

**Maryborough
(Wide Bay Region)
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July 2022**

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REGION PROFILE	WIDE BAY
ELECTORATE	SITTING MEMBER
Bundaberg	Mr Tom Smith (ALP)
Burnett	Mr Stephen Bennett (LNP)
Callide	Mr Bryson Head (LNP)
Gympie	Mr Tony Perrett (LNP)
Hervey Bay	Mr Adrian Tantari (ALP)
Maryborough	Mr Bruce Saunders (ALP)
Nanango	Mrs Deb Frecklington (LNP)

Queensland Government FTEs		2022	2015
Doctors	Sunshine Coast HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	885.77	526.06
Nurses		2,909.91	1,613.78
Other health professionals		969.77	495.92
Doctors	Darling Downs HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	532.76	320.56
Nurses		2,301.91	1,739.09
Other health professionals		644.32	428.87
Doctors	Wide Bay HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	438.30	334.24
Nurses		1,563.69	1,204.35
Other health professionals		489.33	312.00
Ambulance officers	<i>source: PSC supplied MOHRI data</i>	427.33	249.18
Police officers		551.18	561.65
Fire officers		129.60	107.80
Teachers		3,381.68	2,950.81
Teacher aides		660.79	759.37

Employment	2022 (May)	2015 (Feb)
Queensland employment	4.7%	0.6%
Wide Bay employment (SA4)	1.2%	-6.9%
Unemployment Rate		
Queensland unemployment	4.0%	6.5%
Wide Bay unemployment (SA4)	6.7%	10.6%
Queensland youth unemployment	10.1%	14.1%
Wide Bay youth unemployment (SA4)	17.4%	19.2%

Employment by industry (2016 census)	Number	Percent
Health Care and Social Assistance	15,290	15.3%
Retail trade	11,389	11.4%
Education and Training	9,209	9.2%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	8,499	8.5%
Construction	7,942	8.0%

	Queensland	WB Region
Median age (estimated as at 30 June 2020)	37.8 years	47.6 years
Population (estimated as at 30 June 2021)	5,221,233	305,472
Crime rate (per 100,000 persons) 2020-21	9,154	9,543

Tourism (Dec 2021)	Tourism Region	Visitors	Expenditure
Domestic tourism	Southern Great Barrier Reef	2.1 million	\$1.3B
International tourism		not published	not published
Domestic tourism	Fraser Coast	696,000	\$378.2M
International tourism		not published	not published
Domestic tourism	Sunshine Coast	3.5 million	\$2.7B
International tourism		6,000	\$6.4M
Domestic tourism	Southern Old Country	2.1 million	\$785.4M
International tourism		not published	not published

ECONOMIC PROFILE

Budget 2022-23	Wide Bay
Infrastructure	\$1.2B
<u>Transport and roads</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port of Bundaberg initiatives • Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road and Pialba-Burrum Heads Road upgrade intersection • Queensland Train Manufacturing Program – construct new rollingstock • Bruce Highway (Maryborough-Gin Gin), Saltwater Creek and Deadmans Gully – flood immunity upgrades • Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra) Section D – construction 	
<u>Justice and safety</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryborough police facility upgrade • Maryborough replacement regional Queensland Fire and Emergency Services headquarters and auxiliary fire and rescue station • Gympie South replacement permanent fire and rescue station 	

Budget 2022-23	Wide Bay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hervey Bay replacement fire and rescue station land acquisition and detailed design • Hervey Bay replacement police facility 	
<p><u>Recreation and culture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K'gari (Fraser Island) Orchid Beach wongari (dingo) fencing • Cooloola Coast Esplanade revitalisation – stage 2 • Dusty Hill South Burnett Tourism Expansion Project 	
<p><u>Utilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childers-Gayndah line rebuild • Killivan substation replacement • Southern Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Battery Project • Tarong Power Station – overhauls and sustaining projects • Meandu Mine – development, mine fleet and other works • Paradise Dam improvement project – planning and early works • Maryborough depot development 	
<p><u>Government Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W4Q 2021-24 Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council – job-creating maintenance and infrastructure works 	
<p><u>Community Wellbeing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homelessness services 	
<p>Health</p>	\$771.9M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bundaberg Base Hospital – replacement of high voltage and air conditioning system • Maryborough Hospital - roof replacement and remediation works • Hervey Bay Hospital – new adult acute mental health unit at Hervey Bay and refurbishment of mental health unit at Maryborough • Health Capacity Expansion Program 	
<p>Education</p>	\$40.2M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and Horticulture Centre at Bundaberg TAFE • Maker Space centre at Bundaberg TAFE • Gin Gin State High School – upgrade to administration building • Urangan Point State School – new hall • Urangan State High School – new hall 	
<p>Total jobs supported in this region</p>	3,900

		Jobs	Funding
Building our Regions (Rounds 1-5) (3 May 2022)			
Wide Bay region		435.7	\$44.256M
Works for Queensland (Summary) – Wide Bay region (30 Apr 2022)			
2019-21 Rnd		1,708.5	\$38.75M
2020-21 COVID-19 Rnd		1,103.3	\$26.17M
2021-24 Rnd		220.6	\$45.41M
Back to Work (Total across all programs)	Employers	Jobs	Funding
Initial Back to work (closed 30 Jun 2021)	2,243	4,808	\$50.27M
Revitalised Back to Work (31 May 2022)	130	148	\$1.018M
Skilling Queenslanders for Work (31 May 2022)			
Total Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiatives		3,204	\$41.1M

Local Government	Mayor
Bundaberg Regional Council	Cr Jack Dempsey
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	Cr Elvie Sandow
Fraser Coast Regional Council	Cr George Seymour
Gympie Regional Council	Cr Glen Hartwig
North Burnett Regional Council	Cr Les Hotz
South Burnett Regional Council	Cr Brett Otto

PREVIOUS VISITS

Since 2015, the Government:

- held a Community Cabinet in Bundaberg (9 have been held across the state);
- 1 of the 7 Governing From the Regions was held in the Wide Bay region and included a reception; and
- held 2 offsite Cabinet meetings with receptions in Maryborough and Hervey Bay (26 off site Cabinet meetings have been held across the State, of which 8 included community receptions).

DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
28 June 2022	Bundaberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Announcement re Bundaberg Hospital
5 April 2022	Kingaroy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Officially open Kingaroy Hospital & media conference – Attend Kingaroy Hospital staff BBQ celebration

DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
2 March 2022	Gympie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit Disaster Coordination Centre, Gympie – media conference, flood damage update and visit to Energex depot – visit flood damage, Gympie CBD
8-9 February 2022	Bundaberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – media conference re Paradise Dam – visit Mon Repos Turtle Centre – meet with local members of Parliament and Bundaberg mayor
10 November 2021	Cherbourg and Murgon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – promote COVID-19 vaccinations – attend Murgon State High School
20 October 2021	Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend media conference re COVID-19 update and train manufacturing – meet with local members of Parliament
20 -21 September 2021	Hervey Bay and Bundaberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Cabinet Meeting, including community reception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend media conference regarding COVID-19 update and Hervey Bay State High School announcement – attend Hervey Bay Seniors Expo – attend media conference regarding COVID-19 update and inspect large aerial tanker, Bundaberg – meet with local members of Parliament
3-4 November 2020	Hervey Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend meeting and media conference, Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens <i>Works for Queensland</i> project completion – attend Melbourne Cup funding at Hervey Bay RSL Club – breakfast meeting with Mr Bruce Saunders MP, Member for Maryborough
16 September 2020	Bundaberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meeting and media conference – inspection of new firefighting large air tanker Bundaberg Airport
29 July 2020	Bundaberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meeting and media conference, Bundaberg's planned new hospital – visit Bundaberg Multiplex Sport and Convention Centre

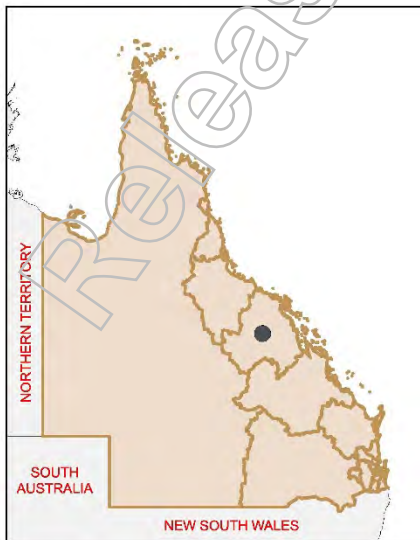
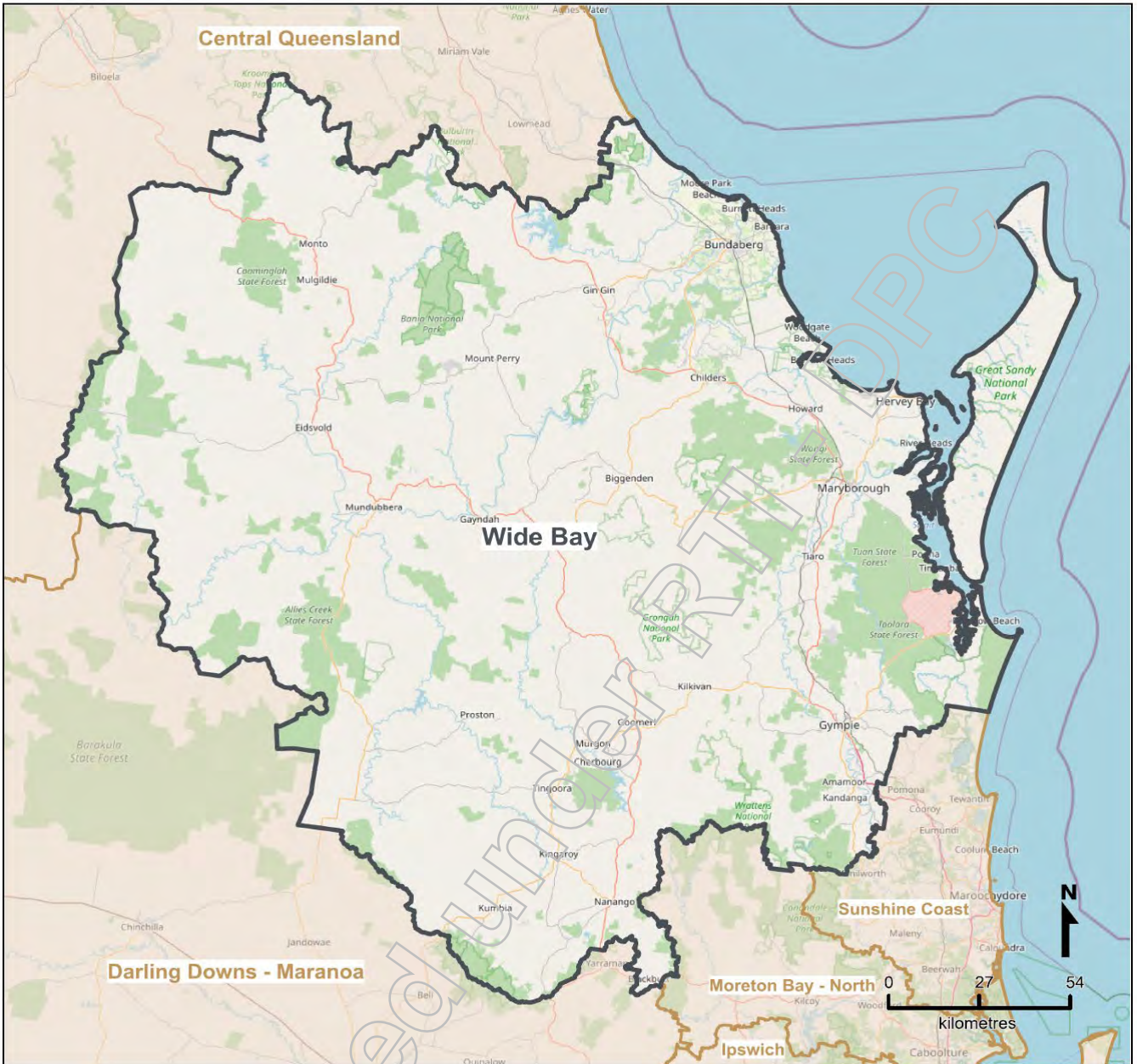
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22 July 2020	Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – inspect Works for Queensland projects – meet with local MP – meet with Cr George Seymour, Mayor Fraser Coast Regional Council – meet with General Manager Fraser Coast Tourism and Events – attend meeting and media conference re-waiving of whale watching fees
6 December 2019	Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend Downer Maryborough Service Delivery Centre's 150th Celebration
4-5 November 2019	Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-site Cabinet Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit Baywood Timber – attend 100th Birthday Tree Planting for Norma Howard – host community afternoon tea – visit Urangan State High School – visit Maryborough RSL Club
2 July 2019	Hervey Bay and Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit Hervey Bay Hospital – meet with Mayor, Fraser Coast Regional Council – meet with Member for Maryborough – visit PL Travers Bank of Stories Museum
22 October 2018	Hervey Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Sussex tour of Fraser Island
21 July 2018	Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend opening of Fraser Coast Memorial Trail
18 September 2017	Kingaroy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit Swickers Bacon Facotory – visit Kingaroy Hospital – attend Queensland Country Women's Association afternoon tea
10-15 September 2017	Wide Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governing from the Regions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cabinet meeting, Maryborough – meet with the acting Editor of the Fraser Coast Chronicles – attend Maryborough Community Government Reception – host Maryborough town hall meeting – attend the Business Leaders' Lunch in conjunction with Bundaberg Chamber of Commerce – meet Mayor and councillors of Bundaberg Regional Council – visit the Bundaberg Child Safety Office

DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
24 November 2016	Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meet and greet at Maryborough Heritage City Markets – meet with editor, Fraser Coast Chronicle – visit Wade Sawmill
6 July 2016	Bundaberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – tour of chilli packing line – meet with Editor, Bundaberg News Mail
6 May 2016	Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend Fraser Coast Training Employment Support Services – attend Maryborough State High School – visit the grave site for Mr Billy Demaine

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MAP – Wide Bay region

Queensland Statistical Areas, Level 4 (SA4), 2021 - Wide Bay (ASGS Code 319)



LEGEND

- Selected SA4
- Neighbouring SA4s

Map features

- Main roads
- Railways
- Parks
- Waterways

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Achievements – Fraser Coast area

TRANSPORT AND ROADS

- **\$6.8M** investment in rail infrastructure includes major track upgrades at Maryborough to enable multiple New Generation Rollingstock (NGR) trains to undergo accessibility upgrades – supporting more than 20 construction jobs.
- **\$335.7M** NGR accessibility upgrades which includes the addition of a second accessible toilet module on all 75 NGR trains with work carried out at Downer's rail plant in Maryborough – sustaining existing jobs at the plant and creating up to 100 jobs at the peak of the work – in April 2021, the first upgraded NGR train began passenger services in South East Queensland with all 75 trains upgraded and back in passenger service by 2024.
- **\$300M** for a 10-year strategic partnership (Queensland Rail /Downer (Maryborough)) for major projects such as: overhauls of Queensland Rail's electric and diesel Tilt Trains, and mid-life overhauls of the IMU160 and SMU260 fleet for South East Queensland.
- Maryborough – Cooloola Road (Alice Street) and John Street intersection upgrade, under the Federal Road Safety Program – completed 24 December 2021.
- **\$3.5M** Bundaberg – Bargara Road – upgrades between Whittred St and Hillrose Ct intersections – completed in mid-2021.
- **\$20.3M** jointly funded upgrade on a 3km section of the Bruce Highway at Apple Tree Creek – supported around 50 jobs – completed August 2021.
- **\$5M** Isis Highway – between Bundaberg and Childers – constructed a westbound overtaking lane – completed June-2021.
- **\$18M** Burnett Highway - Three Moon Creek Bridge replacement – completed August 2021.

HEALTH

- **\$4.98M** to replace and upgrade the main switchboard – completed in August 2021 – created 15 FTEs.
- **\$10.9M** for Emergency and Specialist Outpatient departments – Maryborough Hospital – on 26 February 2020, the refurbished Emergency Department reopened with increased functionality and

seven additional treatment spaces – both projects created 32 construction jobs.

- **\$4.32M** – Maryborough Hospital air conditioning upgrades, including replacement of chillers and associated equipment to reduce operating risks and maintenance costs – generated 13 jobs during construction, completed November 2019.
- **\$2.46M** – Maryborough Hospital upgrade electrical switchboards, rectify limitations to the existing power distribution upgrade and redirect sub mains cabling, and upgrade generators – generated 7 construction jobs, completed October 2019.
- **\$39.61M** for **Fraser Coast Mental Health Services project**:
 - a new **22 bed adult acute mental health inpatient unit at Hervey Bay Hospital** – creating 39 construction-related jobs and up to 30 ongoing health-related roles;
 - refurbishment of Maryborough Hospital's 10-bed acute mental health inpatient unit; and
 - the whole project is due to be completed by December 2022.
- **New Bundaberg Hospital**:
 - **\$6.7M** for Bundaberg Hospital Detailed Business Case – to construct a hospital on a greenfield site; and
 - a further **\$15M** was allocated in the 2021-22 State Budget to purchase the preferred site for the proposed hospital and associated project costs to enable detailed site planning in preparation for the first stage of the project.

EDUCATION / TAFE

- **\$9.6M** **Hervey Bay State High School** – new performing arts centre with a performance stage, a dance studio, two drama studios, two multi-media learning spaces and associated support spaces – completed January 2021
- **\$5.4M** **Hervey Bay State High School** – New two-storey building with six learning spaces – completed November 2021– election commitment delivered.
- **\$400,000** **Hervey Bay Special School** – new set down area – delivered by June 2020
- **\$5.8M** **Maryborough State High School** – new special education program building – completed September 2021

- \$4.7M Maryborough State High School – refurbished Block J (Stage 1) – completed July 2020
- \$4.4M - Maryborough State High School new multi-purpose hall – completed by June 2019
- \$953,000 – Maryborough Special School – remediate oval, and shade structures – completed by June 2022
- \$4.4M – Kawungan State School – new prefabricated special education unit buildings with learning spaces and removal of aged modular buildings – completed June 2022
- \$340,000 Pialba State School – refurbish Block J – expected completed September 2021.
- \$700,000 for a school security fence at Norville State School, Bundaberg – election commitment delivered
- \$500,000 to replace fire and water mains at Monkland State School, Gympie – election commitment delivered
- \$280,000 Sandy Strait State School – refurbish Prep playground – April 2021.
- \$542,659 Torbanlea State School – refurbished multi-purpose court and new sports court shade structure – delivered June 2019
- \$2.5M – Urangan State High School – new learning areas and upgrade science area – completed by June 2019
- \$1.1M – Yarrillee State School – administration extension; and refurbishment of hall – completed by June 2018
- \$12.0M over four years to expand remote kindy program to include an extra 20 state schools at least 40km from the nearest Kindergarten Program provider – election commitment delivered

TOURISM

- More than \$22.65M to Mon Repos Turtle Centre, a world class attraction, boosting tourism to the region.

JUSTICE AND SAFETY

- \$2.5M for refurbishment of Bundaberg Courthouse – completed February 2020.

- **\$18.1M** long term funding for a Large Air Tanker (LAT) capability, based at Bundaberg Airport to enable Queensland Fire and Emergency Services' response to bushfires and includes:
 - more than \$15M for a LAT; and
 - \$3.1M ongoing support costs for aerial capabilities across the State.
- **\$1.1M** to construct and upgrade four-wheel drive tracks at Pine Creek and Givelda as part of the 10 year Bundaberg Action Plan – completed December 2019.
- **Around \$3.68M** to upgrade Energy Queensland's emergency response capabilities:
 - **\$2.18M Hervey Bay depot** – completed October 2020; and
 - \$1.5M Maryborough depot – expected to be completed by October 2023.
- **\$3.2M** for Maryborough Correctional Centre for:
 - \$1.1M – perimeter security system upgrade – completed April 2020;
 - \$1.1M – replaced air conditioner chiller – completed February 2020; and
 - \$1M – replace locking system – completed in September 2019.

UTILITIES

- **\$100M** Paradise Dam essential works program to lower the primary spillway by 5.8 metres – completed March 2021; and a business case to identify the long term solution for the dam – due by December 2021.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

- **\$2.4M Hervey Bay Youth Shelter at Taylor Street, Pialba** – replaces the Youthcare Hervey Bay youth shelter which is auspiced by Regional Housing Limited – completed July 2020.
- **\$1.5M** upgrade of seniors' accommodation – 30 units at Hunter Street, Pialba – external works – in progress.
- **\$5.9M** housing construction jobs program for new social housing:
 - \$2.5M in 2019-20, contracts awarded for 20 homes
 - \$2.3M in 2018-19, contracts awarded for 10 homes
 - \$1.1M in 2017-18, contracts awarded for 20 homes.

ENVIRONMENT

- \$10M in the Reef Assist Program which will include 11 projects in partnerships with local government and natural resource management organisations – election commitment delivered

Building our Regions

- \$9.756M to Fraser Coast Regional Council for 7 projects supporting almost 67.1 jobs – 5 projects are now complete:
 - \$1.40M towards Nikenbah water and sewerage infrastructure;
 - \$395,000 towards Maryborough Portside Cultural Precinct (Stage 3);
 - \$250,000 towards Urangan pedestrian/ cycle shared pathway;
 - \$497,094 towards River heads carpark and boat ramp upgrade; and
 - \$921,960 towards Maryborough CBD revitalisation.

