# Queensland State Budget 2013-14 Regional Budget Statement

# DARLING DOWNS

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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



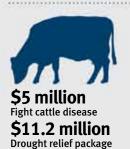






# STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS







\$1.7 billion
Health infrastructure

\$327 million Health backlog maintenance program

\$82.8 million

healthcare



\$28.3 million Hospital in the Home

\$30 million
Mining exploration



# \$80 million

Reef protection and natural resource management

\$23.1million

Get in the Game to help sport and recreation bodies at the grassroots level

\$6.7 million in 2012-13

# \$100 million Fixing Our Schools Fund

\$537 million

Great Teachers = Great Results



Tourism and event marketing and development \$2 million
Attract aviation business



\$63 million towards 1100 new police officers



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#### \$4.1 million

over 5 years to support high-value horticultural production and processing enterprises in the Balonne and **Border Rivers irrigation** areas.

## \$342.6 million

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

#### S5.7 million

for flood mitigation works and studies.

## \$2.3 million

over two years to the Lockyer Valley Regional Council to undertake flood risk management studies in the Lockyer Valley, build levees in Laidley and Forest Hill, and improve the capacity of Gatton Creek at Withcott.

#### ••••• \$3.4 million

over two years to Maranoa Regional Council to help protect community and essential infrastructure from future floods.



#### \$19.9 million

under the Royalties to the Regions program for a range of projects in Western Downs and Maranoa council areas including:

\$1.29 million for the Miles Water, Sewerage and Recycled Water Scheme.

\$700,000 for the Chinchilla washdown bay.

\$8.5 million to seal or widen Fairvmeadow. Goombi, Wallumbilla North, Bennetts School and Beelbee Roads.

\$2.02 million to upgrade Weranga North, Mary and Joseph Roads.

\$2.18 million for the Roma Sewerage Plant augmentation.

**\$160,000** for the Injune Water augmentation project.

\$5 million to build a levee in the Roma Flood Mitigation Project.



# \$4.3 million

to continue the \$11.1 million postoccupancy works at the Southern Oueensland Correctional Centre precinct at Gatton.



#### \$9.8 million

for the kitchen upgrade at Toowoomba Hospital, due for completion in 2014.

#### \$1.1 million

to upgrade maternity services at Stanthorpe Hospital, including larger birthing suites and a birthing pool, due for completion in 2014.

World class

\$4 million

for a new secondary

school at Highfields.

to schools as Year 7

joins high school in

2015.

\$15.2 million

education



#### S2.8 million

towards community housing in Toowoomba.

#### \$571,000

to complete the \$1.1 million replacement ambulance station in Tara.

#### \$6.8 million

to expand and improve social housing.

## \$2.7 million

towards replacing Toowoomba's synthetic horse racing surface.

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# \$886,000

for the Get in the Game initiative to help sport and recreation organisations develop facilities to support active club membership.

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#### \$28 million

towards the \$45 million Toowoomba CBD Ring Road.

#### S29.3 million

towards upgrading the Warrego Highway between Roma and Mitchell in partnership with the Australian Government.

## \$7.5 million

towards widening the **New England Highway** south of Crows Nest between Munro and Pioneer Roads, due for completion in June 2014.

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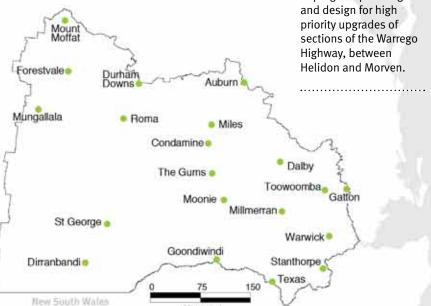
## \$5 million

towards replacing the bridge on the New England Highway at Bum Bum Creek between Yarraman and Toowoomba.

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# \$5 million

to progress planning and design for high priority upgrades of sections of the Warrego Highway, between Helidon and Morven.



kilometres