



REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

CREATING JOBS FOR THE DARLING DOWNS

The Queensland Budget will directly support job creation in the Darling Downs region with significant expenditure including:

Infrastructure

\$723M

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **2,400 jobs** in this region in 2020-21.

Health

\$1.1B

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

Education

\$62.8M

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in the Darling Downs.

The Darling Downs region will also benefit from:

Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction

\$36M

to local governments for recovery and reconstruction projects relating to natural disaster events which occurred between 2018 and 2020 in the Darling Downs.

Social housing

\$22M

in 2020-21 to expand and improve social housing, including \$5.5 million Works for Tradies Initiative contributing to Queensland's economic recovery.

Karara Wind Farm

\$250M

for CleanCo to build, own and operate the new 102.6 megawatt Karara Wind Farm near Warwick.

Delivering for the Darling Downs region

Advance Queensland

\$33.5 million of grants awarded to 342 applicants to drive innovation, build on our natural advantages, and help raise the Darling Downs profile as an attractive investment destination. Part of the \$755 million Advance Queensland initiative.

(July 2015 to September 2020)

Building our Regions

\$55.4 million allocated to 30 projects in the Darling Downs to assist local councils to deliver critical infrastructure and support 399 jobs during construction.

(March 2015 to October 2020)

Drought Relief Assistance Scheme Funding

\$32.8 million in financial assistance provided to 2,155 farms to help manage the adverse impacts of drought.

(March 2015 to October 2020)

Works for Queensland

\$28.3 million provided to regional councils to undertake 118 job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in the Darling Downs.

(February 2017 to November 2020)

Restoring frontline services for the Darling Downs

(March 2015 to September 2020)



469 extra nurses, up 26.8%



146 extra doctors, up 44.1%



251 extra teachers, up 9%



117 extra teacher aides, up 16%



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1 Mitchell new bore installation
\$198,360 in 2020-21 out of a \$600,000 total spend to construct a new bore connecting to the reticulation network and upgrades to ensure long term sustainability for the water supply.

2 Maranoa and Balonne Tyre Recycling Project
\$136,800 in 2020-21 out of a \$228,000 total spend to support Maranoa and Balonne Shires address stockpiles of waste tyres.

3 Roma Hospital student accommodation
\$5.2 million in 2020-21 out of a \$5.9 million total spend for the Roma Hospital student accommodation precinct.

4 Roma Hospital
\$11.6 million in 2020-21 to redevelop the facility to support contemporary models of care including expanded outpatient capacity and integration of primary and Telehealth services.

5 Chinchilla State High School
\$2.8 million over three years for an engineering annex to support training in the mining, gas and electrical industries.

6 Yarraman auxiliary fire and rescue station
\$657,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$1.5 million total spend to complete the replacement of the Yarraman auxiliary fire and rescue station.

7 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
\$480,000 in 2020-21 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Bunya Mountains.

8 Kogan Creek Power Station enhancements, overhauls and refurbishment
\$11.5 million in 2020-21 for enhancement and refurbishment to ensure the plant's long-term reliability and safety.

11 Tara Shire State College
\$2 million over three years for engineering annexes to support training opportunities in the mining, gas and electrical industries.

12 Oakey State High School
\$7.1 million for a new multi-purpose hall and to refurbish hospitality, industrial design and technology facilities.

15 Toowoomba State High School
\$5.6 million in 2020-21 out of a \$10 million total spend to construct a new performing arts centre and refurbish multiple learning spaces.

16 Toowoomba West Special School
\$1.9 million in 2020-21 out of a \$3.1 million total spend for new classrooms.

17 Withcott State School
\$300,000 in 2020-21 to replace the school's septic system.

18 Clifford Park Special School
\$5.4 million in 2020-21 out of a \$13.9 million total spend to construct a new building with additional classrooms and to relocate the Denise Kable Centre.

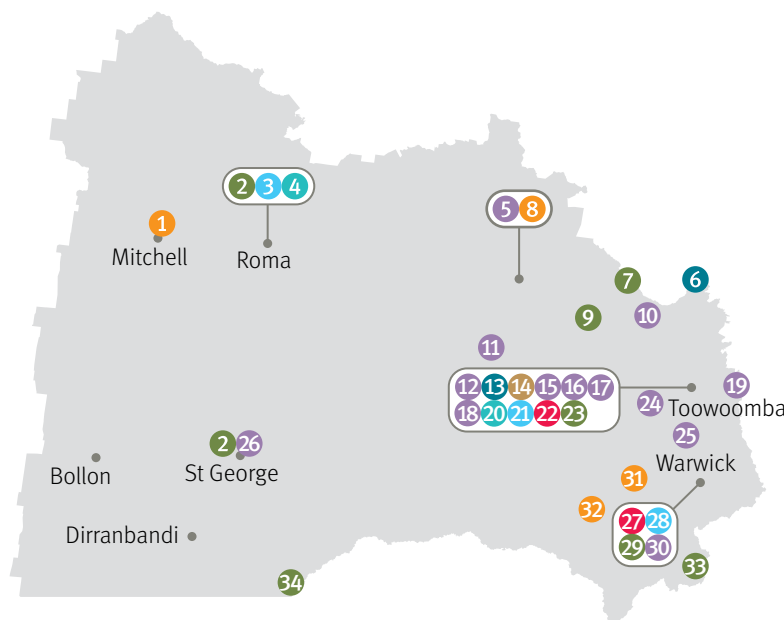
19 Lockyer District State High School
\$550,000 in 2020-21 to upgrade stormwater mitigation on the oval.

