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.
2010-11 Budget Highlights for Far North Queensland

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 Far North Queensland region’s uniqueness and diversity are among the key building blocks of this State.

For more information about Government initiatives in your region, visit www.qld.gov.au/buildingqld