Works for Queensland

- Summary of funding for projects within Fraser Coast Regional Council

Funding round	Total No of projects	No of projects completed	Act Jobs	Funding
WFQ 2016-17	29	29	163.0	\$12.56M
WFQ 2017-19	16	16	116.0	\$13.24M
WFQ 2019-21	20	19	190.0	\$13.65M
2020-21 COVID-19	21	19	128.0	\$9.04M
WFQ 2021-24	14	0	14.0	\$16.46M
Total	100	83	611	\$64.95M

Election Commitments – Wide Bay Region

2020 Election Commitments

- The implementation status of 83 commitments, within this area, as at 31 March 2022, is:

Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 March 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Roads and Transport			
Burnett	\$207,000 to upgrade the intersection of Bargara Road and Seaview Road at Bargara State School	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Bundaberg	\$78,000 towards the construction of footpaths and crossing facilities on Powers Street at Saint Patrick Catholic School in Bundaberg		
Burnett	\$400,000 for planning of Miriam Vale Road upgrades between Bundaberg and Rosedale		
Burnett	\$270,000 towards the pavement widening of Harts Road from Elliot Heads Road to Riverview Road in Bundaberg		
Burnett Callide Gympie Maryborough	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Implement the Bruce Highway Trust's 15 year vision and five year upgrade action plans		✓
Burnett Callide Gympie Maryborough	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Task the Bruce Highway Trust to set ambitious targets to deliver the outcomes of the Safer Bruce 2030 Action Plan and achieve the vision of a 60 per cent reduction in the rate of fatalities by 2030		✓
Bundaberg	\$1 million towards the design of Takalvan Street bus station in Bundaberg		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 March 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions	
Bundaberg	\$143,000 to upgrade pedestrian facilities at the intersection of the Isis Highway (Takalvan Street), Heidke Street and Johanna Boulevard in Bundaberg	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet		
Bundaberg	\$143,000 to upgrade pedestrian facilities at the intersection of Goodwood Road (Barolin Street) and Maynard Street in Bundaberg			
Bundaberg	\$161,000 to upgrade pedestrian facilities at the intersection of the Isis Highway (Takalvan Street) and Bundaberg Port Road in Bundaberg			
Bundaberg	\$376,000 to construct an auxiliary lane on the intersection of the Isis Highway and University Drive in Bundaberg			
Bundaberg	\$7,000 to install kerb ramps and a school crossing at Port Road in Bundaberg			
Bundaberg	\$555,000 to improve the intersection of the Isis Highway and Park Estate Drive in Bundaberg			
Burnett	\$376,000 to install audio tactile line marking on Gin Gin Road at Oakwood			
Burnett	\$31,000 towards the construction of footpaths and island refuges on Breusch Road at Elliot Heads State School in Bundaberg			
Burnett	\$495,000 to improve the intersection of Miriam Vale Road and Quinns Road at Bucca			
Burnett Bundaberg	\$576,000 to improve the intersection of Kingston Town Way and Nicholl Road in Bundaberg			
Burnett Bundaberg	\$1.267 million to upgrade the intersection of Port Road (Walker Street) and Ashfield Road in Bundaberg			
Bundaberg Burnett	\$215,000 for planning of Isis Highway upgrades between Airport Drive and Apple Tree Creek in Bundaberg			
Burnett Callide	\$238,000 to install guardrails on the Isis Highway between Childers and Biggenden			

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 March 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Burnett Callide Gympie Maryborough	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Continue our \$1 billion per year Bruce Guarantee, with a 2-year path of \$1.6 billion committed in 2021-22, \$1.9 billion in 2022-23 on an 80:20 Federal: State basis	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burnett Callide Gympie Maryborough	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Expand the Bruce Highway Trust with 6 additional regional members to include users, road safety and regional development experts from along the Bruce Highway north of Gympie		✓
Burnett Callide Gympie Maryborough	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Require every tenderer on Bruce Highway projects that are over \$100 million to submit a skills and apprentices plan and to demonstrate how locals will be given the chance to work on the project		✓
Burnett Callide Gympie Maryborough	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Task the Bruce Highway Trust to prepare the Safer Bruce 2030 Action Plan		✓
Burnett Callide Gympie Maryborough	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Task the Bruce Highway Trust to set ambitious targets to achieve a minimum one-in-one-hundred-year flood immunity standard for the entire Bruce Highway, using experts to guide decision-making		✓
Health			
Bundaberg	\$15 million for a new adult alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation and treatment facility in Bundaberg. The facility will include eight withdrawal beds and 20 rehabilitation beds	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
All	\$490,000 over four years to extend the HIV self-testing project for people living in regional Queensland		✓
Gympie	PALLIATIVE AND END-OF-LIFE CARE Fund Ambulance Wish Queensland for another 12 months		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 March 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions	
Education/ TAFE				
Hervey Bay	EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE \$1.2 million for nursing and allied health upgrades to facilities at Hervey Bay TAFE	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet		
Hervey Bay	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$10.7 million for a new multi-purpose hall at Urangan State High School			
Hervey Bay	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$5.75 million for a new hall at Urangan Point State School			
Hervey Bay Maryborough	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$500,000 to refurbish the administration building at Kawungan State School			
Bundaberg	EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE \$1 million for a new Maker Space Centre at Bundaberg TAFE to support high end manufacturing activities and enable student and industry collaboration in one space			
Bundaberg	EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE \$3.35 million for a Agriculture and Horticulture Centre at Bundaberg TAFE. The new facility will deliver high-quality training to the state's future rural industry workforce to learn the latest practices in innovation, sustainable agriculture and horticulture			
Gympie	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$300,000 to refurbish the administration at Chatsworth State School			
Nanango Callide	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$1.6 million to upgrade agriculture and animal husbandry facilities including new exclusion fencing and sheds at Kingaroy State High School			
Callide	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$2.5 million for additional infrastructure at Gin Gin State High School			
Callide	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$600,000 to refurbish amenities at Eidsvold State School			

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 March 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Burnett Bundaberg	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$1 million to provide wastewater and water service to the school at Woongarra State School	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Bundaberg	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$150,000 to install a covered walkway at Bundaberg South State School		
Bundaberg	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$150,000 to install a covered walkway at Bundaberg Special School		
Bundaberg Burnett	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$500,000 to install a lift and covered walkway at Kepnock State High School		
Bundaberg	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$700,000 for a school security fence at Norville State School		
Burnett Callide Maryborough	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$150,000 to provide equitable access to amenities at Isis District State High School		
Gympie Maryborough Nanango	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$100,000 to provide equitable access to amenities at Woolooga State School		
Gympie	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$500,000 to replace fire and water mains at Monkland State School		
Hervey Bay Maryborough	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE Provide \$5.4 million for new classrooms at the Hervey Bay State High School		
Maryborough	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$100,000 for a hall upgrade and replacement of the hall sound system at Aldridge State High School		
Maryborough	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$50,000 for two industrial-sized fans for the school hall at Torbanlea State School		
All	\$12 million over four years to expand the remote kindy program to include an extra 20 state schools at least 40km from the nearest approved Kindergarten Program Provider		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 March 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Justice and Safety			
Burnett Hervey Bay Maryborough	BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES Establish an integrated Volunteer Marine Rescue and Coast Guard service to bring 47 volunteer organisations together, and provide operational funding and capacity building for marine rescue services	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Maryborough	As part of the \$300 million Police Infrastructure Pipeline, refurbish the Maryborough Police Facility		
Bundaberg Maryborough	Deliver modern, mobile and flexible policing across Queensland, including 25 new mobile police beat vans across the state, to meet strategic and operational priorities, as well as local needs		✓
Burnett Hervey Bay	BACKING QUEENSLAND MARITIME JOBS Work with the publicly owned ports to invest in land side infrastructure which has the potential to facilitate coastal cargoes such as porter cranes. As an early first step, work with the Port of Gladstone to work with industry to progress planning for a porter crane		✓
Burnett Hervey Bay Maryborough	BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES Increase funding for insurance costs and provide for additional operational expenses incurred by Squadrons and Flotillas		✓
Burnett Hervey Bay Maryborough	BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES Invest \$17.38 million over four years to replace ageing vessels. This will deliver up to 27 new boats across the state		✓
Maryborough	As part of the \$300 million Police Infrastructure Pipeline, refurbish the Maryborough Police Facility		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 March 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Burnett Hervey Bay Maryborough	BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES Establish a Marine Rescue Queensland implementation Working Group with representatives from Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Queensland and Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association to progress the transition to an integrated state-wide Marine Volunteer service. The Marine Rescue Queensland Implementation Working Group will be in the field in the first 100 days	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burnett Hervey Bay	\$30 million over four years to support Surf Life Saving Queensland		✓
Infrastructure			
Bundaberg	\$42.5 million to help build the East Bundaberg Flood Levee	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Maryborough	POWERING QUEENSLAND JOBS: RAIL MANUFACTURING \$1 million for a business case under the rail partnership with the Downer Maryborough facility to build new carriages for the iconic Westlander, The Inlander and Spirit of the Outback long-distance services		✓
Maryborough	POWERING QUEENSLAND JOBS: RAIL MANUFACTURING \$600 million to build 20 Queensland trains in Maryborough and the infrastructure needed to build them for Cross River Rail		✓
Maryborough	POWERING QUEENSLAND JOBS: RAIL MANUFACTURING Continue the \$300 million pipeline to refurbish and maintain Queensland Rail's existing fleet at the Downer Maryborough facility over the next ten years as part of the Downer strategic rail partnership		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 March 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Maryborough	POWERING QUEENSLAND JOBS: RAIL MANUFACTURING Continue to fix the overseas bought trains in Maryborough	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Callide	Seek an ironclad guarantee from the Federal Government to contribute to fixing the Paradise Dam		
Community and Recreation			
Hervey Bay	HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY - INVESTING IN NATURE Develop Central Station as a cultural tourism centre with camping and bush tucker tours on K'gari (Fraser Island)	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
All	Establish a new ten year partnership agreement with the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) and a \$20 million capital grant to the RFDS towards a new base and hangar in Townsville		✓
All	COUNTRY RACING \$35.2 million for Country Racing over 2 years from July 2021 to June 2023 which includes: - \$15 million per year for prize money - \$2.6 million per year for maintenance of racetracks		✓
All	Promote and support businesses in regional Queensland providing side-by-side vehicle recreation opportunities on private land		✓
All	REBUILDING QUEENSLAND TOURISM \$15 million for a Regional Tourism Organisation Recovery fund to provide a special one-off funding injection to regional tourism organisations		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 March 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
All	KEEPING QUEENSLAND WORKING \$400 million over six years to continue Works for Queensland in 65 council areas with each eligible regional council to receive two rounds of \$1 million, with the rest of the money to be allocated according to population and unemployment	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Bundaberg Burnett Callide Gympie Hervey Bay Maryborough	\$3 million over two years to expand the QCoast2100 program to enable eligible local governments to develop and implement Coastal Hazard Adaption Strategies		✓
Bundaberg	\$200,000 for redeveloped infrastructure including a new playing surface and lights at Bingera Football Club Inc		
Bundaberg	Provide \$100,000 to the Kevin Brogden Memorial Velodrome for upgrades to the track surface and improvements to the facilities		
Nanango	Conduct a review of funding arrangements for Indigenous Councils including the State Government Financial Aid rate of funding and the Revenue Replacement Program and Indigenous Economic Development Grant		✓
Bundaberg	\$100,000 to improve lighting at Salter Oval		
Burnett	\$255,000 towards the upgrade of the Mon Repos Turtle Centre carpark in Bundaberg		
Burnett Callide Gympie Nanango	Work with the LGAQ on finalising an agreed Bush Councils Compact		✓
All	Identify Queensland agricultural seasonal workforce needs and immediately implement local solutions that connect agribusinesses with relevant and appropriate workforce solutions		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 March 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Environment			
Burnett	HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY \$10 million into a Reef Credits program to accelerate water quality improvements by incentivising land management activities	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burnett	HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY \$6 million into the Great Barrier Reef Island Arks project which will expand Queensland's protected area estate and work with Traditional Owners to co-manage key ecological and cultural sites, and promote new ecotourism offerings. This will be done by acquiring new areas which will add to Queensland's protected area estate		✓
Burnett	Maintain reef protection laws and associated measures which are critical to the health of the Great Barrier Reef		✓
Burnett	HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY \$10 million in the Reef Assist Program which will include 11 projects in partnerships with local government and natural resource management organisations		✓
Burnett	Continue the Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Program		✓

Building our Regions and Works for Queensland

Building our Regions

- As at 3 May 2022, under Rounds 1-5, the Wide Bay region received \$44.256M for 28 projects supporting 435.7 jobs, to date 21 projects are completed and 1 project was withdrawn.
- The **Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC)** has received \$9.756M for 7 projects supporting 67.1 jobs, to date 5 projects are now complete.
- Funding received by the regional councils (RC) and shire councils (SC) in the region include:

