The 2010-11 State Budget demonstrates our plan to build a recovery is working. The tough decisions we have taken are strengthening our State’s economy and our finances. While the recovery is now underway, we are not out of the woods yet. Our massive building program will continue to deliver jobs today and the infrastructure of the future.

Our growing population means we need to invest in more teachers, more police, more health workers and this Budget delivers on our priorities. A new Regional First Home Owner Boost of $4,000 for new homes will help guide growth to the regions. Our commitment to building the regions once again sees over 57% of the building program being undertaken outside the Brisbane area.

This State Budget shows we are on track to build a better future.

In a world that is dominated by an uncertain recovery, this State Budget delivers a growing economy and more jobs. Through strong discipline we are seeing the deficit and debt lowered and we are on track to return to surplus. The economic reform agenda we put in place is working – and we need to stick to our plan in the face of global uncertainty.

Our strategy means we can continue to deliver more hospitals and schools and other vital infrastructure our growing population needs. Through our determination we are building a stronger economic recovery, delivering jobs and preparing our State for a prosperous future.

Anna Bligh MP
Premier and Minister for the Arts

Andrew Fraser MP
Treasurer and Minister for Employment and Economic Development
2010-11 Budget Highlights for Darling Downs and West Moreton

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- $3 million to refurbish the Dalby Aquatic Centre.
- $4.5 million for the Surat Basin resources trade infrastructure project at Miles State High School.
- $500,000 of $2 million for sealing shoulders on a section of the Warrego Highway between Dalby and Miles.
- $2.6 million to replace the Chinchilla Community Centre.
- $8.1 million of $10.9 million to widen and seal a section of the New England Highway, south of Crows Nest.
- $5.3 million to deliver new job creation programs and grow a skilled workforce.
- $1 million to complete the kindergarten at Fairview Heights State School.
- $1.3 million to complete the $1.5 million upgrade of science laboratories at Dalby State High School.
- $1.4 million to complete the $2.5 million replacement fire and rescue station at Kitchener Street, Toowoomba.
- $560,000 to complete the $760,000 upgrade of science laboratories at Toowoomba State High School.
- $37.5 million over the next four years for a new integrated cancer service at the Toowoomba Hospital, in partnership with the Australian Government.
- $16.8 million of $35 million for intersection improvements on Gatton-Esk Road between the Warrego Highway and the former Esk Shire boundary.
- $80.2 million towards the $485.6 million South Queensland Correctional Precinct at Gatton.
- $280,000 to construct a swimming pool at Inglewood, a multipurpose community auditorium at Highfields State School, a cycling track at Freyling Park and to redevelop the Clive Berghofer Stadium at Toowoomba.
- $1.6 million annual funding to support the CareFlight helicopter based at Toowoomba.
- $1.1 million to complete the $1.5 million upgrade of science laboratories at Dalby State High School.
- $2.3 million to complete the $7.2 million National Carriage Factory at the Cobb+Co Museum in Toowoomba.
- $1.9 million to provide faster emergency care at Toowoomba Hospital.
- $82 million for vocational education and training, including apprenticeships and traineeships.
- $4.7 million for an upgrade of the Toowoomba Aerodrome.
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Queensland’s regions – our strength

Growing our State’s regions is critical to maintaining Queensland’s strength.

- The 2010-11 State Budget commits more than 57% of the building program outside Brisbane.
- We have introduced a $4,000 Regional First Home Owner Boost for new homes, on top of the $7,000 grant already provided by the State Government.
- Our business incentives program has earmarked two-thirds of its funding for business attraction initiatives outside the Greater Brisbane area.
- We are building or redeveloping eight regional hospitals and investing $173 million (over four years) in new cancer treatment services in regional Queensland.
- A $1.301 billion investment in roads outside the south-east corner and new infrastructure plans will guide regional growth.

The Darling Downs and West Moreton region’s uniqueness and diversity are among the key building blocks of this State.