20 Toowoomba Hospital
\$3.7 million in 2020-21 out of a \$17.5 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Toowoomba Hospital site.

21 Toowoomba Escarpment Parks Upgrades
\$270,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$2.7 million total spend to deliver new tourism infrastructure that capitalises on Toowoomba's Great Dividing Range escarpment parks to unlock nature-based and sporting experiences.

22 Intersection upgrade at Rangeville State School
\$609,000 in 2020-21 to upgrade the intersection of South and High Streets with traffic lights at Rangeville State School, Toowoomba.

23 West Wanderers Football Club
\$384,648 in 2020-21 out of a \$577,300 total spend to West Wanderers Football Club Inc. to construct a new amenities block to support female participation in football at Kearneys Spring.

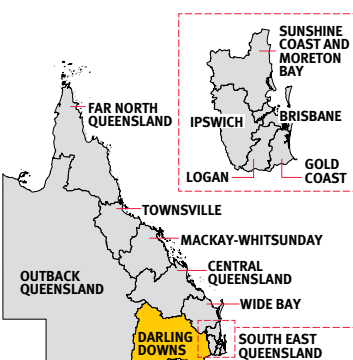


13 Charlton headquarters and new permanent fire and rescue station
\$16.1 million in 2020-21 out of a \$18.4 million total spend to continue replacement of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services regional headquarters and the new permanent fire and rescue station at Charlton.

14 Wilsonton Neighbourhood Centre
\$2.5 million in 2020-21 out of a \$3.8 million total spend to design and construct a neighbourhood centre to support the Wilsonton community.

9 Myall Creek Linear Park - Amos Street Precinct Project
\$334,955 in 2020-21 out of a \$1 million total spend to deliver a historical tourist attraction, 1.3km footpath, amenities at Anderson Park, landscaping and lighting to improve community facilities.

10 Quinalow Prep-10 State School
\$300,000 in 2020-21 to replace the school's septic system.



24 **Pittsworth State High School**

✓ \$6.3 million over four years to construct a new multi-purpose hall.

25 **Clifton State High School**

✓ \$4.2 million over three years to enclose the existing covered area and upgrade horse stables.

26 **St George State High School**

\$8.8 million over four years to enclose the existing covered area and to upgrade agriculture and animal husbandry studies and industrial design and technology facilities.

27 **Cunningham Highway (Ipswich - Warwick), Eight Mile intersection upgrade**

\$6 million in 2020-21 out of a \$25 million total spend to upgrade the intersection of the Cunningham Highway and New England Highway, to the north of Warwick. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

28 **Recycled Water for Warwick Industry**









\$497,982 in 2020-21 out of a \$2.5 million total spend to deliver a new water reservoir at the Warwick wastewater sewage treatment plant to supply industry with Class A recycled water.

29 **Southern Downs Comingled Recycling Project**

\$175,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$250,000 total spend to support Southern Downs Regional Council deliver kerbside recycling services to local residents.

30 **Warwick State High School**

✓ \$5.8 million over four years to construct a new multi-purpose hall and disability access project.

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

31 **Karara Wind Farm**
\$42.3 million in 2020-21 out of a \$250 million total spend for CleanCo to build, own and operate the new Karara Wind Farm near Warwick.

32 **Coolmunda Dam improvement project (planning works)**
\$1.7 million in 2020-21 out of a \$6.4 million total spend to continue planning works for enhancements to meet future extreme weather events.

33 **Girraween National Park camping area redevelopment**
\$137,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$879,000 total spend for redevelopment of Bald Rock Creek and Castle Rock camping areas at Girraween National Park near Stanthorpe.

34 **Mungindi River Park revitalisation**
\$76,038 in 2020-21 out of a \$230,000 total spend to upgrade the Mungindi River Park facilities to display a welcoming and inviting area for Balonne Shire and Queensland.

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.

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State backs world-class entertainment precinct

The Wellcamp Entertainment Precinct is a \$175 million jointly funded project which will include a world-class motorsport and driver training facility, catering for amateur and professional drivers.

The Queensland Government is providing conditional funding support of up to \$40 million and is seeking additional funding from the Australian Government for the project. The Toowoomba-based Wagner Corporation is committing at least \$95 million.

The Precinct will include a 40,000-person venue, 5,000 on-site camping accommodation, sporting fields, and business tourism and event facilities. It will be used to attract major events across the performing arts, business, tourism, sport and events sectors.

