

REGIONAL ACTION PLAN



Darling Downs

The Queensland Budget will directly support Darling Downs with significant expenditure in 2021-22 including:

Infrastructure
\$763M

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **2,500 jobs** in this region.

Health
\$1.1B

for the Darling Downs and South West Hospital and Health Services.

Education
\$67.7M

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools on the Darling Downs.

Darling Downs will also benefit from:

Works for Queensland
\$9.8M

from 2021 to 2024 for regional councils to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects on the Darling Downs.

Social housing
\$20.8M

in 2021-22 to expand and improve social housing on the Darling Downs.

South West Hospital and Health Service
\$13.2M

for the construction of projects at multiple sites.

Delivering for the Darling Downs region



Advance Queensland

\$33.6 million of grants awarded to 358 applicants to drive innovation, build on our natural advantages, and help raise Darling Downs's profile as an attractive investment destination. Part of the \$755 million Advance Queensland initiative.

(July 2015 to March 2021)



Drought Relief Assistance Scheme Funding

\$34.3 million in financial assistance provided to 2,173 Darling Downs farms to help manage the impacts of drought.

(March 2015 to April 2021)



Payroll tax relief

579 employers on the Darling Downs received \$19 million in payroll tax refunds, holidays or waivers to alleviate the impact of COVID-19 on businesses.

(As at 12 May 2021)



Building our Regions

\$55.4 million allocated to 30 critical infrastructure projects on the Darling Downs, supporting economic development and supporting 399 jobs.

(March 2015 to June 2021)

Restoring frontline services on the Darling Downs

Growth from March 2015 to March 2021



258 extra teachers
up 9.2%



513 extra nurses
up 29.3%



152 extra doctors
up 45.9%



57 extra firefighters
up 56.3%



**Queensland
Government**

Darling Downs

1 Roma Hospital
 ✓ \$466,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$116.6 million total spend to redevelop the facility to support contemporary models of care including expanded outpatient capacity and integration of primary and Telehealth services.

2 The Bigger Big Rig and Tree Walk
 \$2.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$4.1 million total spend for the installation of an observation tower, deck and Tree Walk (with audio-visual elements) from the Big Rig to the existing Oil Patch Museum. Delivered in partnership with the Maranoa Regional Council.

3 Chinchilla Hospital
 \$350,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$441,359 total spend for the replacement of the existing generator with a new generator with remote access capability.

4 Chinchilla State High School
 ✓ \$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.8 million total spend to provide new skills development and training facilities.

5 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
 \$480,000 in 2021-22 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Bunya Mountains.

6 Kogan Creek Power Station enhancements, overhauls and refurbishment
 \$16.5 million in 2021-22 for enhancement and refurbishment to ensure the plant's long-term reliability and safety.

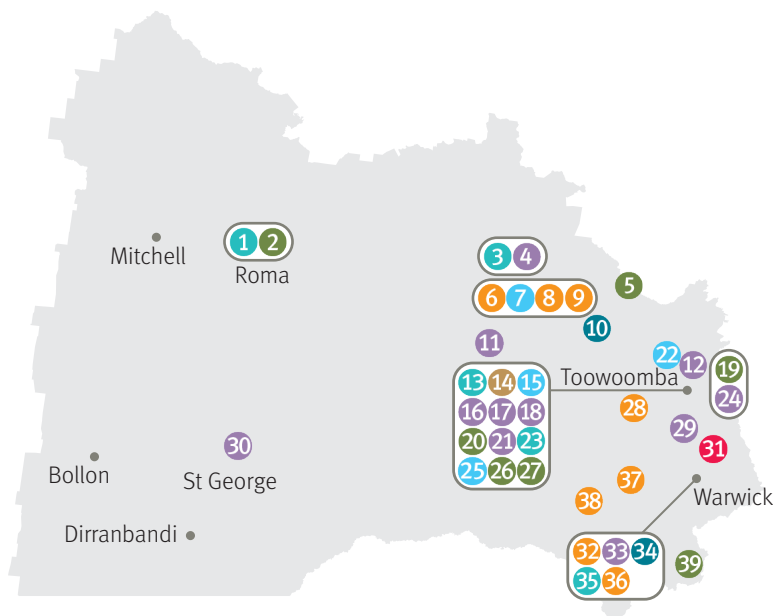
7 Hopeland (Linc Energy) mine site
 \$3.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$28 million total spend to continue managing the disclaimed Linc Energy mine site.

8 Kogan Creek Mine developments and refurbishment
 \$2.4 million in 2021-22 for mine enhancements and refurbishments.

9 Kogan North Gas Fields development
 \$24.6 million in 2021-22 to develop and maintain new gas assets.

10 Dalby police facility upgrade
 \$3.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$11.5 million total spend to progress the upgrade of the police facility at Dalby.

11 Tara Shire State College
 ✓ \$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend to provide new skills development and training facilities.



15 Upgrade and refurbishment of Toowoomba facilities
 \$954,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$13.6 million total spend to upgrade and refurbish existing Leslie Research Facilities and Tor Street Operational Complex to maintain connections with primary industries, universities and funding organisations.

