






'BACK TO WORK'

\$100M to support up to **8,000 jobs** across regional Queensland

 Employer support payments of up to \$10,000 to hire and keep a regional Queenslanders employed for 12 months or more, including disadvantaged jobseekers such as mature aged workers, young people, members of drought affected farm households and other priority job seekers. Payments increase to \$15,000 for hiring long-term unemployed regional Queenslanders.

 Eligible employees will also have access to job readiness payments to help them start their new job. This may include training, purchasing new equipment and uniforms or gaining or renewing trade licenses.

 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.

WIDE BAY

Advancing our economy through job-creating Innovation, Investment and Infrastructure

Regional Action Plan

The Wide Bay region stretches from the fertile soils of the Burnett area to the beautiful Fraser Coast. With a vibrant tourism industry and growing service sector, Wide Bay's economy continues to diversify as it builds on its traditional strengths in agriculture and manufacturing. We know we have more work to do, given the region's growing and relatively older population, to increase employment opportunities in the region and ensure ongoing delivery of essential services such as health and education. Specifically this Budget includes our Back to Work package, creating regional jobs and:



Infrastructure
\$639.4M

for infrastructure improvements, including a new Police and Fire Station at Howard, which are estimated to support 2,000 jobs.



Health
\$2.2B

for the Wide Bay, Darling Downs and Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Services.



Education
\$14.6M

for maintenance and capital works projects for schools.

\$30.2M

over four years including \$10.8 million in additional funding to implement the recommendations of the Queensland Biosecurity Capability Review.

\$8.3M

over four years to fund the Queensland Age-Friendly Community Strategy to expand and improve services throughout Queensland.

\$22.7M

over three years for the Advancing Small Business Queensland Strategy to make Queensland the place for small business to start, grow and employ.

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2,000  **JOBS**
estimated to be supported by the infrastructure program

What the statewide initiatives mean for **WIDE BAY**



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 \$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 Wide Bay. These initiatives further support the \$405 million Advance Queensland package.



Infrastructure

\$10.7B

for the State capital program in 2016-17 which supports 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 14,221 people in Wide Bay who support:

445,488 hectares of national and regional parks

169 State Heritage sites

18 hospitals and health facilities

15 customer service centres

2,962 km of roads

1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership regional office

30 fire stations

31 police stations

9 courthouses

132 schools



Bruce Highway duplication – Cooroy to Curra

The Queensland Government is investing \$245 million towards the duplication of the Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra) from Cooroy Southern Interchange to Sankeys Road (Section A). The total cost of this joint Queensland and Australian Government investment is \$490 million.

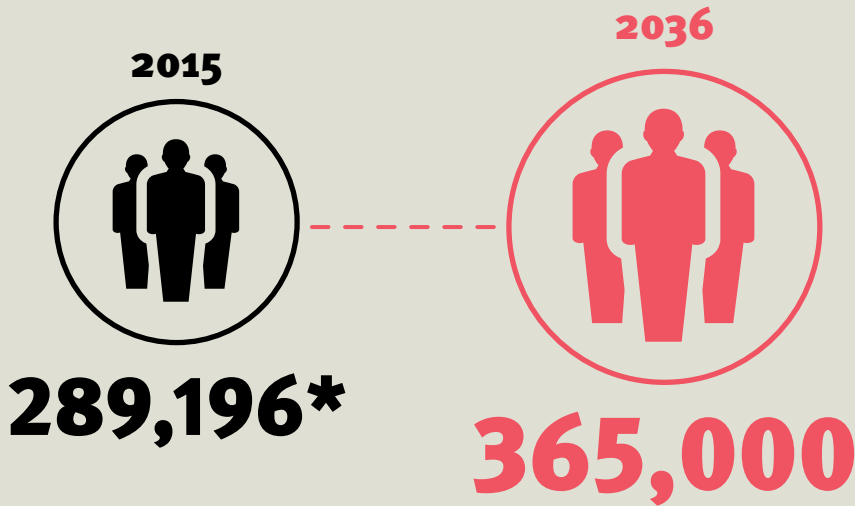
This project will deliver a new 13.5km, four-lane divided highway between the existing interchange south of Cooroy and the new section of highway in Federal (near Sankeys Road). It will also include a new all-movements interchange north of Cooroy and new bridges over Skyring Creek and Gardners Road.

This project is designed to meet the strategic transport needs of the Sunshine Coast and is among Queensland's highest priority road projects. It is expected to be completed by late-2016.

