fire and rescue station**
   - $500,000 in 2018-19 out of a $3 million total spend to construct a new permanent fire and rescue station at Pimpama.

3. **Pimpama State Secondary College - additional classrooms and performing arts centre**
   - $9.2 million in 2018-19 out of a $16.5 million total spend to construct two new buildings including Performing Arts Centre and 15 learning areas, nine specialist areas.

4. **Picnic Creek State School - new school**
   - $3.3 million in 2018-19 out of a $31 million total spend to continue construction of new primary school in Coomera. Stage 2 works include 12 general learning areas and three outdoor learning areas.

5. **New secondary school in Coomera/Pimpama**

6. **Helensvale State High School - additional classrooms**
   - $7.3 million in 2018-19 out of a $10.1 million total spend to construct a new building - 12 learning areas and two specialist areas.

7. **Tamborine Mountain State High School - additional classrooms**
   - $2.2 million in 2018-19 out of a $12.2 million total spend to construct a new building - six learning areas and nine specialist areas.

8. **Labrador Substation upgrade**
   - $2.6 million in 2018-19 out of a $16.9 million total spend to carry out network construction works to improve network performance.

9. **Arundel police services**
   - $2.4 million in 2018-19 out of an $11.5 million total spend to construct a new police facility at Arundel.

10. **Gold Coast Parklands Health and Knowledge Precinct**
    - $3 million in 2018-19 out of a $29.4 million total spend to develop a nine hectare Health and Knowledge Precinct within the Parklands Priority Development Area.

11. **Gold Coast Operations Centre redevelopment**
    - $200,000 in 2018-19 out of a $6.2 million total spend to commence planning for the replacement of the existing Queensland Ambulance Operations Centre.

12. **Bundall Substation upgrade**
    - $2.2 million in 2018-19 out of a $9.8 million total spend to carry out network construction works to improve network performance.

13. **Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre**
    - $648,000 in 2018-19 out of a $4 million total spend to undertake rectification and maintenance works.

14. **Robina Hospital upgrades**
    - $8 million in 2018-19 out of an $11.1 million total spend to upgrade infrastructure to align with best practices for mental health service provision, as well as replace and update water systems throughout the hospital site.

15. **Pacific Motorway construct extra lane – Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes**
    - $70 million in 2018-19 out of a $197.5 million total spend, due for completion in May 2020. Partially funded by the State Infrastructure Fund, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

16. **Lamington National Park Road restoration, Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements**
    - $8.4 million in 2018-19 out of a $15.5 million total spend, due for completion in December 2018. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

17. **Gold Coast Recreation Centre**
    - $6.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $7.9 million total spend for capital works projects to improve sports and recreation activities and accommodation at the facility in Tallebudgera.

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.
The Queensland Government is investing on the Gold Coast by delivering for the Gold Coast.

**Palm Beach-Currumbin State High School - additional classrooms**
$1.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $8.3 million total spend to construct a new building - six learning areas and two specialist areas.

**Coplicks Family Sports Park**
$274,500 in 2018-19 out of a $1.5 million total spend to construct playing fields, irrigation, lighting, amenities, club house and cycle ways to support multi-sport at Tallebudgera. The program is delivered in partnership with City of Gold Coast. Part of the Get Playing Plus Program.

**Wildlife management**
$250,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1 million total spend to support the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital Foundation provide care to sick and injured wildlife.

**Gold Coast - Springbrook Road**
$13.9 million in 2018-19 out of a $21.1 million total spend to remEDIATE batter slopes as part of Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements. Due for completion in January 2019. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**Springbrook National Park**
$500,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1.1 million total spend to upgrade park visitor facilities.

**Lamington National Park - infrastructure revitalisation**
$713,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1.5 million total spend to upgrade and replace visitor facilities.

**First 5 Forever**
$175,000 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.

**Gold Coast medical imaging informatics solution**
$3 million in 2018-19 out of a $12.8 million total spend for replacement of radiology and archiving systems to meet the healthcare needs of the community.

**Gold Coast waterways dredging**
$4.9 million in 2018-19 out of a $12.3 million total spend to improve access and safety by dredging navigation channels and providing safe access to Gold Coast waterways.

**Homelessness services**
$7.7 million in 2018-19 to deliver specialist homelessness services.

**Gold Coast Light Rail - Stage 3A**
$2 million in 2018-19 out of a $5 million total spend to progress planning for the Gold Coast Light Rail - Stage 3A, in partnership with the City of Gold Coast.

**Safe Urban Villages**
$55,671 in 2018-19 out of a $159,060 total spend to deploy CCTV cameras to Nobby Beach, Chevron Island and Southport to reduce crime and increase safety. Part of the 2017-19 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

**Skilling Queenslanders for Work**
$4.9 million in 2018-19 out of a $420 million total spend statewide to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation.

**Social housing**
$38.4 million in 2018-19 to expand and improve social housing.

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**Pacific Motorway improvements**

The M1 Pacific Motorway upgrade between Mudgeeraba (Exit 79) and Varsity Lakes (Exit 85) will provide additional capacity to meet current and future traffic demands. The $197.5 million project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments, with the Australian Government contributing $110 million and the Queensland Government contributing the balance. $70 million has been allocated in 2018-19 to continue the widening of a 5.7 kilometre section of the motorway to three lanes in each direction between Mudgeeraba and Varsity Lakes and four lanes northbound between Robina and The Link Way.

Additional funding has also been allocated to the $1.03 billion Varsity Lakes to Tugun upgrade, to be delivered in partnership between the Queensland and Australian governments. Business case development for the widening of the section from four to six lanes will continue during 2018-19, and it is expected that the project can begin after completion of the Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes upgrade.

The upgrades will reduce travel time and congestion, improve safety, and increase traffic flow, and interchange enhancements will improve access on and off the motorway.

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**The legacy of GC2018**

The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games showcased the Gold Coast to the world, and investments made to support the event will ensure ongoing benefits for the region. Work has begun on converting the former Athletes Village into a mixed use residential, retail and commercial development, one of the largest legacy projects from the Commonwealth Games.

This development is within the $550 million Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct, which is supported by over $5 billion in world-class infrastructure, including the Gold Coast University Hospital, the new Gold Coast Private Hospital and Griffith University and forms a 200-hectare high-tech hub. The Precinct seeks to create one of the most advanced health and knowledge innovation hubs in the Asia-Pacific. It is expected to support thousands of jobs for Queenslanders and generate $2.9 billion for the economy in the next decade.
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.**