

## TOOWOOMBA SECOND RANGE CROSSING

The Queensland Budget 2016-17 includes \$399.9 million towards the construction of the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing (TSRC), which is due for completion at the end of 2018.

The TSRC is a 41km bypass route north of Toowoomba. At a construction cost of \$1.6 billion, funded jointly by the Australian and Queensland Government, it is one of Queensland's most significant infrastructure projects.

In addition to avoiding up to 18 sets of traffic lights, saving up to 40 minutes in travel time and redirecting trucks and dangerous goods away from Toowoomba's city streets, construction of the TSRC will support up to 1,800 direct and indirect jobs.

The project has been procured as a Public Private Partnership. Following an interactive bidding process, Nexus Infrastructure was selected as the proponent for the design, construction and maintenance of the TSRC.

# DARLING DOWNS

Advancing our economy through job-creating  
Innovation, Investment and Infrastructure

## Regional Action Plan

The Darling Downs remains one of Australia's most important farming regions, accounting for around a quarter of the State's agricultural production. The region's resources industry has experienced significant growth in recent times, which has been a real driver of jobs in engineering, local manufacturing and skills-intensive industries in the region. We know we have more work to do in providing further support to rural producers and communities to ensure they can continue to prosper and innovate. Specifically, this Budget includes continued funding for the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing, supporting jobs and reducing travel times, and:



### Rural Assistance and Drought Package

## \$77.9M

to assist rural producers and communities across the State affected by debt and drought.



### Education

## \$23.8M

for maintenance and capital works projects for schools.



### Health

## \$810M

for the Darling Downs and South West Hospital and Health Services.

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**\$8.3M** over four years to fund the Queensland: an Age-Friendly Community Strategy to expand and improve services throughout Queensland.

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**\$1.2B** for infrastructure improvements which are estimated to support 3,500 jobs.

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**\$40M** for a 12 month boost to the Queensland First Home Owners' Grant from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to help young Queenslanders achieve the dream of owning their new first home sooner.

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**3,500**   
estimated to be supported by  
the infrastructure program

# What the statewide initiatives mean for **DARLING DOWNS**



## Rural Assistance and Drought Package

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to assist rural producers and communities across the State affected by debt and drought.

The total funding provided includes: extending existing relief arrangements, pest and weed management, grants of up to \$2,500 for primary producers, extending an existing stamp duty exemption for inter-generational transfers of property, more education support for children in drought affected areas, and a new Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority.



## Investment

**\$62.7M**

including the \$40 million Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund to attract business investment from interstate and support local businesses to reinvest, and the \$22.7 million Advancing Small Business Queensland Strategy to assist small businesses to start, grow and employ locals in Darling Downs. These initiatives further support the \$405 million Advance Queensland package.



## Agricultural Innovation

**\$4.8M**

over four years to implement the Technology Commercialisation Fund, a pilot program under the New Agricultural Economy, which aims to attract private sector capital into government agriculture and food-based research and development, with the aim of increasing the commercialisation of intellectual property.



## Domestic and Family Violence

**\$198.2M**

over five years to continue implementing the Government's response to the *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland* report. The Government is committed to reducing the devastating effects of domestic and family violence in Queensland.

The Queensland Government employs 15,069 people on the Darling Downs who support:

**259,005** hectares of national and regional parks

**188** State Heritage sites

**34** hospitals and health facilities

**22** customer service centres

**6,116** km of roads

**1** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership regional office

**37** fire stations

**52** police stations

**12** courthouses

**154** schools



## Toowoomba Grand Central redevelopment and partnership with TAFE

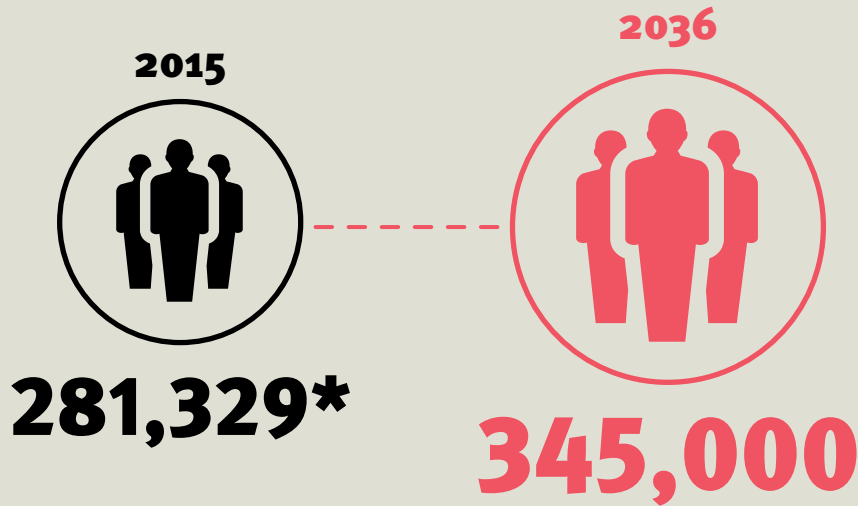
The Grand Central Shopping Centre in the heart of Toowoomba is undergoing a \$500 million redevelopment which will deliver additional employment and consumer choice to local Queenslanders. Owned by the Queensland Government's investment arm, Queensland Investment Corporation, Grand Central will be expanded to house new discount department stores, new supermarkets and new specialty retailers.

