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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$143.4 million
for local government recovery and reconstruction projects in partnership with the Australian Government.

$5 million
for flood warning and mitigation initiatives in Emerald.

$2.5 million
as part of $4 million over two years for the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership between government and industry.

$2.9 million
to establish new kindergartens at Blackwater North State School and Waraburra State School.

$3.2 million
to complete the replacement and refurbishment of ambulance stations at Emerald and Gladstone.

$34.4 million
to continue the $157.2 million joint Queensland and Australian Government funded Rockhampton Base Hospital expansion.

$50.9 million
to upgrade the RG Tanna Coal Terminal, due for completion in June 2018.

$1 million
over 2 years to construct the Blackwater Aquatic Centre.

$18.8 million
to upgrade the Yeppen Lagoon Bridge and roundabout on the Bruce Highway, between Benaraby and Rockhampton in partnership with the Australian Government.

$8.4 million
towards improving the Central Highland Nogoa River Rail Bridge and upstream levee to help protect Emerald against floods.

$880,000
for activities under the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan 2009, in partnership with the Australian Government.

$6.6 million
to continue the improvement and upgrade of Biloela Hospital facilities.

$7.4 million
to continue the improvement and upgrade of Emerald Hospital.

$28.2 million
for the new Tug Harbour Facility at Gladstone Harbour.

$8.4 million
to continue the improvement and upgrade of Biloela Hospital.

$14.5 million
to expand and improve social housing.

$1.1 million
for flood warning and mitigation initiatives in Emerald.

$244,000
over two years to upgrade the Kianga Community Hall and the Biloela Library.

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