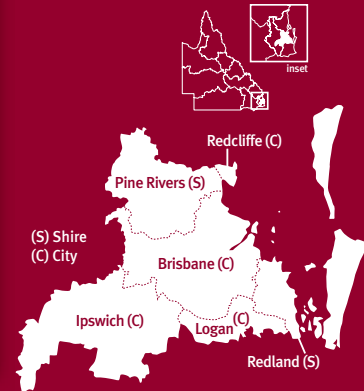




Regional Budget Statement



Queensland State Budget 2007-08

Greater Brisbane



The 2007-08 State Budget reinforces our Government's commitment to investing in infrastructure and providing services to support the State's strong economy and maximise the quality of life of all Queenslanders.

This Regional Budget Statement highlights the Greater Brisbane region's contribution to the State's dynamic economy and presents the Government's key investments in the region for the next financial year.

The Budget maintains the State's strong fiscal position and will underpin continued economic growth substantially above the national average as well as maintaining low unemployment.

The Government's economic achievements have provided the platform for this year's record \$14 billion capital budget. This investment focuses on the Government's key infrastructure priorities of water, transport, energy, health and education. Reflecting the importance of the Greater Brisbane region to the State's economy, nearly 50% of the capital investment is allocated within the Brisbane Statistical Division.

The Budget also ensures continued high quality service provision in all Queensland regions, with key commitments to human capital development, health care, community safety, the environment, community services and jobs creation.

Peter Beattie MP
Premier and Minister for Trade

Anna Bligh MP
Deputy Premier, Treasurer and
Minister for Infrastructure

State Budget highlights for the Greater Brisbane region in 2007-08 include:

- \$691 million to continue the Gateway Upgrade Project, including a second Gateway Bridge
- \$163.7 million for public housing, community, crisis, transitional and long-term housing needs
- \$55 million to plan and construct the new Houghton Highway Bridge between Brighton and Redcliffe
- \$38 million to continue redeveloping The Prince Charles Hospital
- \$33.9 million to continue the \$63.3 million Tank Street pedestrian and cycle bridge project
- \$29 million to continue constructing SkillsTech Australia's specialist trades campus at Acacia Ridge
- \$5.6 million towards new police stations at Carseldine, Camp Hill, Crestmead/Marsden and Mango Hill (North Lakes).

Greater Brisbane



A record investment in economic and social infrastructure

With a growing population and the worst drought in recorded history South East Queensland is facing unprecedented challenges. The 2007-08 Budget signals the Government's commitment to sustainable economic development with a record capital works budget for Queensland of over \$14 billion.

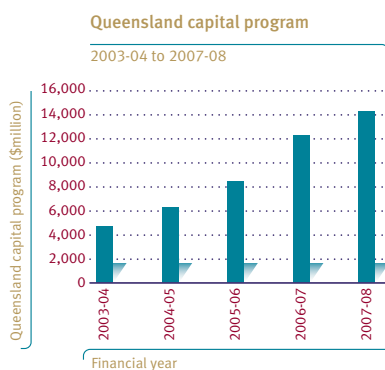
More than half of this capital program will be spent in South East Queensland on major infrastructure for better transport, energy and water supply as well as better social infrastructure for all residents of the region.

The centrepiece of our commitment to the South East is our \$9 billion Water Grid.

The Water Grid connects the major bulk water sources in South East Queensland and comprises the Western Corridor Recycled Water Project (the largest in the Southern Hemisphere), the Gold Coast Desalination Plant at Tugun, the Traveston and Wyalalong Dams, 400 kilometres of pipeline including the Southern Regional Water Pipeline, the Northern and Eastern Pipeline interconnectors and several other significant water projects.

In addition to the Water Grid, the strong State financial position achieved by the Government has enabled us to commit to other major infrastructure including \$691 million allocated to continue the Gateway Arterial Upgrade Project, \$179.7 million (with the Australian Government) to continue the Tugun Bypass and \$133.7 million for works on the Sunshine Motorway.

Redevelopments and upgrades are continuing at key hospitals across the South East, including The Prince Charles, Gold Coast and Toowoomba Hospitals.



Includes purchases of non-financial assets and capital grants by the State Non-Financial Public Sector, Sources: ABS 5512.0 and Queensland Treasury.



Services for people and communities

The Government's investment in human capital and social services is improving access to quality education, health care, mental health, child safety, disability, and public housing services throughout Queensland.

Up to 192 additional teachers and teacher aides will be funded in 2007-08 to meet State school enrolment growth. An education and training capital works program of \$562.8 million will enhance learning environments for Queensland students. The transformation of the State's

vocational training system continues with a \$118 million allocation. \$10 million will be provided in 2007-08 to commence a \$70 million four-year program to provide State school and TAFE teachers with computers.

