Dear Fellow Queenslanders,

This State Budget demonstrates the Government’s commitment to growing our economy, rebuilding Queensland, and making communities more resilient for the future.

The Newman Government is unashamedly pro-growth. We are continuing the task to repair the State’s finances – a task made even more difficult after the January 2013 natural disasters and the loss of revenue.

The Budget strikes the right balance between stabilising debt and investing in better quality services. We are investing heavily in giving children a better education through our Great Teachers = Great Results plan, injecting record funding into healthcare, law and order, and increasing funding for people with disabilities and their carers.

With floods and cyclones battering communities year after year, we are determined not just to rebuild Queensland, but to increase our resilience to the natural disasters we know are inevitable.

This Budget is our commitment to fix the State’s finances and grow a stronger economy, so that we remain a great State with great opportunities for all.

Hon Tim Nicholls MP
Treasurer and Minister for Trade

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$38 million over three years to improve cruise and military ship access to Trinity Inlet.

$4.5 million to develop maritime infrastructure to improve boating conditions in Boat Bay, Mission Beach.

$155.5 million for local government recovery and reconstruction projects in partnership with the Australian Government.

$7 million for regional tourism operators, including Cairns, to undertake destination marketing.

$2 million of $8 million over four years to attract new aviation business and routes into Queensland.

$12.5 million to upgrade a section of the Kennedy Developmental Road, due for completion in July 2014.

$3.1 million for sustaining operations at Barron Gorge and Kareeya Hydro power stations.

$8.4 million to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority for the Marine Parks Field Management Program.

$8.5 million to continue the $9.9 million improvement and upgrade of Atherton Hospital facilities.

$1.7 million for the $2 million improvement and upgrade of Mareeba Hospital facilities.

$2 million of $8 million over four years to attract new aviation business and routes into Queensland.

$4.2 million over three years to continue replacing a Water Police patrol catamaran in Cairns by 30 June 2015.

$2.5 million of $7 million to expand and redevelop the Lotus Glen Correctional Centre.