Delivering for WIDE BAY

The Queensland Budget will directly support Wide Bay with significant expenditure in 2018-19 including:

**Infrastructure**
$591.7M
for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around 2,200 jobs in Wide Bay.

**Health**
$2.612B
for the Wide Bay, Darling Downs, and Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Services.

**Education**
$22.1M
for maintenance and capital work projects for schools in Wide Bay.

Wide Bay will also benefit from:

**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.

**Building our Regions**
$70M
in additional funding over three years for Round 4 of Building our Regions, which helps to deliver critical infrastructure for the regions.

**Social Housing**
$31.4M
in 2018-19 to expand and improve social housing in Wide Bay.

Delivered in Wide Bay

**Skilling Queenslanders for Work**
$16.7 million allocated to provide training to 2,178 people, including 1,128 people who have now been employed. (July 2015 to April 2018)

**Back to Work**
$20.3 million of payments have been paid to 1,245 employers to employ 2,486 eligible unemployed jobseekers. (July 2016 to May 2018)

**Building our Regions**
$34.7 million allocated to 19 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)

**Works for Queensland**
$73.9 million provided to regional councils to undertake 235 maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Wide Bay. (December 2016 to April 2018)

**Restoring frontline services in Wide Bay**
Growth from March 2015 to March 2018

- 131 extra nurses up 8.4%
- 65 extra doctors up 17.5%
- 39 extra teachers up 1.3%
- 64 extra teacher aides up 8.5%

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

1. Mon Repos Conservation Park
   - $13.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $17.4 million total spend, delivering on the $2.4 million commitment to redevelop the Mon Repos Turtle Centre and Conservation Park visitor centre. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

2. Gooburrum State School - additional classrooms
   - $2.2 million in 2018-19 out of a $2.7 million total spend to construct a new building - four learning areas.

3. Bundaberg Hospital Pathology Department refurbishment
   - $1.7 million in 2018-19 out of a $3.6 million total spend to upgrade the pathology department.

4. Bundaberg irrigation and water supply refurbishment and enhancement
   - $1.2 million in 2018-19 to repair, maintain, renew and enhance existing water infrastructure assets and water supply scheme for Bundaberg irrigation.

5. Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
   - $638,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1.2 million total spend to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Bundaberg as part of the $12 million 2018-19 Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program. Delivered in partnership with the private sector.

6. Kepnock State High School - multi-purpose hall
   - $1.8 million in 2018-19 out of a $3.6 million total spend to construct a new multi-purpose hall.

7. Percy Hindmarsh Bridge replacement
   - $409,253 in 2018-19 out of a $584,647 total spend to replace the irreparably damaged Percy Hindmarsh Bridge at Rawbelle with an improved concrete bridge structure providing a more resilient access and evacuation route during flood events. Part of the 2017-19 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

8. Gin Gin Substation rebuild
   - $7 million in 2018-19 out of a $22.8 million total spend to replace aged primary plant and secondary systems to ensure continued reliability of supply to the surrounding area.

9. Elliott Heads Foreshore redevelopment
   - $1.1 million in 2018-19 out of a $1.6 million total spend to build new amenities, multi-modal pathways, landscaping and upgrade the car park. Part of the 2017-19 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

10. Bruce Highway widening and rehabilitation - Hebbards Road to North South Road, Apple Tree Creek
    - $3.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $15.5 million total spend, due for completion in September 2018. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

11. Bundaberg Hospital pathology department refurbishment
    - $826,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1.6 million total spend for refurbishments to support local and surrounding communities.

12. Hervey Bay - new ambulance station
    - $300,000 in 2018-19 out of a $4.6 million total spend to construct a new ambulance station and widen capacity to support local and surrounding communities.

13. Hervey Bay emergency department expansion
    - $11.9 million in 2018-19 out of a $42.5 million total spend to construct a new emergency department, increasing emergency beds from 19 to 37, and short-stay beds from 12 to 24. Part of the Enhancing Regional Hospitals Program.