Health system reform and service improvements will be resourced with \$7.45 billion in 2007-08 including \$602.8 million for better clinical training for the health workforce and electronic information sharing between service providers. Critical hospital and building works have been allocated an additional \$371 million over four years. Almost \$50 million extra has been allocated to meet the growing demand for ambulance services across the State.

Over \$528 million over four years will be directed at improving mental health services. A greater investment of \$374 million over four years follows last year's commitment of \$128 million over four years for expanding and modernising services to people with a disability.

The most significant reforms to Queensland's child protection system are continuing in 2007-08 with the largest-ever operating budget of \$551.3 million. Housing assistance will reach \$719 million in 2007-08.

Greater Brisbane is Queensland's most populous region, despite covering less than 0.3% of the State. Home to 1.65 million Queenslanders, the region's enviable lifestyle and proximity to business, sport and recreation opportunities secure its place as one of Australia's fastest growing regions. As one of Queensland's key knowledge hubs, the region hosts several universities and research and training facilities.

As a Government, we recognise the valuable contribution of Greater Brisbane to the Smart State's economy. This Regional Budget Statement highlights the Government's commitment to the region and its people.

Improving health care and strengthening services to the community

An investment in healthy lifestyles is an investment in our future. System reform is underway to provide safe, sustainable and accountable services to give Queenslanders access to the best possible treatment and care. Across the State, the Government will provide:

- \$215.4 million to improve recruitment, retention and preparation of the health workforce
- \$25.4 million to meet the increasing costs of aeromedical and inter-facility transfers and retrievals
- \$20.1 million to enhance the clinical education and training of new doctors and nurses.

In 2007-08, spending on healthy living, health care, hospitals and other infrastructure in the Greater Brisbane region will include:

- \$38 million to continue redeveloping The Prince Charles Hospital
- \$24.7 million to construct health precincts at Browns Plains and North Lakes
- \$19.6 million to continue transferring paediatric cardiac services to the Mater Children's Hospital
- \$17.8 million for preparatory work for the emergency department upgrade at Princess Alexandra Hospital
- \$6 million to commence the new \$704 million Children's Hospital
- \$3.3 million to replace Ipswich Ambulance Station.

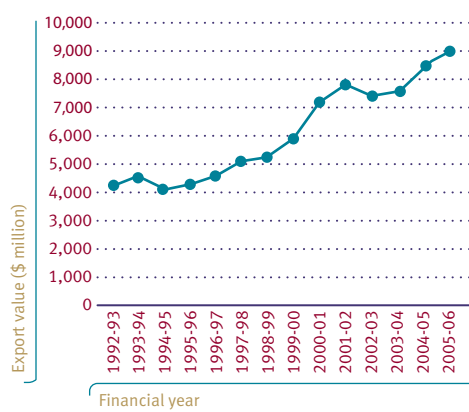
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Value of exports from Port of Brisbane

(\$ million), 1992-93 to 2005-06



Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data).

The Greater Brisbane region will also benefit from increased funding of almost \$50 million for the Queensland Ambulance Service to meet growing demand for services. This includes funding for an additional 250 ambulance officers and the upgrade of critical ambulance equipment and facilities across the State, and is on top of the more than 220 extra staff employed in 2006-07.

The Government is continuing its support for frail older people, people with a disability and their carers with commitments in the Greater Brisbane region including:

- \$89.5 million for the Home and Community Care initiative to provide personal care, home maintenance and modification, meals, respite care, transport and community-based nursing services for frail older people and young people with moderate-to-severe disabilities
- \$59.9 million to support people with a disability and their families through a range of programs
- \$29 million to improve disability access at Queensland Rail stations and trains
- \$17.3 million for non-government organisations to establish new services for people with high and complex disability support needs, address rising costs of service provision and prepare for quality audits under the Disability Sector Quality System.

We are providing ongoing housing and housing-related services to support low-income families and individuals in the Greater Brisbane region in 2007-08, including:

- \$163.7 million for public housing, community, crisis, transitional and long-term housing needs
- \$5 million for the Brisbane Housing Company to provide affordable rental accommodation.

Initiatives to encourage healthy, active individuals and communities in the region include:

- \$4.5 million to develop public swimming pools at Colmslie, Mount Gravatt and Runcorn

- \$1.5 million to Redcliffe and District Rugby League Football Club to construct an indoor public swimming pool.

