Wide Bay has a total population of 288,597* which is expected to reach 386,000 by 2036

Agricultural production $1.05 billion

5,407 residential dwellings sold in the 12 months ending 31 December 2014

1,435 residential buildings approved for construction in the 12 months ending 31 March 2015

21,512 businesses in Wide Bay in 2013-14

$1.879B health budget in 2015-16 for the Wide Bay, Darling Downs, Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Services, the primary providers

$58M for maintenance in Wide Bay schools over the next four years

$37.7M for disaster relief in 2015-16 in partnership with the Australian Government

1,500 JOBS estimated to be supported by the infrastructure program

The Queensland Government employs 13,863 people in Wide Bay and they support:

- 4,495 km² of national and regional parks
- 171 state heritage sites
- 17 hospitals and health facilities
- 16 customer service centres and 3,035 km of roads
- 1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership regional office
- 30 fire stations
- 575 police officers
- 9 courthouses
Jobs now, jobs for the future for Wide Bay

The Wide Bay region encompasses the local government areas of Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, Cherbourg, Gympie, North Burnett, and South Burnett, and the major regions of Bundaberg, Gympie, and Maryborough.

Statewide Initiatives

- **Resilient communities**
  - $40 million to establish the Community Resilience Fund to help local governments protect the infrastructure of communities vulnerable to natural disasters.

- **Rollingstock**
  - $226.5 million to deliver new and upgrade existing rollingstock.

- **Enhancing Regional Hospitals**
  - $20.6 million statewide to commence a $180 million Enhancing Regional Hospitals Program, including the Hervey Bay Emergency Department.

Wide Bay Initiatives

- **Cleaner communities**
  - $43,000 of $100,000 to tackle littering and illegal dumping via a partnership between Bundaberg Regional Council, Fraser Coast Regional Council, Central Queensland University and the Burnett Mary Regional Group.

- **Indigenous heritage**
  - $25,000 to support Queensland Indigenous communities to undertake projects to protect and conserve natural and cultural resources.

- **Homelessness**
  - $6.8 million for specialist homelessness services.

- **Social housing**
  - $24.8 million to expand and improve social housing.

- **Disaster relief and recovery**
  - $37.7 million, in partnership with the Australian Government, for local government recovery and reconstruction projects.

- **Sustainable agriculture and water quality**
  - $730,000 to control feral animals and weeds, improve reef water quality and enhance responsible agricultural productivity.

- **Conservation**
  - $50,000 to support the Wide Bay Burnett Conservation Council.

- **Schools capital works**
  - $561,000 for a replacement library at Wondai State School.

- **Water infrastructure**
  - $31.4 million of $35 million per year to implement the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan, including the Reef Water Quality Plan response for the Wide Bay region.

- **Bundaberg fire and rescue**
  - $4 million to continue the $6.5 million replacement permanent fire and rescue station at Bundaberg.

- **Bundaberg gas pipeline**
  - $12 million of $15 million to upgrade the Spillway at Paradise Dam.

- **Bruce Highway roadworks**
  - $25.5 million of $624.3 million to complete the Goony to Curra Bruce Highway upgrade.

- **Protecting our national parks**
  - $30.5 million of $100 million for new wastewater treatment system for Dunbuba in the Great Sandy National Park on Fraser Island.

- **Bundaberg-Gin Gin Road**
  - $5 million to rehabilitate the Bundaberg-Gin Gin Roadworks.