Grand Central has also partnered with TAFE Queensland South West to provide 550 hospitality and retail training places to give locals the skills to take advantage of the job opportunities this expansion will create. The project will create an estimated 1,500 construction jobs and around 1,000 local retail jobs upon completion which is expected to be in early 2017.

# Economic Snapshot

## DARLING DOWNS

### Population in the region



\*people as at 30 June 2015, growing at an annual average rate of 1.3% over the past 10 years

Apprentice and trainee rebate for payroll tax claimed by **156** businesses in the region to reinvest **\$519,000** back into their business



in the financial year to April 2016

**30,671** businesses in the region in June 2015



### Top 5 industries in the region by number of workers

- 13.1%**  
Health care and social assistance
- 9.5%**  
Education and training
- 9.3%**  
Manufacturing
- 8.5%**  
Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- 8.0%**  
Retail trade

**1,576** residential dwellings approved for construction in the region



in the 12 months ending 31 March 2016

**5,441** residential dwellings sold in the region



in the 12 months ending 31 December 2015

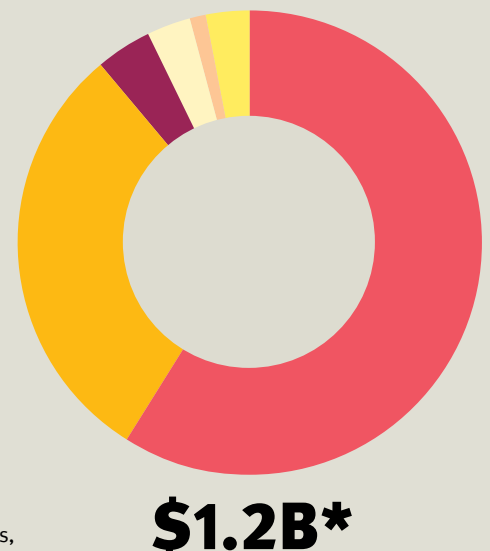
Agricultural production **\$3.2B** in the region during 2014-15



### Infrastructure budget for Darling Downs

- 59% Transport and Main Roads
- 30% Energy and Water Supply
- 4% Queensland Health
- 3% Education and Training
- 1% Public Safety Business Agency
- 2% Other

\*Agency spends are only available for capital purchases, the total infrastructure budget includes capital grants.



## Job-creating innovation, investment and infrastructure for **DARLING DOWNS**

The Darling Downs region encompasses the local government areas of Maranoa, Balonne, Goondiwindi, Toowoomba, Western Downs, Southern Downs and part of Lockyer Valley, as well as the major regional centres of Warwick, Roma, Chinchilla and Stanthorpe. The Queensland Government is investing in Darling Downs through a diverse range of projects and initiatives. For a full list of Queensland Budget 2016-17 initiatives, visit