Realising the Smart State through education, skills and innovation

Queensland is already enjoying a strong national and international reputation for education, skills and innovation. We are maintaining our enviable economic climate, prosperity and quality of life by making a serious commitment to education, innovation and skills.

To equip teachers for modern teaching environments, the Government will invest \$70 million over four years to provide State school and TAFE teachers with computers. Funding will start with \$10 million in 2007-08 and increase to \$20 million per year thereafter.

\$1 million will be allocated to help establish the world-class Queensland International Centre for Sustainable Design in Brisbane at Kangaroo Point as part of the Queensland Arts Industry Sector Development Plan.

Our investment in the Greater Brisbane region's contribution to the Smart State will also include:

- \$366.2 million for vocational education and training
- \$43.9 million for world-class research infrastructure at the Boggo Road Ecosciences Precinct and the Coopers Plains Health and Food Sciences Precinct
- \$33.6 million for the Queensland Academy for Creative Industries at Kelvin Grove*
- \$29 million to continue constructing SkillsTech Australia's specialist trades campus at Acacia Ridge
- \$6.9 million for stage 2 of Springfield Lakes State School*
- \$4.7 million for a scale-up manufacturing facility at Princess Alexandra Hospital to produce drugs and other therapeutic products
- \$4.5 million for stage 6 and for a Special Education Unit at North Lakes State College*
- \$4.1 million towards primary and secondary facilities at Stretton State College*
- \$2 million to complete the development of the \$20 million Queensland Academy for Science Mathematics and Technology at Toowong.*

* The Australian Government may also contribute to these projects.

Protecting our children and enhancing community safety

Strong, healthy young lives today mean safe, supportive communities tomorrow.

Although significant progress has been made to reform Queensland's child protection system, it remains a key priority of this Government.

We are continuing the most significant reform agenda in Queensland's child

Gateway Upgrade Project



protection history with a record operating budget of \$551.3 million, triple the amount spent before the Crime and Misconduct Commission Inquiry.

The Greater Brisbane region will also benefit from a \$36.4 million state wide capital program including a new Child Safety Service Centre to service the Forest Lake-Centenary area, relocating the Fortitude Valley Child Safety Service Centre and completing the Woodridge Child Safety Service Centre.

The region will also benefit from a State-wide allocation of \$49.2 million over four years for additional front-line staff.

In 2007-08, \$7.55 million will be provided across Queensland to continue to implement the Early Years Strategy to enhance services and support for children up to eight years old and their families for community-based early childhood services. This will include building four new Early Years Centres around the State. \$12.2 million will also be provided to establish early childhood education and care services through acquiring and refurbishing six decommissioned pre-school sites.

In 2007-08, other initiatives in the Greater Brisbane region include:

- \$25.5 million to support homeless and at-risk people
- \$12 million for community support and youth development services
- \$2.4 million for child care delivery.

Community safety will also be enhanced through a major funding boost to the State's police service. An extra 200 officers will be employed in 2007-08 across the State, which will bring the total number of sworn officers employed in Queensland to 9,928 by October 2008. This again meets our election commitment to maintain police numbers at or above the national average police-to-population ratio.

The Government is providing funding for services and infrastructure to enhance community safety in the Greater Brisbane region in 2007-08, including:

- \$64.2 million to complete the Sir David Longland Correctional Centre redevelopment and the expansion of the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre
- \$40.4 million to continue constructing a new \$92 million courthouse and watchhouse at Ipswich, including

\$6.7 million for a police station as part of this project

- \$5.6 million towards new police stations at Carseldine, Camp Hill, Crestmead/ Marsden and Mango Hill (North Lakes).

Funding for emergency services initiatives in the Greater Brisbane region include:

- \$22.3 million to upgrade the Combined Emergency Services Academy at Whyte Island to better prepare and train emergency service workers
- \$8.86 million for the new Emergency Management Queensland helicopter to be based in Brisbane.

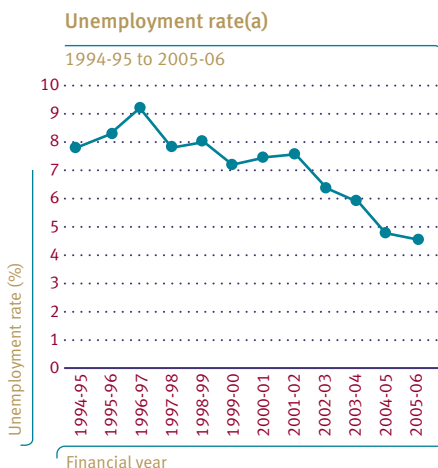
Managing urban growth and building Queensland's regions

As part of Australia's fastest growing area, the Greater Brisbane region depends on planned, integrated infrastructure, water and transport networks to achieve sustainable economic and urban growth.