Building our Regions (Rounds 1-5)	Jobs	Funding
Bundaberg RC (BRC)	299.6	\$20.435M
Cherbourg ASC (CASC)	12.2	\$3.791M
Fraser Coast RC (FCRC)	67.1	\$9.756M
Gympie RC (GRC)	33.5	\$6.287M
North Burnett RC (NBRC)	23.3	\$3.987M
South Burnett RC (SBRC)	N/A	\$0.000M
TOTALS	435.7	\$44.256M

Building our Regions projects (Round 1-5) within FCRC

Rd	Project – Fraser Coast Regional Council area	Approved Funding	Total Cost	Jobs (Est)	Project Stage
02	Howard Sewerage Project	\$3,364,500	\$6,729,000	20.9	exp completion 2022-23
02	Nikenbah Water and Sewerage Infrastructure	\$1,404,010	\$3,100,000	9.6	completed 26/8/2018
02	Maryborough Portside Cultural Precinct - Stage 3	\$395,000	\$790,000	2.4	completed 3/5/2022
03	Urangan Pedestrian/ Cycle Shared Pathway	\$250,000	\$500,000	1.5	completed 20/7/2018
04	River Heads Carpark and Boat Ramp Upgrade	\$497,094	\$1,589,188	5.2	completed 17/8/2021
04	Maryborough CBD Revitalisation	\$921,960	\$2,494,494	8.2	completed 17/10/2020
05	Eli Waters Sewage Infrastructure Upgrade	\$2,923,632	\$5,847,263	19.3	exp completion 2022-23

Works for Queensland

- Since 2016, through Works for Queensland the Wide Bay region has received **\$174.20M** for more than **415 projects** supporting over **8,253 jobs** with **292 projects now complete**.
- **Fraser Coast Regional Council** has received **\$64.95M** for **100 projects** supporting **611 jobs**, to date **83 projects** are now complete.

2019-21 Works for Queensland projects	Electorate	Budget	jobs created/ supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Fraser Coast Regional Council					
Brolga Theatre Ventilation project	Maryborough	\$138,254		4.0	completed 6/7/2020
Brolga Theatre Workshop and Storage Expansion	Maryborough	\$500,000		16.0	completed 31/5/2021
Bush Chapel Construction Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens	Hervey Bay	\$499,818		10.0	completed 29/1/2021
Community Hall Upgrades	Maryborough	\$289,128		30.0	completed 26/2/2021
Construction of dedicated 300mm reuse effluent main to service the Fraser Coast Sports	Maryborough	\$350,000		1.0	completed 24/6/2021
Footpath/Pathway Replacement, Repairs and Construction - Northern	Hervey Bay	\$165,679		4.0	completed 1/1/2021
Footpath/Pathway Replacement, Repairs and Construction - Southern	Maryborough	\$427,249		4.0	completed 2/5/2021
Fraser Island Public Toilets Upgrade	Hervey Bay	\$700,000		19.0	completed 23/6/2021
Installation of field lighting	Maryborough	\$450,000		7.0	completed 24/6/2021
Maryborough Aquatic Centre Upgrades and replacement	Maryborough	\$131,000		3.0	completed 30/9/2020
Maryborough CBD street works - Adelaide St (Ellena St to Alice St)	Maryborough	\$2.886M		12.0	completed 17/7/2021
Maryborough Sewer Relining	Maryborough	\$245,000		7.0	completed 11/12/2019

2019-21 Works for Queensland projects	Electorate	Budget	jobs created/ supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
MV Ella Interpretation Project (formerly Richmond Street Interpretation Project)	Maryborough	\$350,000	6.0	1.0	exp completion Jun-2022
Pavement and kerb and channel and floodway replacement/ repairs and resurfacing - southern	Maryborough	\$3.158M		17.0	completed 1/7/2021
Pavement and kerb and channel replacement/ repairs and resurfacing - northern	Hervey Bay	\$1.570M		17.0	completed 13/5/2021
Stage 1 - Playing Fields upgrade (Fields 2, 3 and 8)	Maryborough	\$464,000		3.0	completed 30/9/2021
Supporting infrastructure to include Playground Waterpark at Anzac Park (Ululah Lagoon)	Maryborough	\$800,000		9.0	completed 31/10/2021
Teddington Water Treatment Plant - alternate on-site power system	Maryborough	\$133,404		4.0	completed 31/12/2020
Tuan Boat Ramp Public Toilets replacement	Maryborough	\$127,180		11.0	completed 20/12/2019
Water Main replacement - Queen Street (Neptune to Pleasant Streets)	Maryborough	\$266,000		11.0	completed 4/6/2021

2020-21 COVID Works for Queensland Projects	Electorate	Budget	jobs created/ supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Fraser Coast Regional Council					
Alex Gillespie Park, Torbanlea new Park Shelter	Maryborough	\$15,000		4.0	completed 30/11/2020
Anzac Park Water Play Area Stage 2	Maryborough	\$3.00M		15.0	completed 19/6/2021
Community infrastructure renewal - Mayne Street, Tiaro	Maryborough	\$230,000		20.0	completed 27/6/2021
Construction of new walking trails and interpretative signage - Takura Environmental Reserve	Hervey Bay	\$90,000	4.0	1.0	exp completion Apr-2022

2020-21 COVID Works for Queensland Projects	Electorate	Budget	jobs created/ supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Extend and Embellish Existing Dog Parks Hervey Bay and Maryborough	Hervey Bay Maryborough	\$60,000		1.0	Completed 30/9/2021
Footpath Construction - Northern	Hervey Bay	\$461,293		6.0	completed 12/2/2021
Footpath Construction - Southern	Maryborough	\$274,458		4.0	completed 27/1/2021
Fraser Coast Sports and Recreation Precinct Community Hub/Clubhouse	Maryborough	\$1.10M		14.0	completed 30/6/2021
Gatakers Artspace - Kent St, Maryborough	Maryborough	\$135,000		4.0	completed 22/6/2021
Gilston Road Reserve Playground	Hervey Bay	\$50,000		6.0	completed 1/3/2021
Hervey Bay Regional Art Gallery, Old Maryborough Rd, Pialba	Hervey Bay	\$400,000		6.0	completed 31/12/2021
Howard Library, Steley St, Howard	Maryborough	\$75,000	2.0	5.0	exp completion Jun-2022
Jetties, Pier, and Burrum Heads Boardwalk resurfacing	Hervey Bay	\$930,529	-	5.0	completed 30/6/2021
Little Tinana Reserve Masterplan Plan implementation	Maryborough	\$40,000		3.0	completed 28/6/2021
Rail Trail Resurfacing	Hervey Bay	\$1.107M		10.0	completed 24/6/2021
Refurbish & replace some hard elements within the Queens Park Rainforest area	Maryborough	\$15,000		6.0	completed 25/6/2021
Stevenson-Mathison Footbridge, Pier Park Urangan - Partial renewal	Hervey Bay	\$74,774		3.0	completed 12/4/2021
Upgrade disability access across - Northern	Hervey Bay	\$96,254		2.0	completed 30/4/2021
Upgrade disability access across - Southern	Hervey Bay	\$105,246		2.0	completed 30/4/2021
Wetside Water Park Boardwalk replacement - Stage 3 – 7	Hervey Bay	\$700,000		6.0	completed 28/6/2021
Woocoo Wildlife Reserve All Abilities toilet and facilities	Maryborough	\$80,000		5.0	completed 25/6/2021

2021-24 Works for Queensland projects	Electorate	Project Budget	jobs created/ supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Fraser Coast Regional Council					
Anzac Park increased car parking	Maryborough	\$500,000	4.0	0.5	exp completion Jun-2024
Bridge and Floodway Replacement, Repairs and Construction	Hervey Bay/ Maryborough	\$2.75M	17.0	1.0	exp completion May-2024
Footpath/Pathway Replacement, Repairs and Construction	Hervey Bay/ Maryborough	\$1.14M	11.0	0.5	exp completion May-2024
Fraser Island Road Improvements	Hervey Bay	\$750,000	4.0	2.0	exp completion Jul-2023
Hervey Bay Library	Hervey Bay	\$1.50M	15.0	2.0	exp completion Jan-2024
Jetties and Piers replacement, repair and construction	Hervey Bay/ Maryborough	\$1.20M	11.0	0.5	exp completion Mar-2024
Lenthalls Dam Gate Refurbishment	Maryborough	\$950,000	7.0	1.0	exp completion Nov-2022
Maryborough Moonaboola Industrial Estate Stage 1	Maryborough	\$4.10M	250.0	1.0	exp completion Oct-2022
Pump Track - Hervey Bay	Hervey Bay	\$900,000	5.0	1.0	exp completion Jul-2023
Pump Track - Maryborough	Maryborough	\$400,000	5.0	1.0	exp completion Jun-2023
Rail Trail	Hervey Bay/ Maryborough	\$500,000	16.0	1.0	exp completion Jun-2024
Shade over playground at Augustus Estate	Hervey Bay	\$20,000	1.0	1.0	exp completion Apr-2022
Sydney Street Safety Upgrades	Maryborough	\$1.70M	12.0	0.5	exp completion May-2024
Various revegetation projects	Hervey Bay	\$50,000	1.0	1.0	exp completion Jun-2023

Wide Bay

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The 2022-23 Queensland Budget supports **good jobs**, provides **better services** for all Queenslanders and protects our **great lifestyle**. In the Wide Bay it provides:

\$1.2B

on infrastructure

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works estimated to support around

3,900 JOBS in this region.

\$206.9M

for the Southern Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Battery Project

including \$85.1 million in 2022-23 for Stanwell to build, own and operate the new 150 megawatt battery near Tarong Power Station.

\$771.9M

on health

for the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Services.

\$46M

for social housing

to expand and improve social housing in the Wide Bay. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

\$40.2M

on education

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in the Wide Bay.

\$45.1M

for disaster recovery and reconstruction

for delivery of recovery and betterment projects to local government assets impacted by disaster events between 2019 and 2022. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

Delivering for the Wide Bay region



Back to Work

\$57.3 million of payments have been paid to 4,997 employers in the Wide Bay to employ 2,284 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(July 2017 to April 2022)



Works for Queensland

\$45.4 million provided to regional councils to undertake 45 maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in the Wide Bay.

(July 2021 to June 2024)



Building our Regions

\$44.3 million allocated to 28 projects for critical infrastructure in the Wide Bay, supporting an estimated 436 jobs. This has leveraged further financial co-contributions statewide of over \$539 million from local governments, the Australian Government, and other organisations, with a total capital expenditure value of over \$887 million.

(March 2015 to June 2024)



Advance Queensland

\$22.3 million in grants awarded to 261 applicants to drive innovation, build on our natural advantages, and help raise the Wide Bay's profile as an attractive investment destination.

(July 2015 to March 2022)

Delivering better services in the Wide Bay

Growth from March 2015 to March 2022



422 extra nurses
up 27%



142 extra doctors
up 38.3%



51 extra firefighters
up 47.1%



34 extra teacher aides
up 4.5%



Wide Bay

1 Port of Bundaberg initiatives

\$15 million in 2022-23, including \$9.3 million for the Port of Bundaberg conveyor project, \$4.7 million for wharf redevelopment and \$1.0 million for tug facility upgrades. The conveyor is part of the Hinkler Deal.

2 Bundaberg Base Hospital

\$750,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$4.6 million total spend for the replacements of the high voltage and air conditioning system and chiller.

