

**REGIONAL ACTION PLAN**



Tourism and Events Queensland



Department of Agriculture and Fisheries



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# Central Queensland

The Queensland Budget will directly support Central Queensland with significant expenditure in 2021-22 including:

**Infrastructure**

**\$973M**

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **3,200 jobs** in this region.

**Health**

**\$691.4M**

for the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Services.

**Education**

**\$74.6M**

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Central Queensland region.

Central Queensland will also benefit from:

**Rookwood Weir**

**\$140M**

in 2021-22 to continue construction of Rookwood Weir to enhance Central Queensland's agricultural and urban water supply by up to 86,000 megalitres.

**Social Housing**

**\$28.4M**

in 2021-22 to expand and improve social housing in Central Queensland, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**Skilling Queenslanders for Work**

**\$6M**

in 2021-22 to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation in Central Queensland.

**Delivering for the Central Queensland region**



**Building our Regions**

\$69.5 million allocated to 37 critical infrastructure projects in Central Queensland, supporting economic development and supporting 743 jobs.

(March 2015 to June 2021)



**Jobs and Regional Growth Fund**

\$41.3 million capital expenditure supported and 131 new full-time jobs generated in Central Queensland.

(February 2017 to May 2021)



**Back to Work**

\$29.9 million paid to 1,291 employers in Central Queensland to help employ 2,905 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(July 2016 to May 2021)



**Works for Queensland**

\$23.7 million provided to regional councils in Central Queensland to undertake 73 minor infrastructure and maintenance projects.

(June 2019 to June 2021)

**Restoring frontline services in Central Queensland**

Growth from March 2015 to March 2021



362 extra nurses  
**up 30.1%**



128 extra doctors  
**up 53.9%**



49 extra police officers  
**up 9.2%**



31 extra firefighters  
**up 25.8%**



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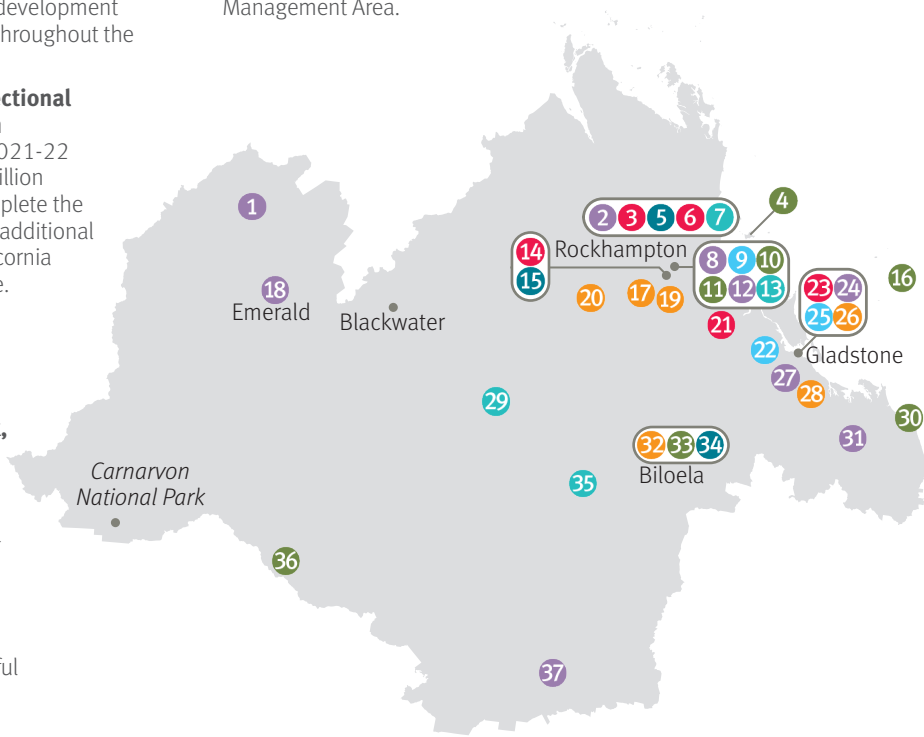
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- 1 Capella State School**  
 \$1.8 million in 2021-22 to upgrade the administration building.
- 2 Yeppoon State High School**  
 \$7.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$9.6 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.
- 3 Rosslyn Bay Boat Harbour, reconfiguration of boating facilities**  
 \$250,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend to extend the floating pontoon at Rosslyn Bay Harbour to improve access to the southern Great Barrier Reef and the Keppel Islands.
- 4 Great Keppel Island Rejuvenation Pilot**  
 \$4.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$30 million total spend to deliver enabling infrastructure to stimulate tourism development on the island and throughout the region.
- 5 Capricornia Correctional Centre expansion**  
 \$20.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$243.2 million total spend to complete the construction of an additional 398 beds at Capricornia Correctional Centre.
- 6 Bruce Highway (Rockhampton - St Lawrence), Neilsen Avenue to Plentiful Creek, improve safety**  
 \$9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$21.3 million total spend to widen pavement on the Bruce Highway between Neilsen Avenue and Plentiful Creek. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

