Regional Action Plan

The Fitzroy region encompasses the southern portions of the Great Barrier Reef and some of Queensland’s richest natural resources. Building on traditional strengths in mining, agriculture and manufacturing, Fitzroy has been at the centre of the State’s coal and LNG investment boom while also fostering a growing service sector. We know we have more work to do to support the region’s transition following the completion of major resource construction projects and to support rural producers. Specifically, this Budget includes our Back to Work package, creating regional jobs and:

- **Infrastructure**: $823.2M for infrastructure improvements which are estimated to support 2,500 jobs.
- **Education**: $19.1M for maintenance and capital works projects for schools.
- **Health**: $531.5M for the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service.
- **$77.9M** over five years to assist rural producers and communities across the State affected by debt and drought.
- **$12M** over two years for disaster mitigation and to build community resilience to natural disasters.
- **$4.8M** over four years to implement the Technology Commercialisation Fund to help develop the New Agricultural Economy.

Back to Work Navigation Teams who know the local economy will help local employers looking to fill jobs. They will connect jobseekers to jobs or further skills training and apprentice pathways.

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What the statewide initiatives mean for **FITZROY**

**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.

**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 Fitzroy. These initiatives further support the $405 million Advance Queensland package.

**Infrastructure**

$10.7B for the State capital program in 2016-17 which will support 31,000 jobs. The Government is committed to providing critical infrastructure that improves employment, economic and social outcomes through the State Infrastructure Plan. New and innovative approaches to infrastructure planning, financing and delivery will continue to be an important focus in the constrained fiscal environment.

**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 11,595 people in Fitzroy who support:

- **694,901** hectares of national and regional parks
- **126** State Heritage sites
- **21** hospitals and health facilities
- **11** customer service centres
- **3,527** km of roads
- **2** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership regional offices
- **22** fire stations
- **35** police stations
- **8** courthouses
- **104** schools

**Rockhampton Hospital Expansion**

$8.3 million to complete the final stages of the Rockhampton Hospital Expansion at a total estimated cost of $178.4 million funded by the Queensland Government and the Australian Government.

This expansion includes increased capacity by 30 beds, four new operating rooms and support areas, a new seven-level building to house cancer services, medical officers’ facilities and two wards.

In addition to the expansion, $16.4 million was funded from the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service reprioritised fund for a new helipad and the establishment of a 10-bed Intensive Care Unit and $67.1 million was provided by the Australian Government to establish and fit-out the new cancer services centre within the newly built Rockhampton Hospital building.
Population in the region

2015: 235,784*
2036: 325,000

*people as at 30 June 2015, growing at an annual average rate of 1.9% over the past 10 years

Top 5 industries in the region by number of workers
- Health care and social assistance: 11.1%
- Retail trade: 9.5%
- Education and training: 9.1%
- Construction: 8.7%
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing: 8.3%

Agricultural production $1.3B in the region during 2014-15

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696 residential dwellings approved for construction in the region in the 12 months ending 31 March 2016

2,922 residential dwellings sold in the region in the 12 months ending 31 December 2015

Infrastructure budget for Fitzroy

- 50% Energy and Water Supply
- 35% Transport and Main Roads
- 5% Queensland Health
- 3% Education and Training
- 3% State Development
- 5% Other

$823.2M*

Apprentice and trainee rebate for payroll tax claimed by 122 businesses in the region to reinvest $219,000 back into their business in the financial year to April 2016

17,560 businesses in the region in June 2015

*Agency spends are only available for capital purchases, the total infrastructure budget includes capital grants.
The Fitzroy region encompasses the local government areas of Banana, Central Highlands, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Livingstone and Woorabinda, and the major regional centres of Emerald, Gladstone, Rockhampton and Yeppoon. The Queensland Government is investing in Fitzroy through a diverse range of projects and initiatives. For a full list of Queensland Budget 2016-17 initiatives, visit www.budget.qld.gov.au

Key

Transport and roads

Education

Health

Environment and culture

Government services

Natural disaster relief and recovery arrangements

$6 million in 2016-17 will be provided to local governments in the region to assist with recovery in the aftermath of the Tropical Cyclone Yasi in 2011.

Blacktown Tabulam National Park road upgrade

$5.6 million in 2016-17 to improve access to Blacktown Tabulam National Park, with upgrading works on the North Maclean Creek crossing.

Bruce Highway widening – Rapid

$6.9 million in 2016-17 out of a $10 million total spend to widen and seal a section of the highway between Duaringa and Rockhampton, due for completion in April 2018. This project is in partnership with the Australian Government.

Bruce Highway widening – Region

$6.9 million in 2016-17 out of a $10 million total spend to widen and seal a section of the highway between Yeppoon and Bajool, due for completion in April 2018. This project is in partnership with the Australian Government.

Burnett Highway widening – Monto to Blidra

$8 million in 2016-17 out of a $10 million total spend to widen various segments of the highway, due for completion in July 2017.

Calliope State School

$2.8 million in 2016-17 out of a $4.2 million total spend to continue construction of additional classrooms.

Capricorn Coast National Park, Bluff Point car park upgrade

$133,000 in 2016-17 to upgrade existing car park surfacing at Bluff Point.

Capricorn highway overtake lanes – Rockhampton to Duargina

$3.7 million in 2016-17 out of a $5 million total spend to construct an overtaking lane on a section of the Capricorn highway, due for completion in July 2017.

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Carnarvon National Park, World’s Coney Track upgrade

$42.5 million over a period of 20 years to rehabilitate safety barriers and erosion control systems on the walking track.

Calale and Calalle Substation systems replacement

$6.4 million in 2016-17 out of a $9 million total spend to replace substation systems.

Ciquala and Oil Palm Substation systems replacement

$5.4 million in 2016-17 out of a $9 million total spend to replace substation systems.

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Gregory Highway intersection upgrades – Emerald to Clermont

$4.6 million in 2016-17 out of a $7.1 million total spend to construct a four way signalised intersection and form part of an ongoing commitment to the management of this unique environment.

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