3 Childers-Gayndah line rebuild

\$19.6 million in 2022-23 out of a \$71.3 million total spend to replace the Childers-Degilbo-Gayndah 66kV line, to improve network safety and reliability.

4 Agriculture and Horticulture Centre

\$2.7 million in 2022-23 out of a \$3.4 million total spend for a new Agriculture and Horticulture Centre at Bundaberg TAFE. Part of the Equipping TAFE for Our Future program.

5 Maker Space

\$925,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$1 million total spend to build a new maker space centre at Bundaberg TAFE. Part of the Equipping TAFE for Our Future program.

6 K'gari (Fraser Island) Orchid Beach wongari (dingo) fencing

\$3 million in 2022-23 out of a \$3.5 million total spend for dingo fencing on K'gari (Fraser Island) to protect visitors and residents.

7 Gin Gin State High School

\$1.2 million in 2022-23 out of a \$2.5 million total spend to upgrade the administration building.

8 Hervey Bay replacement police facility

\$100,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$14 million total spend to commence the replacement police facility at Hervey Bay.

9 Maryborough - Hervey Bay Road and Pialba - Burrum Heads Road, upgrade intersection

\$2.7 million in 2022-23 out of a \$44.1 million total spend towards upgrading the signalisation at the intersection and duplicate part of the Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road and Pialba-Burrum Heads Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

10 Urangan Point State School

\$2.8 million in 2022-23 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to deliver a new hall.

13 Paradise Dam improvement project - planning and early works

\$30.1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$97 million total spend to continue planning and commence early works to upgrade and restore the dam to its original height and capacity. Part of the \$1.2 billion total spend for the Paradise Dam project.

14 Queensland Train Manufacturing Program, construct new rollingstock

\$184.9 million in 2022-23 out of a \$600 million total spend to construct new rollingstock in Maryborough. Part of the \$7.1 billion to boost the state's train manufacturing industry and build and operate 65 trains (subject to procurement).

16 Maryborough depot development

\$6 million in 2022-23 out of a \$7 million total spend to redevelop Energy Queensland's Maryborough depot to improve network performance.

17 Maryborough Hospital

\$1.4 million in 2022-23 out of a \$5.4 million total spend for the roof replacement and remediation works.

18 Maryborough police facility upgrade

\$3.7 million in 2022-23 out of a \$4 million total spend to complete the upgrade of the police facility at Maryborough.

19 Maryborough replacement regional Queensland Fire and Emergency Services headquarters and auxiliary fire and rescue station

\$5.1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$14.5 million total spend to complete the replacement of the Maryborough regional Queensland Fire and Emergency Services headquarters and auxiliary fire and rescue station.

20 Cooloola Coast Esplanade revitalisation - Stage 2

\$834,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$1.7 million total spend to construct and upgrade shared pedestrian and cycle pathways along the Cooloola Coast to complete Stage 2 of a 14 km link from Tin Can Bay to Cooloola Cove. Part of the Building our Regions program.

21 Kilkivan substation replacement

\$18.6 million in 2022-23 out of a \$31 million total spend to carry out substation refurbishment works at Kilkivan substation to improve network performance.

22 Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra) Section D, construction

\$180 million in 2022-23 out of a \$1 billion total spend to construct a new 26-kilometre, 4-lane divided highway from Woondum to Curra, the final section of the Cooroy to Curra project. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

11 Urangan State High School

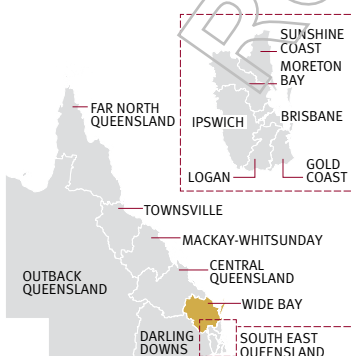
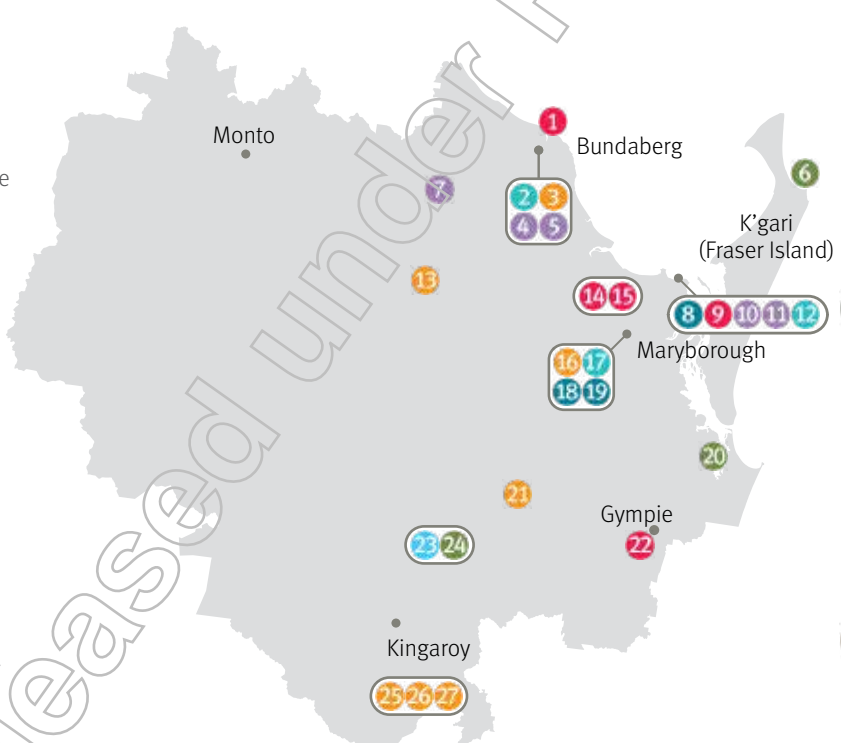
\$5.1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$10.7 million total spend to deliver a new hall.

12 Hervey Bay Hospital

\$17 million in 2022-23 out of a \$39.6 million total spend for delivery of a new adult acute mental health inpatient unit at Hervey Bay and refurbishment of the sub-acute older persons mental health unit at Maryborough.

15 Bruce Highway (Maryborough - Gin Gin), Saltwater Creek and Deadmans Gully, flood immunity upgrades

\$28.6 million in 2022-23 out of a \$103 million total spend towards flood immunity upgrades on the Bruce Highway between Maryborough and Torbanlea. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.



Returning Paradise Dam to its original height

The Queensland Government has committed \$600 million to kickstart the rebuild of Paradise Dam to its original height.

The \$1.2 billion project, which is jointly funded by the federal government, will create approximately 250 jobs during the construction phase and deliver long-term water security for the region. Returning Paradise Dam to its original height and reinforcing the wall will boost its capacity to 300,000 megalitres, ensuring water supply for Wide Bay's agricultural industry for decades to come. It will also deliver significant improvements to comply with dam safety standards to ensure the dam continues to operate safely during extreme weather events.

Publicly-owned water service provider Sunwater has been repairing the dam and is now leading this project. Early works, including local road upgrades, will start in 2023 in preparation for the major construction phase in 2024.



Boosting mental health services for the Wide Bay

The Queensland Government is investing \$39.6 million to boost mental health services in the Wide Bay region, including a new 22-bed acute inpatient unit at Hervey Bay Hospital.

The investment also includes transforming the existing inpatient unit at Maryborough Hospital into a refurbished 10-bed sub-acute specialist unit. This will more than double the current bed capacity for mental health patients across the 2 hospitals. Both inpatient units will focus on providing a home-like, welcoming environment with open spaces and courtyards to support recovery.

Construction is currently underway with the inpatient units scheduled for completion in mid-2023. The project is supporting 115 local jobs during the construction phase.

Under the Capital Expansion Program, the Queensland Government is investing \$9.785 billion to expand system capacity over the next 6 years across the state.

KEY

	Community wellbeing
	Utilities
	Health
	Education
	Transport and roads
	Justice and safety
	Government services
	Recreation and culture
	Statewide/region-wide
	Relates to government election commitment

30 Health Capacity Expansion Program

\$9.785 billion over 6 years for the Capacity Expansion Program to deliver around 2,200 additional overnight beds at 15 facilities across Queensland, including expansion of the Hervey Bay Hospital and the new Bundaberg Hospital.

31 Hear her voice - Report one

\$71.9 million in 2022-23 out of a \$363 million total spend over 5 years to respond to the recommendations of the Queensland Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce in *Hear her voice - Report one - Addressing coercive control and domestic and family violence in Queensland*.

32 Hervey Bay replacement fire and rescue station (land acquisition and detailed design)

\$1.7 million in 2022-23 for land acquisition and detailed design for a replacement fire and rescue station at Hervey Bay.

33 Homelessness services

\$6 million in 2022-23 to deliver specialist homelessness services.

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.

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W4Q 2021-24 Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
 \$508,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$1.3 million total spend to support Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works. Part of the 2021-24 Works for Queensland program.

Dusty Hill: South Burnett Tourism Expansion Project
 \$450,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$4.5 million total spend to expand tourism accommodation facilities in the South Burnett to support existing restaurant/bakery and cellar door. Part of the Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund 2020, delivered in partnership with the private sector.

Southern Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Battery Project
 \$85.1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$206.9 million total spend for Stanwell to build, own, and operate the new 150 megawatt battery near Tarong Power Station to provide energy storage capacity.

Tarong Power Station - overhauls and sustaining projects
 \$66.7 million in 2022-23 to replace and refurbish existing infrastructure and ensure the continued reliability of electricity supply to Queensland and the National Electricity Market.

Meandu Mine - development, mine fleet and other minor works
 \$21 million in 2022-23 to replace and refurbish handling equipment and infrastructure at Meandu Mine.

Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund
 \$18.1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$92 million total spend to fund priority sectors and emerging industries by attracting or retaining contestable business projects to generate economic outcomes for Queensland. Part of the Advance Queensland Initiative.

Gympie South replacement permanent fire and rescue station
 \$100,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$6 million total spend to commence replacement of a permanent fire and rescue station at Gympie South.

At a Glance

Total health funding in 2022-23	\$23.6B	New jobs since COVID-19 began – the largest rise in the nation	206,000
Health capacity expansion: estimated additional beds over 6 years	2,200	Total infrastructure program over 4 years	\$59.1B
Total education and training funding in 2022-23	\$19.6B	Percentage of capital spend outside of Greater Brisbane in 2022-23	63.3%
Recovery and reconstruction following the 2021-22 disaster season	over \$3B	Concessions lowering the cost-of-living for Queenslanders in 2022-23	\$6.8B

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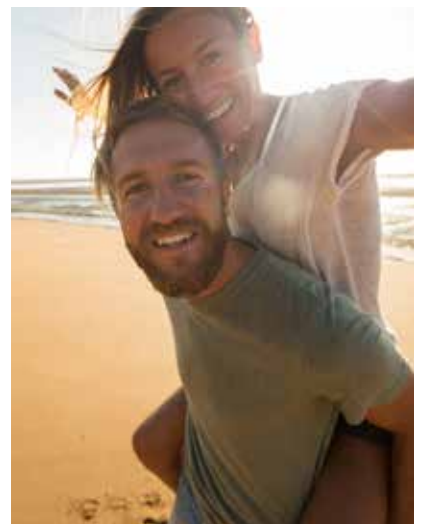
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2022 land valuations

Recommended response

- On 31 March 2022, the Valuer-General issued approximately 1.5 million valuation notices throughout Queensland as part of the 2022 Valuation Program, including the Maryborough–Wide Bay Burnett region
- This included land valuations for 48,505 properties with a total value of \$9,160,174,900 in the Fraser Coast Regional Council area, which includes Maryborough.
- The objection period has now closed and the State Valuation Service is in the process of reviewing any objections received

Key Facts

- More than 1.5 million properties across 30 local government areas were valued in 2022, representing approximately 87 per cent of all rateable properties valued across the state. The date of the valuations is 1 October 2021.
- Land valuations are the culmination of extensive market research and analysis by the State Valuation Service team across Queensland. The State Valuation Service values a selection of Queensland local government areas each year. The independent Valuer-General's decision to revalue a local government area is based on factors including a property market survey and consultation with individual local governments and industry stakeholders
- New site or unimproved valuations may be used to assist in determining local government ratings and state land tax, where applicable, from 30 June 2022. There have been articles around possible increases in rates and land tax because of the revaluations.