- 7 Rockhampton Drug Rehabilitation and Treatment Facility**  
 \$5.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$16.3 million total spend for a new 42-bed residential alcohol and other drug rehabilitation and treatment facility in Rockhampton. Part of the Action on Ice Strategy.
- 8 Rockhampton State High School**  
 \$1.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.2 million total spend to provide new skills development and training facilities and to install a school security fence.
- 9 North Rockhampton Flood Backflow Prevention**  
 \$435,875 in 2021-22 out of a \$871,750 total spend to reduce the impact of flood water on the sewer network in the North Rockhampton Flood Management Area.

- 12 Central Queensland University Rockhampton**  
 \$8 million in 2021-22 for a CQU Rockhampton campus consolidation and a new Central Queensland TAFE Centre of Excellence.
- 13 Rockhampton Hospital**  
 \$6.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$31.1 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Rockhampton Hospital site, including an expansion of the Mental Health Ward.
- 14 Gaviel - Gracemere Road (Lawrie Street), widen to four lanes and upgrade intersections**  
 \$20 million in 2021-22 out of a \$35 million total spend to widen to four lanes and upgrade intersections.

- 17 Stanwell Power Station - overhauls, ash storage and sustaining projects**  
 \$74.4 million in 2021-22 to replace and refurbish existing infrastructure to ensure the continued reliability of electricity supply to Queensland and the National Electricity Market.
- 18 Emerald State School**  
 \$1.8 million in 2021-22 to upgrade the administration building.
- 19 Bouldercombe primary plant replacement**  
 \$8.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$40.4 million total spend to replace ageing plant equipment at Bouldercombe substation to ensure the continued reliability of electricity supply to the surrounding area.
- 20 Rookwood Weir**  
 \$140 million in 2021-22 out of a \$367.2 million total spend to continue construction of Rookwood Weir to enhance Central Queensland's agricultural and urban water supply by up to 86,000 megalitres. Part of the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

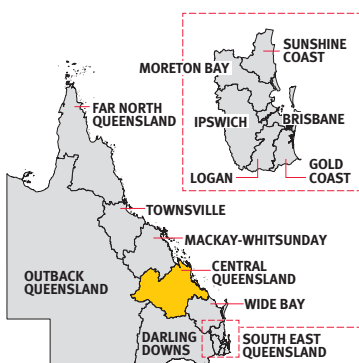


- 21 Bruce Highway additional funding, Gladstone to Rockhampton and Mackay to Proserpine, funding commitment**  
 \$500 million funding towards priority upgrades between Mackay and Proserpine, and between Gladstone and Rockhampton. Details and timing subject to negotiation with the Australian Government. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

- 10 Browne Stadium**  
 The Government has made a \$25 million commitment towards delivering a 10,000 seat stadium at Rockhampton's traditional home of rugby league, Browne Park.
- 11 New Rockhampton Art Gallery**  
 \$3.5 million in 2021-22 out of a total contribution of \$15 million to the Rockhampton Regional Council for the planning of and construction of the new Rockhampton Art Gallery.