The Wagner Corporation estimates the project will create 130 new full-time jobs during construction and at least 10 direct jobs during operation. Casual employment will be significant with up to 2,500 casual workforce needed for major events.

It is expected that the new Precinct will catalyse investment in the region that may extend from advanced automotive manufacturing to accommodation providers, restaurants, cafes and many small businesses.



Investment prospectus to drive growth in Toowoomba

The Queensland Government has launched a new investment prospectus to drive growth and create jobs in Toowoomba.

Invest Toowoomba – Your regional gateway to business growth aims to attract investment from international and domestic sources by promoting the unique benefits of Toowoomba and highlighting the domestic investment opportunities in the city and surrounding region.

Toowoomba's \$12.2 billion economy has grown strongly over the last decade to 2019. It boasts 2,000 hectares of industrial land and is a transport and logistics hub, connected to major road, rail and air freight routes with capacity to deliver goods to 85% of Australia's population within 24 hours.

Toowoomba is also the gateway to the Darling Downs, the home to major agricultural production areas and resources projects, and enjoys direct supply chain connections to South East Asia through Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport.

The investment prospectus was developed in collaboration with a range of stakeholders including Toowoomba Surat Basin Enterprise, the private sector and key Queensland Government agencies.

BUDGET 2020–21 AT A GLANCE

Jobs supported by infrastructure investment in 2020–21	46,000
Total infrastructure program over four years	\$56B
Percentage of capital spend outside Greater Brisbane	58%
Total spend on road and transport infrastructure in 2020–21	\$6.3B
COVID-19 economic stimulus measures to date	\$7B
Education and training in 2020–21	\$17.5B
Health in 2020–21	\$21.8B
Concessions and lowering the cost of living	\$6.3B
Building trains in Queensland over 10 years	\$1B
Social housing improvements in 2020–21	\$526.2M

Tax Relief Package

The Government provided significant tax relief to support Queensland businesses, landlords, tenants, pubs and clubs, including:

- Payroll tax refunds, waivers and deferrals for eligible businesses, targeted at small to medium businesses
- A payroll tax exemption for wages subsidised by the JobKeeper payment
- Land tax rebates, waivers and deferrals for eligible taxpayers.

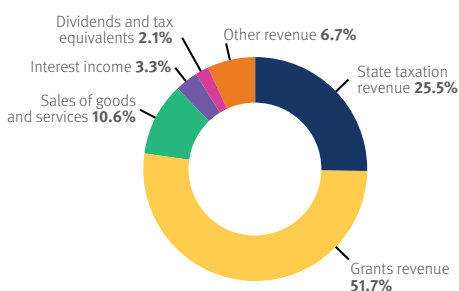
An estimated 410 businesses in Darling Downs will also benefit in 2020-21 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

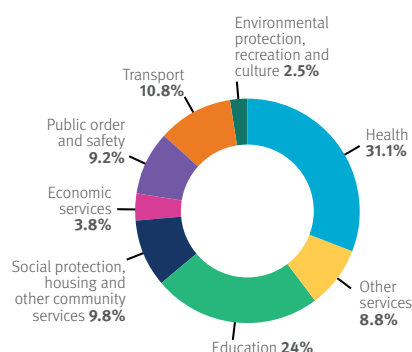
This Budget is focused on creating jobs and getting our economy moving sooner. Initiatives include:

- Driving the largest infrastructure program in over a decade - \$14.8 billion in 2020–21, directly supporting 46,000 jobs. Around 58% of the capital program and 28,700 of the jobs supported will be outside the Greater Brisbane area.
- Growing our regions and supporting key industries such as tourism, agriculture and mining. An additional \$200 million will be provided to the Works for Queensland program to support local governments outside South East Queensland.
- Enhancing frontline services. The Budget will support funding for additional frontline health staff including 5,800 nurses, 1,500 doctors and 1,700 allied health professionals through to 2024.
- Providing more Queenslanders with access to the skills and training they need for rewarding careers. \$100 million has been provided over three years to upgrade TAFE campuses.
- Backing small businesses to support jobs and communities. More than \$7 billion in COVID-19 stimulus measures have been provided so far, including reducing business costs through payroll tax relief and other tax relief measures, and accelerating projects to unlock development and increase economic activity.
- Providing concessions and easing the cost of living, with an estimated \$6.3 billion in 2020–21 in targeted discounts, fee waivers, rebates, and subsidies.
- Protecting the environment. The Great Barrier Reef will benefit from an additional \$40 million worth of support. This includes \$10 million for a Reef Assist Program and \$6 million over four years for the GBR Island Arks project to deliver ecotourism in the region.
- Increasing investment in manufacturing including \$1 billion to make trains again in Queensland.
- Delivering lower debt than New South Wales and Victoria.

2020–21 Revenue



2020–21 Expenses



Queensland's Labour Market Forecasts