Background

- Queensland's land valuation system is an open and transparent process carried out consistently within the Land Valuation Act 2010. As always, valuations aim to reflect market value and how the property market has performed since the last valuation.
- The local government areas that received new valuations in 2022 were Boulia, Brisbane, Bundaberg, Burke, Cairns, Carpentaria, Cassowary Coast, Croydon, Douglas, Etheridge, Fraser Coast, Gold Coast, Goondiwindi, Gympie, Ipswich, Livingstone, Lockyer Valley, Logan, Mareeba, Moreton Bay, Noosa, North Burnett, Redland, Rockhampton, Scenic Rim, Somerset, South Burnett, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, and Townsville.
- Objections closed on 30 May 2022 with a total of 3283 objections being received to date across the state.

Bruce Highway, Saltwater Creek Upgrade

Recommended response

- The Bruce Highway flood immunity upgrades between Maryborough and Torbanlea are part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program.
- The Department of Transport and Main Roads has engaged a contractor to replace the existing Saltwater Creek and Deadmans Gully crossings with two new high-level bridges on a new alignment and upgrade 4 floodways along this 11km section of the Bruce Highway.
- The project will improve the safety and reliability of the Bruce Highway and reduce the social and economic impacts associated with flood-related highway closures.

Key Facts

- The \$103M project is jointly funded as part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, with the Australian Government contributing \$82.4M and the Queensland Government contributing \$20.6M.
- The project will improve the safety and reliability of the Bruce Highway during the wet season and reduce the impacts for freight and tourism industries associated with flood-related highway closures.
- The project supports an average of 286 jobs over the life of the project.
- Work continues to upgrade the remaining four floodways and the approaches to a second high-level bridge at the Saltwater Creek crossing.

Achievements

- On 17 June 2022, traffic has been moved onto the new high-level bridge at Deadmans Gully crossing near Aldershot.
- Construction commenced on 19 July 2021 and the project is on track for early completion by late 2022.

Background

- The Bruce Highway is Queensland's major north-south freight and commuter corridor, connecting coastal population centres from Brisbane to Cairns. It is a major tourism route and a vital part of the National Land Transport Network (NLTN), providing linkages for east-west freight networks and connecting a significant resource sector and inland agriculture production areas to coastal ports. The Queensland and Australian governments' shared vision for the Bruce Highway being a safe, flood-resilient, and efficient national highway.
- The safety, reliability, and connectivity of the Bruce Highway, between Maryborough and Torbanlea is significantly impacted by flood related closures and disruptions.
- The Farrell Bridge over Saltwater Creek was constructed in 1963 and has a flood immunity of 18 per cent Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) with climate change. In the 2013 flood event (ex-tropical Cyclone Oswald) the Bruce Highway was closed at Saltwater Creek for 31 hours. Heavy rainfall and localised flooding also resulted in highway closures at other nearby locations on the Bruce Highway, between just north of Saltwater Creek and Torbanlea. Floodways within this section of highway have 10 to 39 per cent AEP flood immunity. The low flood immunity along this section of national highway network impacts passenger and freight movements to central and northern parts of the state. There is no suitable diversion route for motorists at this location.
- Operational efficiency and safety on this section of highway is also adversely affected by issues unrelated to flooding. These include narrow road sections and bridge structures, road geometry that is below design standards and a multitude of intersections from private accesses and local roads.

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COVID-19 vaccination directive impacts - Maryborough Correctional Centre

Recommended response

- Queensland Corrective Services has responded to the threat of COVID-19 since the pandemic was declared in early 2020.
- On 24 June 2022, The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Olympics, announced the revocation of the COVID-19 vaccination directive for people working in correctional centres from 1am on 30 June 2022.

Key Facts

- At 1am on 30 June 2022, the Chief Health Officer revoked directions that required staff and visitors to be vaccinated to enter a correctional facility.
- Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) has conducted consultation forums with staff to consider a draft risk assessment prior to the Commissioner determining whether there is a need for an additional Commissioner Direction requiring people who attend corrective services facilities to be fully vaccinated.
- Based on the risk assessment, the Commissioner signed a direction effective 30 June 2022 for an initial period of three months until the end of September, extending the vaccination requirement for QCS staff members who seek to enter, work in or provide services in a corrective services facility as part of their role.
- The vaccination directive has significantly affected custodial staffing levels at Maryborough Correctional Centre (MCC), which has seen the highest number of custodial correctional officer (CCO) suspensions.
- Eighteen CCOs and two non-CCOs remain suspended from MCC for not complying with the Commissioner's direction to be fully vaccinated.
- While MCC had some industry closures that impacted the centre's ability to meet production requirements, thanks to the commitment of the current staff, the centre has been able to meet its responsibilities to prisoners and external customers.

Financial Assistance Grant

Recommended response

- The determination of the Financial Assistance (FA) Grant allocation methodology is a matter for the Local Government Grants Commission (LGGC).
- The LGGC undertook significant consultation as part of the development of the new methodology.
- It is anticipated that the LGGC will advise all councils of their 2022-23 FA Grant allocations in July 2022.

Key Facts

- The independent LGGC has recently completed a review of the FA Grant allocation methodology.
- As part of this review, Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC) is proposed to be made a 'minimum grant council' and is expected to receive smaller FA Grant allocations into the future.
- FCRC, along with other new minimum grant councils (Rockhampton, Toowoomba and Bundaberg) have raised concerns with the LGGC about this matter.
- The LGGC continues to engage with all councils in relation to the new FA Grant methodology and wrote to the four proposed new minimum grant councils on 10 June 2022 seeking feedback about the proposal. A response was received from FCRC on 24 June 2022.

Forest Wind Farm

Recommended response

- The *Forest Wind Farm Development Act 2020*, which commenced on 30 September 2020, provides a tenure pathway and legal framework for a proposed, privately funded and financed wind farm in the Wide Bay Burnett region.
- Forest Wind Holdings, a joint venture between Queensland-based CleanSight and Siemens Project Ventures GmbH, has proposed to locate up to 226 wind turbines across state plantation forest land between Gympie and Maryborough.

Key Facts

- The project, with a private capital investment of approximately \$2 billion, represents an opportunity to secure a major renewable energy development for Queensland, boosting Queensland's reputation as a destination for renewable energy innovation.
- Approximately 440 construction jobs for three years and 50 operational jobs may be supported by the project.
- The wind farm has the potential to generate 1,200 megawatts of renewable energy, which could power around 550,000 homes.
- The project is being progressed as an exclusive transaction, as part of the Queensland Government's investment facilitation services, and is now in the transaction management stage.
- The relevant conditions for the assessment, monitoring and mitigation of environmental impacts of the project are considered in the applicable State and Federal planning and environmental approvals for the project.
- Contractual negotiations between Forest Wind Holdings, the plantation licence owner and the State are ongoing and expected to be concluded by the end of quarter 3 2022.
- The commencement of construction has been further delayed to quarter 4 2023 (previously envisaged for late 2021) due to ongoing contract negotiations.

Background

- In June 2016, CleanSight Pty Ltd (CleanSight) submitted a proposal under the former Market Led Proposals (MLP) framework for the construction of a privately financed and funded wind farm within the plantation licence areas of the Toolara, Tuan and Neerdie State forests. The plantation licence is held by HQPlantations Pty Ltd (HQP) for a period of 99 years that began in 2010.
- In October 2016, approval was given to advance the proposal to Stage 2 of the former MLP process and CleanSight was granted exclusive rights to develop a detailed proposal for assessment by government.
- On 24 September 2018, CleanSight proposed to transfer its current dealing with the State to a new proponent, Forest Wind Holdings Pty Limited (FWH).
- On 19 December 2019, the then Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning and the then Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy announced the Government's support for the project. FWH has advised that it will privately fund and finance the project, with no financial contribution required from the State, and bear responsibility for all project risks.
- On 22 February 2020, the then Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning announced that, after a rigorous assessment of FWH's development application by the State Assessment and Referral Agency, the Queensland Government granted development approval for the project. The approval includes conditions that FWH must meet prior to commencement of construction of the wind farm.
- On 9 March 2020, the then Leader of the Opposition enquired about further opportunities for local residents to address their concerns regarding the project's potential impacts on the local environment.
- On 28 May 2020, the Federal Member for Wide Bay, Mr Llew O'Brien MP, publicly expressed reservations about the project in a newspaper article in the Fraser Coast Chronicle (D20/106013). Mr O'Brien noted his concerns about potential fire risks associated with the project and stressed the "need to ensure the project stacks up economically and environmentally, that it doesn't harm wildlife and primary production, and that it has community support".
- On 12 June 2020, the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment issued its assessment notice for the project under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act). The project is subject to an 'assessment by preliminary documentation' under the EPBC Act.
- On 7 June 2021, InQueensland reported that the project would not commence construction before quarter 4 2022 due to an ongoing optimisation process, in order to deliver and determine the precise locations of the wind turbines within the development permit conditions. This includes an extensive logistics study to assess road and port entries and the most efficient way to deliver the components to where they are needed with the least impacts.

Former Maryborough TAFE Campus

Recommended response

- The Queensland Government is committed to reusing under-utilised public facilities.
- The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT) has been working with third parties interested in the former Maryborough TAFE campus, however, is yet to receive a completed proposal.
- DESBT is also working with the Department of Resources (DoR) to resolve native title issues over the site and will call for expressions of interest for re-use of the campus commencing in late July 2022.

Key Facts

- The former Maryborough TAFE site is a reserve for the purposes of education and training.
- The TAFE campus was closed in 2014 after it was vacated by TAFE Queensland and has remain unused since.

Queensland Training Manufacturing Project

- The Queensland Training Manufacturing Project is a high profile project being developed in North Maryborough. The project will require hundreds of skilled trade workers for both the construction and manufacturing phases.
- Several other large projects have recently impacted on the supply of skilled workers; Rheinmettal Nioa Munitions, Hyne Timber Softwood Mill expansion, the imminent development of new battery manufacturer Sword and Stone, and expansion of several other local manufacturers.

Achievements

- DESBT has invested in the Fraser Coast Jobs Committee to assist a local response to addressing workforce development needs for local business.
- As at 24 June 2022, 1,421 apprentices and trainees are in-training in Fraser Coast; an increase of 184.

- As at financial year to date, 24 June 2022, DESBT has provided \$9.869M in Training funding investment to support the total enrolments of 5,173 people across the Fraser Coast; an increase of \$70,000 and 185 enrolments.
- As at 3 June 2022, since the beginning of the Back to Work Program in 2015-16, DESBT has funded \$20.6M to support 924 employers, employ 1,909 employees across the Fraser Coast.
- As at June 2022, there were 622 Apprentices In Free Training for Under 21 and Under 25.