14. Howard police, fire and emergency services
    - $775,000 in 2018-19 out of a $8.7 million total spend to replace Howard police station and construct a rural fire service and SES facility. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

15. Paradise Dam water supply refurbishment and enhancement
    - $319,000 in 2018-19 to repair, maintain, renew and enhance existing water infrastructure assets and water supply schemes for Paradise Dam.

16. Eidsvold Multi-Purpose Health Service
    - $422,804 in 2018-19 out of a $1.6 million total spend for a complete refurbishment to improve patient care, security and storage.

17. Maryborough Hospital Emergency Department
    - $2.4 million in 2018-19 out of a $5 million total spend for refurbishments to support quality and safe emergency services and to meet current and future healthcare needs. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

18. Maryborough Hospital Specialist Outpatient Department refurbishment
    - $4.6 million in 2018-19 out of a $5 million total spend to refurbish the Maryborough Specialist Outpatient Department to support the provision of quality and safe outpatient services to meet current and future healthcare needs. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.
Gayndah Hospital upgrades  
$3.7 million in 2018-19 out of a $4.7 million total spend for a complete refurbishment to improve patient care, including upgrades to buildings and roofing, and security, storage and service delivery facilities.

Abandoned Mine Lands Program - Rainbow Beach  
$500,000 in 2018-19 to manage sand mining legacy issues as part of the Abandoned Mine Lands program.

Kilkivan replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station  
$900,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1.8 million total spend to replace the Kilkivan auxiliary fire and rescue station.

Bruce Highway intersection upgrades - Fleming Road to Fishermans Pocket Road, Chatsworth  
$9 million in 2018-19 out of a $12 million total spend, due for completion in July 2019. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

James Nash State High School - additional classrooms  
$826,000 in 2018-19 out of a $4.6 million total spend to construct a new building - four learning areas and two specialist areas.

East Murgon Neighbourhood Centre  
$2.9 million in 2018-19 out of a $3.1 million total spend to replace the existing neighbourhood centre.

Wooroolin replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station  
$800,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1.4 million total spend to replace the Wooroolin auxiliary fire and rescue station.

Kingaroy Hospital Redevelopment  
$20 million in 2018-19 out of a $62 million total spend to increase the range of surgical services and number of patient treatment spaces. The project will enhance the hospital’s role as a hub for trauma, paediatric, obstetric, rehabilitation and mental health services. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

KEY  
- Community wellbeing  
- Utilities  
- Health  
- Education  
- Transport and roads  
- Justice and safety  
- Government services  
- Recreation and culture  
- Statewide/region-wide  
- Election commitment

Kingaroy State High School - multi-purpose hall  
$264,000 in 2018-19 out of a $3.6 million total spend to construct a new multi-purpose hall.

First 5 Forever  
$130,000 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.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work  
$6.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $420 million total spend statewide to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation.

Works for Queensland  
$16.6 million in 2018-19 out of a $37.7 million total spend to support local governments in Wide Bay to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works. Part of the 2017-19 Works for Queensland program.

New Generation Rollingstock

The Queensland Government has committed funding to rectify New Generation Rollingstock trains to resolve the compliance issues resulting from the procurement process in 2014 and to carry out this rectification work in Maryborough.

The trains’ accessibility is being finalised in collaboration with key stakeholders including the disability sector.

In addition, the Queensland Government is taking active measures to ensure this non-compliance is not repeated, including:

- a requirement for all procurement contracts to include an explicit obligation to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- the appointment of disability advocates to the industry advisory groups under the Government’s Buy Queensland Procurement Policy
- the creation of a new Accessible Transport Networks Team within the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Mon Repos Turtle Centre upgrade

The Mon Repos Turtle Centre, a marine turtle nesting attraction at the Mon Repos Conservation Park, is one of Queensland’s most popular wildlife experiences, providing a major tourism drawcard and generating significant economic benefit for the Bundaberg area.

Following a detailed planning and design process with input from the Bundaberg Regional Council, regional tourism industry and the local community, the Queensland Government increased its investment from $10 million to $17.4 million.

The additional funding will help realise the full potential of the new turtle centre and park by creating a year-round tourism destination. Queensland businesses and workers will also benefit from the project, with all tenders associated with the work being awarded to Queensland companies.

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 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
- $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.