Outback Queensland will also benefit from:

- **Infrastructure**
  - **$487.9M**
  - Support for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around 1,700 jobs in Outback Queensland.

- **Health**
  - **$2.543B**
  - Support for the Caims and Hinterland, Townsville, Torres and Cape, North West, Central West, and South West Hospital and Health Services.

- **Education**
  - **$7.3M**
  - Support for maintenance and capital work projects for schools in Outback Queensland.

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- **$102.2M**
  - Support in 2018-19 to reimburse local governments for recovery and reconstruction projects for natural disaster events that occurred between 2016 and 2018.

- **$70.4M**
  - Support over four years, including $17.6 million in 2018-19, to support clubs and racing club infrastructure across Queensland.

- **$305 M**
  - Support including an additional $155 million to support employers hiring eligible unemployed jobseekers in regional Queensland.

**Delivered in Outback Queensland**

- **Back to Work**
  - **$3.9 million** of payments have been paid to 210 employers to employ 505 eligible unemployed jobseekers.
  - (July 2016 to May 2018)

- **Works for Queensland**
  - **$55.6 million** provided to regional councils to undertake 287 maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Outback Queensland.
  - (December 2016 to April 2018)

- **Drought Relief**
  - **$23.7 million** in financial assistance provided to 1,148 farms to help manage the adverse impacts of drought.
  - (March 2015 to March 2018)

- **Building our Regions**
  - **$32.1 million** allocated to 51 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)

**Restoring frontline services in Outback Queensland**

- **58 extra nurses**
  - **up 10.4%**

- **22 extra doctors**
  - **up 33.3%**

- **20 extra teachers**
  - **up 2.6%**

- **6 extra teacher aides**
  - **up 2.3%**

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

1. **Mornington Island Hospital**
   - $1.8 million in 2018-19 out of a $2 million total spend for the provision of staff accommodation for Mornington Island Hospital.

2. **Doomadgee Water Park Playground**
   - $251,748 in 2018-19 out of a $359,640 total spend to construct a water park playground to entertain and engage the youth. Part of the 2017-19 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

3. **Kennedy Developmental Road sealing - The Lynd to Hughenden**
   - $1.3 million in 2018-19 out of a $50 million total spend, due for completion in March 2020. Part of the Northern Australia Roads Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

4. **Power Reliability Hilton - Lake Julius**
   - $1.7 million in 2018-19 out of a $7.8 million total spend to continue renewal of high-voltage yards and electro-mechanical equipment in the Lake Julius Power System.

5. **Lake Julius power pole replacement**
   - $279,500 in 2018-19 out of a $2.3 million total spend to continue replacing the aged timber poles and cross arms of the Lake Julius 66kV power line with bushfire resistant materials (concrete and steel).

6. **Mica Creek infrastructure**
   - $200,000 in 2018-19 out of a $600,000 total spend to plan and design infrastructure enabling major industry development to support jobs and regional economic development.

7. **Power Reliability Moondarra System**
   - $219,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1.3 million total spend to complete the refurbishment of Moondarra switchyard for improved resilience.

8. **Mount Isa City Council - diesel backup**
   - $157,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1.3 million total spend to commence procurement of diesel backup functionality supporting potable water supply.

9. **Mount Isa Hockey Association Inc.**
   - $113,095 in 2018-19 to upgrade an amenities block including toilets and showers to support male and female participation in hockey. Part of the Female Facilities Program.

10. **Mount Isa replacement combined Queensland Fire and Emergency Services area office**
    - $2 million in 2018-19 out of a $2.5 million total spend to construct and establish a combined area office with co-located facilities for Fire and Rescue, Rural Fire, the State Emergency Service and Emergency Management in Mount Isa to service north-western Queensland.

11. **Richmond replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station**
    - $1.2 million in 2018-19 out of a $2.2 million total spend to replace the Richmond auxiliary fire and rescue station.

12. **Hughenden and Richmond Hospital staff accommodation**
    - $2.4 million in 2018-19 out of a $2.5 million total spend to construct staff accommodation for Hughenden and Richmond Hospitals. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

13. **Flinders Highway culvert upgrades - Charters Towers to Hughenden**
    - $3.3 million in 2018-19 out of a $14.4 million total spend, due for completion in January 2020. Part of the Northern Australia Roads Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

14. **Elderslie Street Asset Renewal**
    - $666,183 in 2018-19 out of a $951,691 total spend to upgrade and improve the road pavement to provide a safer road and thoroughfare. Part of the 2017-19 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

15. **Boulia Community Hospital refurbishment**
    - $1.7 million in 2018-19 out of a $2.2 million total spend to modernise the existing building and improve patient care, focusing on chronic disease, Aboriginal health, mental health, in-home community nursing and telehealth services. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

16. **Clermont - Alpha Road pave and seal**
    - $6 million in 2018-19 out of a $8.7 million total spend, due for completion in May 2019. Part of the Northern Australia Beef Roads Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

17. **Landsborough Highway widening - Dingo Creek to Darr River**
    - $6.4 million in 2018-19 out of a $2.5 million total spend, due for completion in March 2020. Part of the Northern Australia Roads Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

18. **Barcaldine Substation upgrade**
    - $2.2 million in 2018-19 out of a $3.4 million total spend to carry out protection refurbishment work to improve network performance.

19. **Australian Workers Heritage Centre**
    - $2.2 million in 2018-19 to deliver a new entrance building with street frontage, improvements to the outback education and excursion centre and a new exhibition featuring stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers. Part of the Growing Tourism, Growing Tourism Jobs.
The Queensland Government is investing in Outback Queensland by engaging the youth. Part of the Mornington Island Hospital.

**Power Reliability**
- **Lake Julius**
- **Grants and Subsidies**
- **Hughenden Road sealing**
- **Mount Isa City Council**
- **Barcaldine Substation upgrade**
- **Elderslie Street Asset Renewal**
- **Flinders Highway culvert upgrades**
- **First 5 Forever**
- **Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program**
- **Australian Workers Heritage**
- **Backing Indigenous Arts**
- **Driving Queensland Agriculture and Rural Jobs Growth**
- **Thargomindah Geothermal Power Plant**
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- **Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund**
- **Remote Indigenous Housing**
- **Skilling Queenslanders for Work**
- **Works for Queensland**

Further funding of $5 million has been provided in 2018-19 to assist western councils to sustain workforces.

This funding is in addition to over $800 million allocated in the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2018-19 to 2021-22 for the North West, Central West and South West Districts. Projects continuing in 2018-19 include the paving and sealing of various sections of the Clermont to Alpha Road, Flinders Highway culvert upgrades (Charters Towers to Hughenden), sealing the Kennedy Developmental Road (The Lynd to Hughenden) and widening and strengthening the pavement on the Landsborough Highway between Dingo Creek and Darr River.

**Regional Tourism Infrastructure**

The Government is supporting Outback Queensland with new investment in cultural and heritage tourism, unique education experiences, training and employment pathways and economic growth. An additional $46 million for a new Regional Tourism Infrastructure and Experience Development Program has been provided to assist communities to grow tourism, and develop tourism industry capability. This includes $2.5 million in 2018-19 to facilitate outback tourism infrastructure projects.
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 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.**