Background

Exempt Sch 3(2)(1)(b) Cabinet considerations

- DESBT currently holds the site as reserve trustee and is responsible for the ongoing costs of maintaining the site.
- Initial advice from DoR indicated that the site was exempt from Native Title and the built portion was unencumbered for the purposes of freeholding. Further due diligence work uncovered that the former TAFE campus was not listed as exempt in Schedule 5 of the Native Title determination over the region.
- DESBT is working with DoR to finalise a Native Title assessment to allow the site to be converted to freehold tenure. DoR has advised that this process may take up to 12 months to complete.
- DESBT is preparing to conduct a public expressions of interest process for re-use proposals commencing in July 2022.
- Local manufacturing businesses have been impacted by workforce drain due to other large business projects and industry pressure. Many smaller businesses employ and train apprentices, who then leave to take up opportunity with larger business.
- A letter published in *The Maryborough Sun* on Thursday, 16 June 2022, highlights community sentiment in regard to workforce and trade skills shortages. The letter was written by a prominent resident, Ms Anne Morris, who is known locally as having once coordinated a student-based school to industry pathway program at Maryborough State High School.
- Ms Morris's letter highlighted;
 - the urgent issues of a shortage in trades, oversupply of university graduates;
 - inability as a nation to look at the in-balance of trade workers to university students; and
 - "For years we have pushed school leavers who have skills in non-academic areas into studying, which is not their natural daily mode".

Fraser Coast Water Supply

Recommended response

- The Department of Regional Development and Manufacturing and Water (DRDMW) has been engaging with Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC) on issues associated with town water supply security and the Mary Basin Water Plan review.
- FCRC released the Fraser Coast Water Supply Security Strategy in March 2022.
- FCRC is at Phase 2 (Stakeholder Engagement) of updating its Recycled Water Strategy.

Key Facts

- In October 2021 the environmental release rules for Lenthalls Dam under the current Mary Basin Water Plan were amended to improve the security of Hervey Bay's water supply.
- FCRC's Fraser Coast Water Supply Security Strategy (the Strategy) included consideration of augmentation options and extensive community consultation that has provided FCRC with feedback on the acceptable frequency of restrictions.
- As a result of the Strategy, FCRC proposes to ensure water supply security by, in the short-term:
 - developing a demand management strategy to reduce water use per person
 - continuing to implement loss reduction initiatives for Maryborough to reduce losses to 10 per cent of demand
 - building a treated water interconnector between Maryborough and Hervey Bay by 2026 (estimated cost \$31M)and in the longer term:
 - building a desalination plant capable of supplying 7.5 megalitres (ML) a day of treated water for Hervey Bay and Maryborough by 2036 (estimated cost \$45M).
- FCRC is also at Phase 2 (Stakeholder Engagement) of updating its Strategy and has sought input from stakeholders – including 'new, large-usage or potentially large-usage industry'. Community feedback is planned to follow in July.

- FCRC may seek financial support for the construction of its treated water interconnector between Maryborough and Hervey Bay by 2026, together with any short-term recycled water initiatives.

Achievements

Lenthalls Dam

- FCRC's application to amend the Wide Bay Water Supply Scheme Resource Operations Licence was approved on 20 October 2021. The amendment changed the Lenthalls Dam daily inflow volume stated in the high flow release strategy from 5,000 megalitres (ML) per day to 8,000 ML per day, reducing the impact of drier years on water supply security for Hervey Bay.

Background

- The Fraser Coast region sources its drinking water mainly from the two Burrum Weirs and Lenthalls Dam on the Burrum River (Hervey Bay system), and Teddington Weir on Tinana Creek with supplementary supply from the Mary River Barrage if needed (Maryborough system).
- DRDMW has been engaging with FCRC recently on issues including:
 - reviewing the 2015 Hervey Bay and Maryborough Regional Water Supply Security Assessment (undertaken in partnership with FCRC).
 - amendments to the high flow release rules for Lenthalls Dam to enhance the security of supply to Hervey Bay from the dam (this issue will be further assessed/refined as part of the review of the Mary Basin Water Plan that is currently underway)
 - granting the remaining 3,080 ML per annum urban water reserve in the Burrum River catchment to FCRC as part of the Mary Basin Water Plan review process (however this is unlikely to make any difference to water supply security as Hervey Bay water use is well within the existing allocation).
 - undertaking climate change modelling for the Lenthalls Dam supply which could impact proposed infrastructure timelines and will inform FCRC in finalising its Water Security Strategy.

Great Sandy Marine Park Zoning Plan Review

Recommended response

- The Department of Environment and Science (DES) is undertaking the first comprehensive review of the Great Sandy Marine Park (GSMP) Zoning Plan since the marine park was declared in 2006.
- A discussion paper seeking community input to the review was released in January 2019 and generated over 3,300 submissions.
- Many of the submissions proposed management changes, including increasing the area of marine national park zones (green zones); modifying commercial net fishing arrangements within some parts of the marine park; improving protection for vulnerable habitats and threatened species; better integrating First Nations peoples' aspirations into the marine park's management; and allowing local governments to more effectively respond to climate change impacts such as foreshore erosion.
- Key priorities for the review process are to base decisions on the best available science, community feedback and to work in partnership with First Nations peoples.
- Progress during 2020 was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly affecting engagement with First Nations peoples.
- A draft revised zoning plan, supported by a detailed analysis of its likely benefits and impacts, is expected to be released for public consultation as soon as possible following government consideration.

Key Facts

Commercial netting and green zones.

- The two most contentious and complex issues considered in the review are the future of the designated Great Sandy Area and the percentage of the Marine Park that should be protected within green zones.
- The designated Great Sandy Area is a unique, but controversial, designated area that allows for commercial fishing (predominantly netting) and recreational fishing activities to occur within several major waterways of the marine park, including the Great Sandy Strait.
- The recreational fishing (led by the Fraser Coast Fishing Alliance) and conservation sectors are promoting the removal of the designated Great Sandy Area, to prohibit commercial net fishing to enhance

recreational fishing and associated tourism, whereas the commercial fishing sector seeks the continuation of commercial net fishing in these waterways.

- Green zones are broadly recognised as the foundation of marine park management, providing a high level of habitat protection and prohibiting all forms of fishing; however, currently only 3.9 per cent of the total area of the Great Sandy Marine Park is within green zones.
- By comparison, green zones cover 16 per cent of the Moreton Bay Marine Park and 25 per cent of the Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park.
- Submissions in response to the discussion paper from the conservation sector, some key recreational fishing stakeholders and First Nations peoples have proposed a green zone network of at least 10 per cent of the area of the Marine Park.
- Removing the designated Great Sandy Area and/or any substantial increase in the area of green zones would result in significant impact to the local commercial fishing sector, especially net fishers, requiring impact mitigation and licence buyout to reduce effort transfer to other areas within and outside the marine park.
- Further, any such impacts need to be considered in line with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries' (DAF) implementation of the Queensland Sustainable Fisheries Strategy.
- DES has worked with DAF and an independent fisheries consultant to assess the potential impacts to the commercial fishing sector of potential changes to the zoning plan, which include changes to the designated Great Sandy Area and a more extensive green zone network, and the likely costs to mitigate the impacts.

Local Government climate change response

- A key issue of concern for local government is their ability to respond to the impacts of climate change with the current zoning arrangements in the marine park. DES staff have met with representatives from Bundaberg, Gympie and Fraser Coast Regional Councils to discuss how a revised zoning plan could best address their needs.
- The draft revised zoning plan being prepared for government consideration includes zoning downgrades in selected foreshore areas, identified by the local governments, to support climate change

response initiatives such as beach nourishment and the construction of erosion protection walls.

Background

- The GSMP extends from Baffle Creek in the north to Double Island Point in the south and includes the waters of Hervey Bay, the Great Sandy Strait, Tin Can Inlet and coastal waters to 3 nautical miles east of Fraser Island.
- The marine park contains large areas of high ecological value that support wetlands of international importance; habitats for threatened species such as turtles, dugong, shorebirds and grey nurse sharks; and a range of recreational and commercial uses.

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Health Overview – Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service

- All data as at 4 July 2022.

Covid-19 cases

- Across Queensland:
 - 1,316,745 recorded cases of Covid-19, of which 34,054 were active cases and 1,281 people had died; and
 - 33,047 cases of influenza were recorded, of which 2,747 were active cases and 39 people had died.
- Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service (HHS) was managing:
 - 50 in-patients with Covid-19 – with 2 patients in ICU – 1 ventilated, the other not; and
 - 19 people with Covid-19 at home.

Key facts

- The 2022-23 Wide Bay HHS budget is **\$771.935M in operational funding**.
- In addition, we've committed millions of dollars in upgrades to Wide Bay health infrastructure.
- Since 2015, in the Wide Bay region, my Government has hired:
 - 142 extra doctors; and
 - 422 more nurses and midwives.

Infrastructure

- \$5.37M Maryborough Hospital Roof replacement and maintenance
 - Generating 16 construction jobs;
 - 16 buildings will have roofing work completed: seven to be replaced (including the two main hospital blocks and the Rehabilitation Unit), nine to have remediation work; and
 - Construction expected to be complete by August 2022.
- Bundaberg Alcohol and Other Drug Facility
 - 2020 election commitment – *\$15M for a new adult alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation and treatment facility in Bundaberg. The facility will include eight withdrawal beds and 20 rehabilitation beds*

- project is part of the \$51M Alcohol and Other Drug Community Treatment Program for three facilities to be built – other sites are Cairns and Ipswich;
 - the Bundaberg proposal project is for a 28-bed residential rehabilitation service for adults – eight withdrawal management beds and 20 residential treatment beds;
 - the proposed site, in Thabeban, received broad support from the community consultation undertaken in August 2021; and
 - the project is in the conceptual design phase and the whole project is expected to be completed by late-October 2023.
- **\$39.61M Fraser Coast Inpatient Mental Health Service Enhancement project to improve mental health facilities:**
 - Stage 1 – a 22-bed acute inpatient unit at Hervey Bay Hospital – construction commenced in November 2020;
 - Stage 2 – refurbish the Maryborough Hospital inpatient unit into a 10-bed specialist sub-acute unit, which focuses on older people's mental health care;
 - the whole project is expected to be completed by July 2023.

Waiting Lists

Elective Surgery Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 31 May 2022, 14,184 patients were added to the Elective Surgery Waitlist.
- As at 1 June 2022, the Elective Surgery – Ready for Surgery Waitlists showed:
 - ready for surgery waitlist **decreased** from 1,696 to 1,606 – a reduction of 90; and
 - ready for surgery long waitlist **increased** from 7 to 49 – a growth of 42.

Specialist Outpatient Department (SOPD) Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 31 May 2022, an estimated 50,800 referrals were added to the SOPD Waitlist.
- As at 1 June 2022, the SOPD Ready for Care Waitlists showed:
 - the SOPD ready for care waitlist **increased** from 5,596 to 8,620 – a growth of 3,024; and

- the SOPD ready for care long waitlist **increased** from 359 to 1,553 – a growth of 1,194.

Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 31 May 2022, 10,961 patients were added to the Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (GIE) Procedures Waitlist.
- As at 1 June 2022, the GIE procedures waitlists showed:
 - the GIE procedures waitlist **decreased** from 707 to 631 – a reduction of 76; and
 - the GIE procedures long waitlist **increased** from 96 to 151 – a growth of 55.

LNP

- The LNP when last in Government cut 398 frontline health jobs across Townsville, including 156 nurses.

