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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Great state. Great opportunity.
$26 million to progress planning for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

$33.3 million towards redeveloping the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

$41.4 million to progress planning and development of the Parklands Priority Development Area for the 2018 Commonwealth Games Village.

$36.5 million for local government recovery and reconstruction projects in partnership with the Australian Government.

$7 million for regional tourism operators, including Gold Coast, to undertake destination marketing.

$2 million of $8 million over four years to attract new aviation business and routes into Queensland.

$26 million to expand and improve social housing.

$4.6 million towards upgrading members' facilities and constructing a new equine swimming pool at the Turf Club.

$750,000 to redevelop the Green Mountain camping ground in Lamington National Park.

$506,500 for the Get in the Game initiative to help sport and recreation organisations develop facilities to support active club membership.

$149,000 to build long-term supported accommodation in Labrador.

$178.8 million from Australian, Queensland and local governments towards the $1.3 billion construction of the Gold Coast Rapid Transit System, due for completion mid-2014.

$40 million in joint Queensland and Australian Government funding for the $95.5 million widening of the Pacific Motorway between Worongary and Mudgeeraba.

$35 million for the $119.4 million Smith Street and Olsen Avenue interchange upgrade.

$151.7 million to complete construction of the new $1.762 billion Gold Coast University Hospital, opening in September 2013.

$63.5 million for additional services at the new Gold Coast University Hospital including cardiac surgery, trauma services, radiation oncology and neonatal intensive care.

$200,000 to upgrade the police station at Broadbeach.

$321,000 for Boot Camps for Youth Justice, to rehabilitate and deter young offenders.

$191 million to complete construction of the new $1.762 billion Gold Coast University Hospital, opening in September 2013.

$34 million to schools as Year 7 joins high school in 2015.

$3 million of $18 million over four years to continue to deliver police helicopter services.

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