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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