In 2007-08 we will progress the interconnection of major arterial roads by advancing the mainly underground Airport Link toll road proposal.

Our other commitments to the Greater Brisbane region's growth include:

- \$691 million to continue the Gateway Upgrade Project, including a second Gateway Bridge
- \$212.6 million for Port of Brisbane facility improvements
- \$134.4 million for constructing the South West Arterial between Springfield and Yamanto
- \$129 million to finish constructing the \$333 million Inner City Northern Busway
- \$103.3 million to start constructing the northern suburbs busway link to Brisbane's CBD from the Royal Children's Hospital at Herston to Kedron
- \$96.7 million towards planning and construction of the Eastern Busway between Buranda and Capalaba
- Over \$80 million for upgrading, refurbishing, and extending essential power infrastructure



(a) Data based on un-smoothed series.

Source: DEWRSB - Small Area Labour Markets. (QRSIS database maintained by the Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR)).

Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA), Brisbane



Image courtesy of the Queensland Art Gallery

- \$58.2 million in Queensland and Australian Government funding for road and rail separation works at the Acacia Ridge railway crossing on Beaudesert Road
- \$57.2 million for planning and early works on the Centenary Highway between Springfield and the Ipswich Motorway
- \$55 million to plan and construct the new Houghton Highway Bridge between Brighton and Redcliffe
- \$33.9 million to continue the \$63.3 million Tank Street pedestrian and cycle bridge project.

Protecting the environment for a sustainable future

The Greater Brisbane region is under particular pressure from population growth and urban development. To safeguard our cultural and natural environment for future generations, the region will share the benefits of the following initiatives:

- \$81 million for the South East Queensland Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme to help residents install water-saving devices in their homes
- \$18 million to complete water resource planning across the State

In the Greater Brisbane region, we are also committing:

- \$5 million for the Urban Water Security Research Alliance, which will be the largest of its kind in Australia
- \$4 million to establish the Queensland Climate Change Centre of Excellence to study ways to reduce the impacts of climate change
- \$1.9 million for a pilot research program into cloud seeding
- \$1.8 million to complete refurbishment of the heritage-listed Old Museum Building at Bowen Hills.

Growing a diverse economy and creating jobs

A healthy, diverse economy like Queensland's needs a skilled workforce. Our record low unemployment raises the challenge of skills shortages.

In 2007-08, the State Government will continue to implement the *Queensland Skills Plan*, a \$1 billion strategy to respond to skills shortages across the State.

We are matching the supply of skilled labour to industry's and the economy's needs in the Greater Brisbane region by allocating \$22.84 million for the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative to assist 2,930 Queenslanders who are disadvantaged in the labour market.

Delivering responsive government

Governments exist to deliver services, and a responsive government improves service delivery by delivering on its commitments and involving people in decision making.

We are committed to delivering a government for everybody, no matter where they live in Queensland. In 2007, our 100th Community Cabinet was held in Atherton, continuing the commitment we gave in 1998 to community consultation and taking government to the people. Over the years, around 50,000 people have taken advantage of this opportunity. In 2007-08, Queenslanders will again be able to stay in touch with their Government through regular Community Cabinet functions and Ministerial Regional Community Forums.

To further improve service delivery in the Greater Brisbane region, we are committing \$14.1 million to start constructing a \$57.4 million Joint Contact Centre at Zillmere for the Queensland Police Service and Smart Service Queensland.

Budget Highlights 2007–08

Budget summary

Strong economic growth maintains low unemployment

- Queensland's economic growth is forecast to remain strong at 5% in 2007-08 and exceed growth in the rest of Australia for the 12th consecutive year.
- Employment growth is expected to exceed the rest of Australia in 2006-07 and 2007-08 at 4¾% and 3% respectively.
- As a result, Queensland's year-average unemployment rate is forecast to fall to a 33-year low of 4% in the current financial year and remain there in 2007-08.

Strong finances

- The expected 2006-07 operating result of \$2.393 billion reflects the strength of the economy and investment markets.
- A General Government operating surplus of \$268 million is forecast in 2007-08.
- Moderate surpluses over the forward estimates reflect implementation of election commitments and other service enhancements across key service delivery agencies, as well as costs associated with the Government's significant capital investment.

Competitive taxes

- Queensland maintains its competitive tax status, with taxpayers in other states and territories to pay an average of \$131 more state tax each than Queenslanders in 2007-08. With the Fuel Subsidy Scheme in place, Queensland taxpayers are on average \$257 per capita better off than taxpayers in other states and territories.
- The Government continues its commitment to ongoing reform of the State tax system, with net tax cuts of \$49 million in 2007-08 as a result of Budget measures. These include a land tax relief package from 1 July 2007 and a 50% cut to mortgage duty from 1 January 2008. Vehicle registration duty will move to a cylinder-based model from 1 January 2008.