16 Wilsonton State High School
 ✓ \$15 million in 2021-22 out of a \$16.5 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.

17 Toowoomba West Special School
 ✓ \$6.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$7.1 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces and upgrade the administration building.

21 Clifford Park Special School
 ✓ \$11.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$13.9 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces and to relocate the Denise Kable Centre.

22 Toowoomba Wellcamp Trade Distribution Centre
 ✓ \$3.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$10 million total spend to support the development of a facility which will provide rapid airfreight access for agricultural producers in the Toowoomba and Darling Downs region.

23 Toowoomba Hospital
 \$4.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$14 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Toowoomba Hospital site, including electrical infrastructure upgrades of essential power integration.

24 Grantham State School
 \$1.3 million in 2021-22 to upgrade an existing amenities block.

25 Toowoomba escarpment parks upgrades
 \$270,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.7 million total spend to deliver new tourism infrastructure that capitalises on Toowoomba's Great Dividing Range escarpment parks to unlock nature-based and sports opportunities.

26 West Wanderers Football Club
 \$779,567 in 2021-22 out of a \$794,125 total spend to construct a new amenities block including change rooms and referee room to support female participation in football at Nell E. Robinson Park, Kearneys Spring. Part of the Activate! Queensland program.

27 Wellcamp Entertainment Precinct
 The Government continues to work with proponents on the Wellcamp Entertainment Precinct proposal, subject to Australian Government funding and other conditions.

18 Stage 2 of the Rural Centre of Excellence at Toowoomba TAFE
 ✓ \$925,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend for Stage 2 of Toowoomba TAFE's new Rural Centre of Excellence.

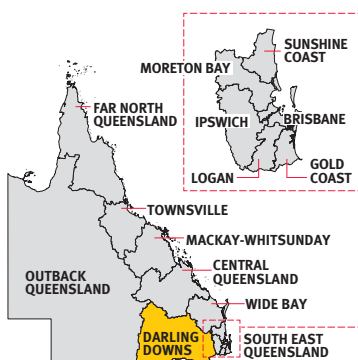
19 Anuha Cardboard Recycling Project
 \$35,185 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.3 million total spend for the transport of recovered paper and cardboard from the Locker Valley and Somerset Regions to South East Queensland for recycling.

20 Queensland Museum public programs
 \$1 million in 2021-22 to deliver temporary exhibitions, programming and learning activities at regional campuses.

12 Highfields State School
 ✓ \$3 million in 2021-22 to upgrade the administration building.

13 Toowoomba Day Surgery Theatre
 \$5.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$42 million total spend for the construction of a two-theatre day surgery unit at the Baillie Henderson Hospital Campus.

14 Wilsonton Neighbourhood Centre
 \$635,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$3.8 million total spend to design and construct a neighbourhood centre to support the Wilsonton community.



28 Yarranlea substation upgrade
\$2.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$11.6 million total spend to carry out substation refurbishment work to improve network performance.

29 Clifton State High School
\$871,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$4.2 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities and to upgrade the existing hall facility.

30 St George State High School
\$1.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$8.8 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities and the existing hall facility.

31 Cunningham Highway (Ipswich - Warwick), Eight Mile intersection upgrade
\$15 million in 2021-22 out of a \$25 million total spend to upgrade the intersection of the Cunningham Highway and New England Highway, to the north of Warwick. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

32 Recycled Water for Warwick Industry
\$995,962 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.5 million total spend to deliver a new water reservoir at the Warwick wastewater sewage treatment plant to supply industry with Class A recycled water.

33 Warwick State High School
\$280,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to deliver a new hall facility.



34 Warwick police facility upgrade
\$500,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$15 million total spend to progress the upgrade of the police facility at Warwick.

35 Goondiwindi and Warwick Hospitals
\$76,289 in 2021-22 out of a \$3.8 million to undertake upgrades and improvements to existing facilities.

36 Southern Downs Drought Resilience Package
\$11.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$19.3 million total spend for critical infrastructure to address immediate water security in the Southern Downs region, and continue preparatory work for the Toowoomba to Warwick pipeline.

KEY

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

-  S/R Statewide/region-wide
-  Relates to election commitment

37 Karara Wind Farm development
\$144.9 million in 2021-22 for CleanCo to build, own, and operate the new Karara Wind Farm near Warwick.

38 Coolmunda Dam improvement project - planning
\$3.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$6.1 million total spend to continue planning works for dam improvements to comply with safety standards for extreme weather events.

39 Girraween National Park visitor facilities upgrade
\$1.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.3 million total spend for redevelopment of Bald Rock Creek and Castle Rock camping areas at Girraween National Park near Stanthorpe.

40 South West Hospital and Health Service
\$8.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$13.2 million total spend for the construction projects at multiple South West Hospital and Health Service sites.

Please note: Not all government expenditure for the region is shown. Dollar amounts may include capital and operating expenditure, though may not represent the entire funding allocated.

