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 North Queensland

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

- $25 million for dental clinical teaching facilities at the James Cook University campuses in Cairns and Townsville.
- $4.9 million to deliver new job creation programs and grow a skilled workforce.
- $3.2 million to complete the $5.9 million major overhaul on the Townsville-based 412 Bell helicopter.
- $1.7 million for a pre-prep facility at Bwgcolman Community School.
- $640,000 to build a $2.6 million double-unit kindergarten at Weir State School.
- $8.3 million of $43.8 million to upgrade the Burdekin River Bridge on the Bruce Highway, in partnership with the Australian Government.
- $2.4 million to develop major community sport and recreation facilities.
- $6.6 million to upgrade the Ingham and Dungeness/Lucinda sewage treatment plants.
- $13.2 million of $18.9 million to support the redevelopment of the Flinders Street Mall, Townsville.
- $2 million of $12 million for the Queensland Police Service’s district support facility in Townsville.
- $17 million redevelopment of the Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE, Townsville campus continues.
- $48.5 million of $110 million to advance the Douglas Arterial duplication on Townsville Ring Road, in partnership with the Australian Government.
- $145.9 million over the next four years for a new integrated cancer service at The Townsville Hospital, in partnership with the Australian Government.
- $57.5 million of $95.9 million to construct a dedicated marine facility at the Port of Townsville.
- $145.9 million this year for the $334 million expansion of The Townsville Hospital, in partnership with the Australian Government.
- $17 million redevelopment of the Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE, Townsville campus continues.
- $8.2 million to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority for the Marine Park’s Field Management Program.
- $68 million for vocational education and training, including apprenticeships and traineeships.

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