Economic Snapshot

WIDE BAY

Population in the region



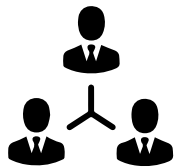
*people as at 30 June 2015, growing at an annual average rate of 1.5% over the past 10 years

Apprentice and trainee rebate for payroll tax claimed by **102** businesses in the region to reinvest **\$131,000** back into their business

in the financial year to April 2016



21,364 businesses in the region in June 2015



Top 5 industries in the region by number of workers

16.5%
Health care and social assistance

12.6%
Retail trade

10.1%
Education and training

9.0%
Manufacturing

8.6%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing

1,561 residential dwellings approved for construction in the region



in the 12 months ending 31 March 2016

5,873 residential dwellings sold in the region



in the 12 months ending 31 December 2015

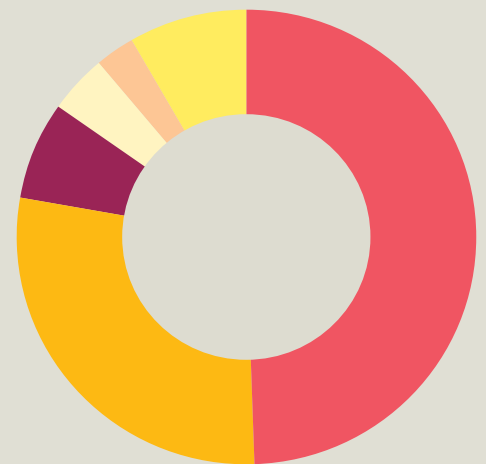
Agricultural production **\$1.1B** in the region during 2014-15



Infrastructure budget for Wide Bay

- 49% Transport and Main Roads
- 28% Energy and Water Supply
- 7% Queensland Health
- 4% Education and Training
- 3% Public Safety Business Agency
- 8% Other

*Agency spends are only available for capital purchases, the total infrastructure budget includes capital grants.











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Job-creating innovation, investment and infrastructure for

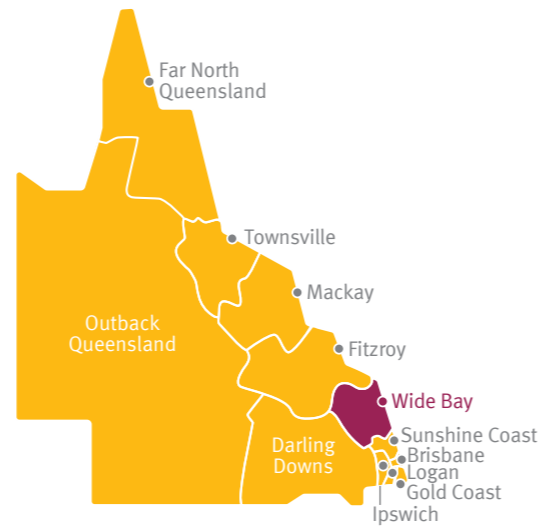
WIDE BAY

The Wide Bay region encompasses the local government areas of Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, Cherbourg, Gympie, North Burnett, and South Burnett, and the major regional centres of Bundaberg, Gympie, and Maryborough. The Queensland Government is investing in Wide Bay 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

-  Community wellbeing
-  Utilities
-  Health
-  Education
-  Transport and roads
-  Justice and safety
-  Government services
-  Recreation and culture

- 1** Paradise Dam improvements
\$18.6 million in 2016-17 out of a \$22.8 million total spend on the project to complete improvements.
- 2** Bruce Highway – Cooroy to Curra upgrade
\$84 million in 2016-17 out of a \$384.2 million total spend to construct a four-lane realignment of the highway from Traveston Road to Keefton Road, Gympie which is due for completion in June 2018. This project is undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 3** Cherbourg wastewater infrastructure upgrade
\$10 million in 2016-17 out of a \$15 million total spend to provide upgrades to the wastewater infrastructure.
- 4** Bundaberg gas pipeline project
\$9.8 million in 2016-17 out of an \$18 million total spend on the project in the Bundaberg Regional Council area.
- 5** Bruce Highway – Tiana overpass
\$28 million in 2016-17 out of a \$38 million total spend to upgrade the interchange in southern Maryborough, due for completion in May 2017. This project is undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 6** Monto – Mount Perry Road Burnett River Bridge replacement
\$7.4 million in 2016-17 out of an \$11.5 million total spend to replace the bridge and approaches at the river on the Monto - Mount Perry Road, due for completion in December 2016.
- 7** New Bundaberg Ambulance Station
\$3 million in 2016-17 out of a \$5 million total spend to construct a new ambulance station. It will be collocated with a Queensland Fire and Emergency Services facility to ensure continuity of emergency services to the local and surrounding communities, including during periods of inclement weather and natural disasters.
- 8** Kingaroy Police Station and Watchhouse
\$2.5 million in 2016-17 out of an \$8.3 million total spend to replace the station and watchhouse.
- 9** Burrum Heads Lions Park boat ramp and floating walkway
\$2.4 million in 2016-17 out of a \$5.1 million total spend to construct the Burrum Heads Lions Park boat ramp and floating walkway, due for completion in October 2016.