Delivering on our priorities

Improving health care and strengthening services to the community

- \$528.8 million over four years to improve hospital and community-based mental health services in Queensland.
- Increased recurrent funding of almost \$50 million for the Queensland Ambulance Service to meet growing demand for services. This includes funding for an additional 250 ambulance officers and the upgrade of critical ambulance equipment and facilities across the State, and is on top of the more than 220 extra staff employed in 2006-07.
- A housing assistance package of \$719.3 million in 2007-08.
- An additional \$237.4 million in recurrent funding and \$136.7 million in capital funding over four years to enhance disability services.

Realising the Smart State through education, skills and innovation

- Funding for up to 192 additional teachers and teacher aides to meet state school enrolment growth.
- An education and training capital works program of \$562.8 million in 2007-08 to help provide quality learning environments for Queensland state school and TAFE students.
- \$10 million to commence a \$70 million four-year program to provide state school and TAFE teachers with computers.

Protecting our children and enhancing community safety

- Additional recurrent funding of \$58.7 million and capital funding of \$13.6 million will be invested over four years to enhance child protection services.
- An additional 200 sworn police positions across the State will bring the total number of sworn officers to 9,928 by October 2008 – above the national average police-to-population ratio.

Managing urban growth and building Queensland's regions

- Estimated capital spending is more than \$14 billion in 2007-08, an increase of 15.6% on estimated actual 2006-07 outlays. Over 50% of this will be spent outside Brisbane. This spending will support some 101,000 full-time jobs in Queensland.
- The Government will invest \$2.5 billion in water infrastructure in 2007-08, including \$354.9 million to progress two new dams in South East Queensland and \$1.18 billion to continue designing and building the Western Corridor Recycled Water Project.

Protecting the environment for a sustainable future

- Up to \$100.8 million in 2007-08 for the WaterWise rebate schemes to help Queenslanders make their homes and gardens more water efficient.

Growing a diverse economy and creating jobs

- Capital funding of \$300 million towards clean coal technologies, including funding for a feasibility study into the use of advanced carbon capture and storage technology to achieve near-zero electricity generation emissions.
- A \$100 million extension to the Innovation Building Fund for infrastructure to support strategic research and development.

Government services in your region

North Stradbroke Island

QGAP

5 Barlow Street
Dunwich QLD 4183
Telephone 3409 9906
Facsimile 3409 9431
Opening Hours: Tuesday
and Thursday - 8.30am
to 1pm and 1.45pm to 4pm

Brisbane

Department of Communities

Level 2, Muruk House
230 Lutwyche Road
Windsor QLD 4030
Telephone 3109 0620
Facsimile 3872 0666
Opening Hours: Monday
to Friday - 8.30am to 5pm

Brisbane

Department of Natural Resources and Water - LandCentre Service Centre

Level 2, Cnr Main and Vulture Streets
Woolloongabba QLD 4102
Telephone 3896 3216
Facsimile 3896 3333
Opening Hours: Monday
to Friday - 8.30am to 4.30pm

Brisbane

Office of Economic and Statistical Research

Level 8, 33 Charlotte Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Telephone 3224 5326
Facsimile 3227 7437
Opening Hours: Monday
to Friday - 8.30am to 5pm

Brisbane

Office of Urban Management

Level 4, Executive Annexe
102 George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Telephone 1800 021 818
Facsimile 3235 4563
Opening Hours: Monday
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Brisbane

Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries

80 Ann Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Telephone 13 25 23 or 3404 6999
Facsimile 3404 6900
Opening Hours: Monday
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Brisbane Northside

State Development Centre

Level 2, Homemaker City
825 Zillmere Road
Aspley QLD 4034
Telephone 3406 6999
Facsimile 3406 6996
Opening Hours: Monday
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Brisbane Southside

State Development Centre

6 Paxton Street
Springwood QLD 4127
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Ipswich

Department of Communities - Moreton Regional Office

5-7 Wharf Street
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Facsimile 3280 1962
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Strathpine

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Woodridge

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Mt Gravatt

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Greater Brisbane region



Greater Brisbane includes Queensland's capital city of Brisbane, the cities of Ipswich, Logan and Redcliffe, and the shires of Pine Rivers and Redland.

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Queensland Water Commission

Telephone 1300 789 906

13 HEALTH

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Smart Service Queensland

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