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### Key



Community wellbeing



Utilities



Health



Education



Transport and roads



Justice and safety

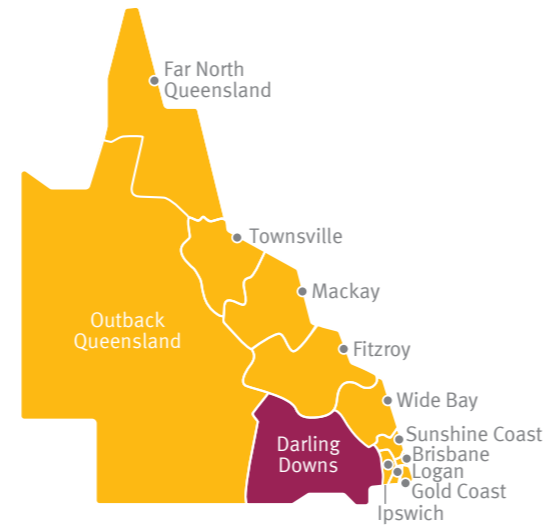


Government services



Recreation and culture

- 1 Baillie Henderson Hospital patient accommodation  
\$2 million in 2016-17 for the upgrade of patient accommodation in Toowoomba.
- 2 Cecil Plains Road, Toowoomba, widening  
\$3.9 million in 2016-17 out of a \$4 million total spend to widen various sections of the road, due for completion in June 2017. This is a Royalties for the Regions project.
- 3 Elderly Parent Carer Innovation Initiative  
\$438,000 in 2016-17 to continue the initiative, with a project at Crows Nest which is aimed at greater security for older parent carers who can no longer look after their adult son or daughter with a disability.
- 4 Gatton - Esk Road intersection improvements  
\$5 million in 2016-17 out of a \$5.4 million total spend to improve various intersections, due for completion in February 2017.
- 5 Goondiwindi Solar PV Project  
\$53,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$402,000 total spend to assist Goondiwindi Regional Council install solar photovoltaic systems on council-owned facilities and service infrastructure. This initiative is funded in partnership with the local council.
- 6 High-value horticulture value chains for the Queensland Murray Darling Basin  
\$650,000 in 2016-17 to increase economic activity in regions affected by the water buy-back provisions of the Murray Darling Basin Plan, by supporting the development of new, high value, irrigated, export-oriented horticulture value chains.
- 7 Highfields State Secondary College - Stage 2  
\$8.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$9.5 million total spend to continue constructing additional classrooms and specialist educational facilities.



- 8 Injune Sustainable Water Resource Project  
\$126,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$1 million total spend to assist Maranoa Regional Council with the augmentation of the Injune water network with new raw water mains and larger delivery mains to deliver consistent and reliable water pressure to all town areas. This initiative is jointly funded with the council.

- 9 New England Highway (Yarraman - Toowoomba) overtaking lanes  
\$6.9 million in 2016-17 out of a \$7 million total spend to construct overtaking lanes at various locations along the highway, due for completion in June 2017.

- 10 Oakey replacement Auxiliary Fire and Rescue Station  
\$1.5 million in 2016-17 to replace the station.

- 11 Queensland Fire and Emergency Services south western regional headquarters upgrade  
\$750,000 in 2016-17 out of an \$878,000 total spend to deliver an upgrade of the headquarters.

- 12 St George irrigation  
\$976,000 in 2016-17 to refurbish and enhance St George irrigation.

- 13 Roma Auxiliary Fire and Rescue Station and area operations facilities  
\$5 million in 2016-17 out of a \$5.2 million total spend to replace the station and area operations facilities. The upgrade will also deliver improved facilities for the local State Emergency Service and Rural Fire Service Queensland.

- 14 Roma Electricity Substation transformer upgrade  
\$29,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$39.3 million total spend for the augmentation of a transformer.

- 15 Rural Water Use Efficiency Irrigation Futures Program  
\$70,000 in 2016-17 as part of the state wide Rural Water Use Efficiency for Irrigation Futures program to achieve more productive on-farm water use.

- 16 Social housing  
\$19.8 million in 2016-17 to expand and improve social housing in the region.

- 17 East Warwick Electricity Substation upgrade  
\$372,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$33.3 million total spend for a new substation and 11kV distribution lines.

- 18 Tara Auxiliary Fire and Rescue Station replacement  
\$1.2 million in 2016-17 to replace the station.

- 19 Toowoomba Hospital theatre  
\$8.1 million in 2016-17 to expand operating theatre capacity.

- 20 Toowoomba Hospital MRI  
\$8.6 million in 2016-17 out of a \$9.6 million total spend for a new MRI at the Toowoomba Hospital.

- 21 Toowoomba Second Range Crossing  
\$399.9 million in 2016-17 out of a \$1.6 billion total spend to construct a bypass route north of Toowoomba, from the Warrego Highway at Helidon to the Gore Highway at Athol, due for completion in December 2018. This package is being undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government.

- 22 Toowoomba Sports Ground upgrades  
\$1.1 million in 2016-17 for capital improvements at Toowoomba Sports Ground.

- 23 Underground coal gasification investigations  
\$5.8 million in 2016-17 out of a \$15.8 million total spend to investigate environmental impacts and pursue prosecution actions.

- 24 Warrego Highway (Dalby - Miles), Jingi Jingi Creek Bridge  
\$8.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$32.3 million total spend to construct a bridge and approaches on the highway, due for completion August 2017. This project is part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Package in partnership with the Australian Government.

- 25 Warrego Highway, Brigalow to Chinchilla, widening  
\$13.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$39.6 million total spend to widen a 11.37km section of the highway, due for completion in August 2016. This project is part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Package in partnership with the Australian Government.

- 26 Warrego Highway, Charlton to Kingsthorpe, duplication  
\$24.6 million in 2016-17 out of a \$160 million total spend to duplicate the highway from two to four lanes, due for completion in May 2018. This project is part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Package in partnership with the Australian Government.

- 27 Warrego Highway, Oakey to Dalby overtaking lanes  
\$23.7 million in 2016-17 out of a \$44 million total spend to construct overtaking lanes, due for completion in January 2018. This project is part of the Warrego Highway Upgrade Package in partnership with the Australian Government.

- 28 Warwick State High School  
\$595,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$680,000 total spend to construct new amenities.

- 29 Roma Hospital  
Early works on a new public hospital at Roma as part of the \$180 million Enhancing Regional Hospital Program from the 2015-16 Budget.