- 15 Gracemere replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station**  
 \$496,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.2 million total spend to complete the replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station at Gracemere.
- 16 Heron Island**  
 \$416,188 in 2021-22 out of a \$836,550 total spend to install solar infrastructure and waste management equipment, along with removal of legacy waste. Delivered in partnership with the private sector.

- 22 Gladstone State Development Area**  
 \$1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$18.9 million total spend to develop infrastructure required to support the efficient delivery of major industrial expansion within the Gladstone State Development Area.





**23 Gladstone Port initiatives**  
\$118.5 million in 2021-22 including \$44.1 million for RG Tanna Coal Terminal asset upgrades, \$14.1 million for port services, \$9.8 million for Auckland Point berths and \$6.5 million for Marina and Pilot projects.

**24 Gladstone State High School**  
\$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities.

**25 Clinton Industrial Estate**  
\$500,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$20.1 million total spend to develop the Clinton Industrial Estate to help create economic development in the Gladstone region.

**26 Gladstone South secondary systems replacement**  
\$4.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$20.8 million total spend to replace aged secondary systems at the Gladstone South Substation to ensure continued reliability of electricity supply to the surrounding area.

**27 Calliope State High School**  
\$12.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$13.8 million total spend to construct stage 2 of Calliope State High School.



**28 Awoonga Dam Fish Hatchery**  
\$4.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$10.8 million total spend to complete construction of a new fish hatchery facility at Awoonga Dam.

**29 Woorabinda Multi-Purpose Health Service**  
\$2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$12.5 million total spend for the facility to increase from four residential aged care beds to 14, including the upgrade of the laundry facilities and the construction of a new kitchen.

**30 Discovery Coast Sport and Recreation Association**  
\$533,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$593,000 total spend to construct two tennis courts, a walking track and an outdoor gym to support physical activity in Agnes Water. Part of the Activate! Queensland program.

**31 Miriam Vale State School**  
\$1.2 million in 2021-22 to upgrade an existing amenities block.

## KEY

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

**32 Callide Power Station enhancements, overhauls and refurbishment**  
\$53.6 million in 2021-22 (including \$43.5 million at Callide B) for planned maintenance and overhauls.

**33 Banana Shire Cardboard Recycling Project**  
\$27,301 in 2021-22 out of a \$216,480 total spend to support the expansion of cardboard recycling services in the Banana Shire.

**34 Biloela replacement police facility**  
\$3.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5 million total spend to complete the replacement police facility at Biloela.

**35 Moura Multi-Purpose Healthcare Service**  
\$3.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$7.2 million total spend for the redevelopment of the Moura Multi-Purpose Healthcare Service, including renewal and upgrading of aged care facilities with provision for future demand.

**36 Carnarvon National Park visitor facilities upgrade**  
\$667,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.4 million total spend to upgrade visitor infrastructure at Carnarvon National Park.

**37 Taroom State School**  
\$1.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$1.5 million total spend to upgrade an existing amenities block.

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.

To see more Palaszczuk Government initiatives visit [budget.qld.gov.au](http://budget.qld.gov.au)

## New Rookwood Weir bridge completed

The new bridge over the Fitzroy River at Riverslea has officially opened, the third road upgrade delivered as part of the Rookwood Weir project. To date, bridge and road upgrades have created over 100 jobs, while construction of the weir itself will support a further 200 jobs for Queenslanders, with 140 of these jobs going to local workers.

The Queensland and Australian Governments have each committed another \$7.5 million for the Rookwood Weir to unlock 10,000 additional megalitres of water for Central Queensland, bringing the total investment to \$367.2 million. Rookwood Weir will be a transformational piece of water infrastructure that will underpin agricultural growth and supply industrial and urban water to the Rockhampton, Yeppoon and Gladstone communities.

The 86,000 megalitres of water from the weir increases water security and gives local farmers greater opportunities to expand their businesses, creating more jobs and greater resilience in regional communities through drought, bushfires, floods and COVID-19.