- 10** Kingaroy Courthouse
\$2 million in 2016-17 out of a \$4.2 million total spend to construct a new courtroom, install a lift and upgrade the fit-out to address sound attenuation and court operation issues.
- 11** New Rainbow Beach Ambulance Station
\$1.4 million in 2016-17 out of a \$1.5 million total spend to construct a new station to meet the growing service demand in the region.
- 12** Tarong Pipeline
\$1.1 million in 2016-17 for refurbishment and enhancement of the Tarong pipeline.
- 13** Multi-purpose and Neighbourhood Community Centres Renewal Program
\$1.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$2.6 million total spend to replace the East Murgon Neighbourhood Centre which is not fit-for-purpose.
- 14** Bruce Highway – Maryborough to Gin Gin, Dog Hole Creek widening
\$5.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$6.2 million total spend to widen a section of the highway at Dog Hole Creek, due for completion in July 2017. This project is undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 15** Bruce Highway – Maryborough to Gin Gin, Torbanlea exit overtaking lanes
\$3.8 million in 2016-17 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to widen and overlay the highway south of Hervey Bay, due for completion in January 2017. This project is undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 16** Enhanced allied health services for Gayndah, Gin Gin and Monto
\$748,900 in 2016-17 for enhanced allied health services.
- 17** Queensland Regional Natural Resource Management Investment Program
\$600,000 in 2016-17 to target feral pigs, foxes and weeds, improve water quality entering the Great Barrier Reef and enhance responsible agricultural productivity in the region.
- 18** Eidsvold water treatment facility
\$559,600 in 2016-17 out of a \$2 million total spend to assist North Burnett Regional Council to construct a new water treatment facility to replace the existing plant.
- 19** Abandoned Mine Lands Program
\$500,000 in 2016-17 for managing sand mining legacy issues at Rainbow Beach.
\$282,000 in 2016-17 is allocated for the shaft repair program in Gympie to progressively make the many historic gold mining shafts in the town safe.
- 20** Gympie Special School
\$490,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$7.8 million total spend to commence construction of a new administration block and additional classrooms.
- 21** Bruce Highway – Gympie to Maryborough, Bauple – Woolooga Road to Chapmans Road widening
\$2.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$3.1 million total spend to widen pavement, due for completion in November 2016. This project is undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 22** Childers Auxiliary Fire and Rescue Station replacement
\$400,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$2 million total spend to replace the station.
- 23** Nanango Police Station
\$314,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$2.7 million total spend to replace the station and upgrade the police residence.
- 24** Rainbow Beach Auxiliary Fire and Rescue Station
\$300,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$1.3 million total spend to replace the station.
- 25** Bruce Highway – Gympie to Maryborough, Arboten rest area exit to Deacons Creek widening
\$1.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$1.8 million total spend to widen the pavement, due for completion in November 2016. This project is undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 26** World Heritage extension to Fraser Island
\$209,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$373,000 total spend to progress the Great Sandy World Heritage nomination involving consultation with Traditional Owners, the public and the Australian Government by 30 January 2018.
- 27** Our Towns – Sustainable Centres Program Gunalda
\$172,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$747,000 total spend jointly funded with Gympie Regional Council to complete streetscaping, footpath upgrades and formalisation of car and truck parking adjacent to the Gunalda commercial hub.
- 28** Fraser Island Ocean Lake facilities upgrade
\$164,000 in 2016-17 to replace toilet facilities (rota loos) with a more efficient and less labour-intensive sewage treatment system.
- 29** Mon Repos Turtle Centre redevelopment
\$3 million in 2016-17 out of a \$10 million total spend to redevelop the visitor centre and research facility.
- 30** Howard Police and Fire Station
\$5 million in 2016-17 out of a \$10 million total spend to construct a collocated fire and police station.
- 31** Step Up Step Down facilities
\$12 million in 2016-17 to alleviate the pressures on mainstream health care facilities in locations such as Gladstone, Bundaberg and Mackay.
- 32** Bundaberg replacement Fire and Rescue Station
\$7 million in 2016-17 out of a \$7.2 million total spend for a replacement permanent fire and rescue station. The upgrade will also deliver improved and collocated facilities for the local State Emergency Service and Rural Fire Service Queensland.