To see more Palaszczuk Government initiatives visit budget.qld.gov.au

Southern Downs Drought Resilience Package

The Queensland Government is investing \$19.34 million in a drought resilience package to keep the taps flowing in the Southern Downs. While recent rain has provided much needed relief in the region, this investment provides long-term water security for the local communities and immediate funding to construct new groundwater bores, upgrade critical infrastructure and unlock new water sources to extend the existing supply. The funding includes \$8.1 million for Seqwater to lay the groundwork for the Toowoomba to Warwick pipeline.

Investment in water security continues to be a high priority for the government and this funding package supports the delivery of Queensland's plan for economic recovery, which includes building our regional water infrastructure. Since 2015, the Queensland Government has committed \$1.9 billion to water infrastructure across the state.



Leslie Dam

Photo Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water



Photo courtesy of ACCIONA Energy Australia Global

Darling Downs wind farm powering jobs

The Queensland Government's \$250 million investment in the 103 megawatt Karara Wind Farm will underpin regional jobs and growth, and support the state's 50 per cent Queensland Renewable Energy Target by 2030.

The Karara Wind Farm, to be owned and operated by the Queensland Government's low-emission energy generator CleanCo, will form part of the 1,026-megawatt \$1.96 billion MacIntyre Wind Farm Precinct being developed in the Darling Downs by ACCIONA Australia.

The precinct will provide up to 400 jobs during construction, with an additional 240 jobs for the construction of the 64 kilometre transmission line, and 14 full-time jobs once in operation. The local spend during construction is expected to exceed \$500 million. Early works are expected to start in the second half of 2021 with the precinct fully operational by 2024.

BUDGET 2021-22 AT A GLANCE

Jobs recovered since May 2020	253,200
Queensland Jobs Fund	\$3.34B
Total infrastructure program, over 4 years	\$52.2B
Percentage of capital spend outside of Greater Brisbane	61.2%
Health in 2021-22	\$22.2B
Education and training in 2021-22	\$18.3B
COVID-19 economic support initiatives, more than	\$14.2B
Concessions and lowering the cost of living	\$6.1B
Social housing and homelessness investment, over 4 years	\$1.9B

Tax relief package

The government provided significant tax relief to support Queensland businesses, landlords, tenants, pubs and clubs, including:

- payroll tax refunds, waivers and deferrals for eligible businesses, targeted at small to medium businesses
- a payroll tax exemption for wages subsidised by the JobKeeper payment
- land tax rebates, waivers and deferrals for eligible taxpayers.

An estimated 420 employers in Darling Downs will also benefit in 2021-22 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

The Queensland Government's Economic Recovery Plan continues to support businesses, workers, families and communities across the state. Our success in managing the health challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic means the state's **\$360 billion** economy has begun to recover sooner and is stronger than the rest of Australia.

2021-22 Budget highlights include:

- Record health investment of **\$22.2 billion** will continue to provide a world-class health system, which is also critical to effectively manage the ongoing risks of COVID-19.
- The new **\$3.34 billion** Queensland Jobs Fund focuses on investment attraction and industry development to attract the investment needed to drive ongoing growth, and provide wider economic and employment benefits.
- The **\$52.2 billion** capital program over the forward estimates will help create many thousands of ongoing jobs, including an estimated **46,500** direct jobs in 2021-22.
- **\$460 million** toward targeted investments in flagship skills and training and employment programs Skilling Queenslanders for Work and a revitalised Back to Work program.

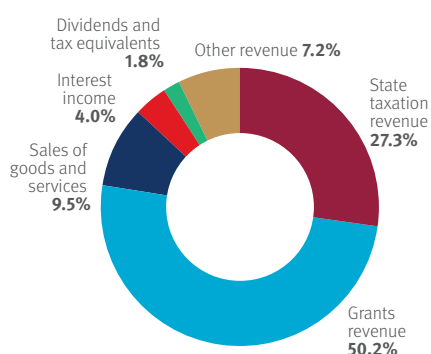
\$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund

The \$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund will provide cheaper, cleaner energy to power more jobs and industries in Queensland, while helping to deliver on our 50 per cent renewable energy target by 2030.

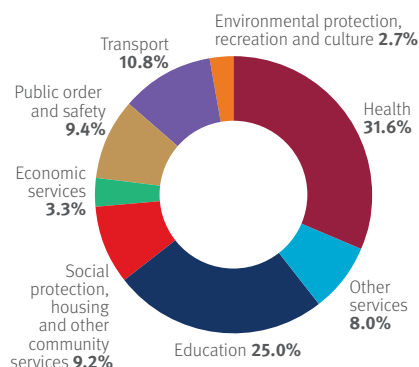
The Fund will increase investment by government-owned corporations in commercial renewable energy and hydrogen projects, along with supporting infrastructure, including in partnership with the private sector.

Forming part of the new \$3.34 billion Queensland Jobs Fund, this investment will ensure Queensland capitalises on economic development opportunities and creates more jobs and industries through cheaper, cleaner energy.

2021-22 revenue



2021-22 expenses



Queensland's labour market forecasts