Image courtesy of Rockhampton Regional Council



Image courtesy of Gladstone Ports Corporation

## Powering Queensland's ports and shipping

The Queensland Government is investing \$21 million over four years for a plan to revitalise and strengthen the state's coastal shipping and reinvigorate maritime jobs.

Reinvigorating Queensland's coastal shipping industry builds resilience in the supply chain and helps maintain essential transport links. The investment will make better use of Queensland's 'blue highway' by giving businesses more transport options and creating new regional jobs.

The new Maritime Consultation Group of port representatives, maritime industry and training organisations will work with government to grow the state's maritime capacity. The group will consider the incentives for new and existing operators to establish a new regional coastal shipping service between Brisbane and Townsville, and for existing operators to switch to Queensland crews.

As part of the plan, \$1 million will fund maritime cadetships and training for Queenslanders who want to enter the industry or upskill.

# BUDGET 2021-22 AT A GLANCE

Jobs recovered since May 2020	<b>253,200</b>
Queensland Jobs Fund	<b>\$3.34B</b>
Total infrastructure program, over 4 years	<b>\$52.2B</b>
Percentage of capital spend outside of Greater Brisbane	<b>61.2%</b>
Health in 2021-22	<b>\$22.2B</b>
Education and training in 2021-22	<b>\$18.3B</b>
COVID-19 economic support initiatives, more than	<b>\$14.2B</b>
Concessions and lowering the cost of living	<b>\$6.1B</b>
Social housing and homelessness investment, over 4 years	<b>\$1.9B</b>

## 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 280 employers in Central Queensland will also benefit in 2021-22 from the higher payroll tax threshold.**

# STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

The Queensland Government's Economic Recovery Plan continues to support businesses, workers, families and communities across the state. Our success in managing the health challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic means the state's **\$360 billion** economy has begun to recover sooner and is stronger than the rest of Australia.

2021-22 Budget highlights include:

- Record health investment of **\$22.2 billion** will continue to provide a world-class health system, which is also critical to effectively manage the ongoing risks of COVID-19.
- The new **\$3.34 billion** Queensland Jobs Fund focuses on investment attraction and industry development to attract the investment needed to drive ongoing growth, and provide wider economic and employment benefits.
- The **\$52.2 billion** capital program over the forward estimates will help create many thousands of ongoing jobs, including an estimated **46,500** direct jobs in 2021-22.
- **\$460 million** toward targeted investments in flagship skills and training and employment programs Skilling Queenslanders for Work and a revitalised Back to Work program.

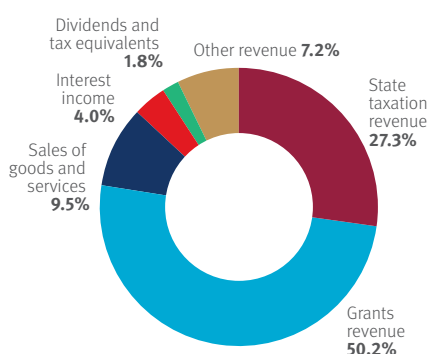
## \$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund

The \$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund will provide cheaper, cleaner energy to power more jobs and industries in Queensland, while helping to deliver on our 50 per cent renewable energy target by 2030.

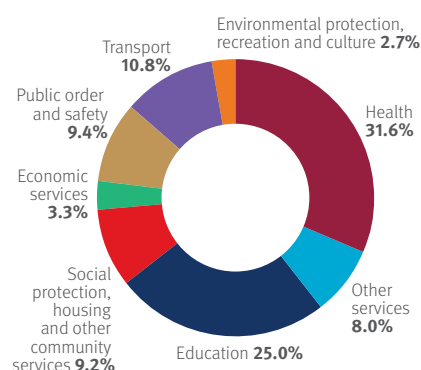
The Fund will increase investment by government-owned corporations in commercial renewable energy and hydrogen projects, along with supporting infrastructure, including in partnership with the private sector.

Forming part of the new \$3.34 billion Queensland Jobs Fund, this investment will ensure Queensland capitalises on economic development opportunities and creates more jobs and industries through cheaper, cleaner energy.

### 2021-22 revenue



### 2021-22 expenses



### Queensland's labour market forecasts