Background

Renal Services

- **As part of phase 1 the renal unit** decanted 17 chairs in November 2019.
- The additional chairs were opened in early 2020 taking the total number of chairs to 30.
- The unit treats approximately **48 - 50 patients each day**.

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Housing – Fraser Coast Region

Key Facts

- The *Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative* (QHIGI) is a coordinated capital program delivering new social homes across Queensland and establishes new regions and targets.
- In the **Wide Bay Burnett Region**, under the QuickStarts Qld program, we will commence **170 new social homes by 30 June 2025**, through a planned investment of **\$49.7M, supporting more than 156 full-time equivalent jobs**.
- This is in addition to the **50** new social homes already commenced under the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017–2027*.
- More broadly, the Government is increasing Queensland's supply of social and affordable housing by almost 10,000 over the life of the Housing Strategy, including:
 - 6,365 social housing commencements over the next four years;
 - in addition to the 2,480 commencements under the first four years of the Housing Strategy; and
 - 1,034 affordable housing commencements over the life of the Housing Strategy.
- Between 2015-16 to 31 May 2022 in the Wide Bay Burnett Region, **97** dwellings have been delivered – 20 in the Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC) area.
- As at 31 May 2022, under QuickStarts Qld, contracts have been awarded for the commencement of **26** new dwellings in Wide Bay Burnett – **21** dwellings are in the FCRC area.

Housing Investment

- The Government is continuing to deliver the four-year \$2.9 billion investment in social and affordable housing under the *Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021-2025* (the Action Plan) announced last year – the largest concentrated investment in social housing in Queensland's history.
- The Action Plan is supported by a \$1 billion *Housing Investment Fund* (HIF) to boost housing supply and increase housing and homelessness support across Queensland.

- This investment strengthens the momentum created since the 10-year *Queensland Housing Strategy* was launched in 2017 and responds to the current housing market conditions we are now facing.

Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative (QHIGI)

- The 2022-23 Budget includes \$441.3M for capital purchases and capital grants through the QHIGI to deliver new social homes and upgrade existing dwellings for vulnerable Queenslanders.
- The QHIGI procurement process launched on 28 October 2021 to invite interest in any one of three initiatives and will deliver accelerated social housing supply of **6,365 social housing commencements** through:
 - **HIF – a \$1 billion investment** which will generate an **estimated \$40M to deliver 3,600 new social housing dwelling commencements** and additional affordable housing between 2021-2025:
 - the EOI for the HIF remains open for proposals to be submitted
 - regional allocation of the 3,600 commencements under the HIF will be determined by demand and opportunities.
 - **QuickStarts Qld** – a capital investment program to commence **2,765 new social housing dwellings over four years**, primarily through partnerships with Community Housing Providers (CHPs), for social housing eligible clients.
 - **Help to Home (H2H)** – a **\$40M dollar investment to deliver private market outcomes for 1,000 households** and additional spot purchase for two years with the first stage engaging Registered Community Housing Providers to manage the properties and deliver services to eligible social housing customers:
 - the EOI for H2H closed on 3 December 2021
 - the program is progressing through two stages
 - the first stage involved procuring the registered housing providers to manage tenancies and is currently being finalised
 - the next stage will focus on sourcing suitable properties from the market – Property Procurement went live on 10 June; and
 - most of these homes will be newly built properties that are yet to come onto the rental market, or existing homes that haven't been on the rental market before.

Delivering essential housing and homelessness services to Queenslanders

- The Action Plan supports the Government's continued commitment to deliver essential frontline services and provide enhanced housing and support options for vulnerable people, moving towards ending homelessness. The Action Plan:
 - establishes the QHIGI
 - accelerates the construction, redevelopment and spot purchase of social housing homes
 - tailors housing responses for First Nations peoples and communities, to continue to close the gap
 - provides **\$20M for homelessness initiatives**, improving services and support to provide accommodation to people in crisis
 - provides **\$20M to enhance frontline responses to domestic violence**, through a specialist response team and flexible assistance packages
 - provides **\$54.9M to fund essential housing and homelessness services** established under the *Queensland Housing Strategy Action Plan 2017-2020*
 - puts in place measures and protections to ensure fairer private rental and retirement living systems
 - supports the creation of new construction jobs in the regions.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan

- The *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan 2019-2023* (ATSIH Action Plan) funding of \$67.1M over four years from 2019-23 is focussed on improving housing outcomes for First Nations peoples, including an investment of \$24.1M in 2021-22.
- The Government is committed to reframing our relationship with First Nations peoples and will deliver improved housing outcomes through genuine partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.
- Key actions under the Action Plans include commitments to:
 - develop place-based, community led, local housing plans with communities to identify and respond to local housing challenges and priorities

- establish the new peak body, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland, to strengthen housing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, supporting the sustainability of Indigenous housing providers and the community housing sector
- increase home ownership opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- provide culturally responsive housing support through a service offer for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- In 2021-22, \$1.6M was provided towards the recently established Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Housing Body as part of a \$5.5M investment over five years – funding will support sector development of Indigenous Community Housing Organisations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Councils.
- The ATSIH Action Plan also provides for the ongoing delivery of the **\$75M commitment to home ownership in remote and discrete communities** – this allocation **enabled the transfer of 167 social housing dwellings** entitlements into the private ownership of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.
- Increased home ownership and access to safe, appropriate and sustainable housing not only provides a foundation to close the gap but reflects our commitment to listening to First Nations Peoples in Queensland about their housing concerns and committing to a better future.

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Inquest into the death of Damian John Lawton

Recommended response

- The State Coroner will open an inquest into the death of Mr Damian John Lawton on 19 July 2022 in Brisbane, with hearings in Maryborough tentatively listed for 1-3 November 2022.
- Mr Lawton died in Maryborough as a result of a motorcycle collision (driver). The death was deemed to be a death in police operations.
- One of the issues to be explored at the inquest is the adequacy and appropriateness of the decision and actions of the police officer to follow Mr Lawton.

Key Facts

- The issues proposed to be explored at the inquest:
 - the findings required by section 45(2) of the *Coroners Act 2003*;
 - the adequacy and appropriateness of the decision and actions of Senior Constable Parker to follow Damian Lawton, including but not limited to, whether such actions were contrary to the interests of community safety;
 - the adequacy of the Queensland Police Service investigation into the circumstances surrounding Damian Lawton's death; and
 - further actions, if any, which could be undertaken to prevent a similar incident from occurring again.

Background

- Mr Lawton's death was investigated by the Internal Investigation Group, Ethical Standards Command.
- The death received media attention in the days following by a number of media outlets.

Major Road and Transport Upgrades – Maryborough/Wide Bay

Recommended response

- Queensland's economic recovery plan is about building the infrastructure we need to create jobs.
- **We have committed \$59.1 billion over 4 years towards job creating infrastructure across the state, which includes \$7.309 billion on transport infrastructure in 2022-23.**
- In the 2022-23 budget, the Queensland Government is delivering **\$1.2 billion for infrastructure, supporting 3,900 jobs** in Wide Bay.
- One of the key transport initiatives in this year's budget is **\$600M total spend to construct new rollingstock in Maryborough**, under the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program.

Key facts

General road and transport upgrades

- Recent projects completed include:
 - Maryborough – Cooloola Road (Alice Street) and John Street intersection upgrade, under the Federal Road Safety Program – completed 24 December 2021;
 - **\$3.5M** Bundaberg – Bargara Road – upgrades between Whittred St and Hillrose Ct intersections – completed in mid-2021;
 - **\$20.3M** jointly funded upgrade on a 3km section of the Bruce Highway at Apple Tree Creek – supported around 50 jobs – completed August 2021;
 - **\$5M** Isis Highway – between Bundaberg and Childers – constructed a westbound overtaking lane – completed June-2021; and
 - **\$18M** Burnett Highway - Three Moon Creek Bridge replacement – completed August 2021.
- Projects underway right now include:
 - **\$26.64M** Bruce Highway (Gympie – Maryborough) Gootchie Road – Sheehans Road – fully funded by Federal Government under Bruce Highway Upgrade Program – supporting 70 jobs – expected to be completed August 2022;
 - **\$103M** Bruce Highway (Maryborough – Gin Gin), Saltwater Creek and Deadmans Gully, flood immunity upgrades (AG \$82.4M/QG

- \$20.6M), estimated to support 286 jobs, expected completion late 2022;
- **\$30M** Torbanlea – Pialba Road (Beelbi Creek) flood immunity upgrades (AG \$24M/QG \$6m), supporting 49 jobs, expected completion late 2023;
 - **\$600,000** Kennedy Bridge rehabilitation – expected to be completed late-2022;
 - **\$25M** John Petersen Bridge reconstruction – expected to be completed in early-2023; and
 - **\$103M** new Saltwater Creek Bridge between Maryborough and Torbanlea (Gin Gin) – expected to support 286 jobs – due to be completed late-2023.
- Projects in the planning phase include:
 - **\$725,000** Booral Road Bunya Creek floodway upgrade, fully funded State Government, detailed design due to be complete by June 2024;
 - **\$44.1M** Maryborough - Hervey Bay Road and Pialba (AG \$35.28M/QG \$8.82M) - Burrum Heads Road intersection upgrade – detailed design expected to be completed late-2022;
 - **\$336M** Tiaro Flood Immunity Upgrade project (Tiaro Bypass) (AG \$269M/QG \$67M) – detailed design to commenced late 2022 with expected completion early 2024;
 - **\$29.6M** Pialba – Burrum Heads Road (O'Regan Creek) flood immunity upgrades – fully funded State Government, investigations about to commence;
 - **\$300,000** Maryborough – Hervey Bay Road (Ferry Street) and Ann Street intersection – fully funded State Government – business case due to be complete by June 2023;
 - **\$4M** Maryborough – Hervey Road safety upgrades, fully funded State Government – detailed design is underway;
 - **\$18.3M** Booral Road and Boundary Road (Urangan), intersection upgrade - fully funded State Government – detailed design underway, construction funded but timeframes to be confirmed;
 - **\$1.354M** Bundaberg - Port Road, Bundaberg - Bargara Road to Port of Bundaberg – planning in progress and expected to be completed in 2023; and

- **\$41.82M** Isis Highway – various locations between Bundaberg to Childers to improve safety – all works expected to be completed by mid-2024.

LNP

- The LNP cut \$600M from Queensland's road budget
- Sacked 20 per cent Main Roads staff, including 700 RoadTek road builders and cut long-term planning for roads.

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Maryborough West Station Upgrade

Recommended response

- The Maryborough West railway station upgrade will deliver a new station precinct to the north of the existing station site, with a range of new customer facilities and accessibility features.
- The proposal includes a new customer lounge with improved seating, tables and air-conditioning, breakout areas with device charging stations, and an integrated travel centre and luggage check-in facility.
- Other proposed upgrades include additional shelters along the platform, a seating refresh, enhanced signage, service information screens, public announcement systems and new emergency help system, significantly improving the customer experience.
- Accessibility improvements will include the installation of tactile ground indicators, handrails where required, variable desk height at the travel centre desks and new accessible toilets.
- New accessible car parking will also be delivered along with a drop-off zone that integrates with other public transport providers, for improved connections to Hervey Bay and surrounding areas.

Key Facts

- In June 2021, the Queensland Government announced it was investing in upgrades at regional stations at Rockhampton and Maryborough West, in addition to a feasibility study into the upgrade of Bundaberg station.
- Preliminary concept planning and technical studies, including preferred options analysis, is currently underway for Maryborough West station.
- Queensland Rail is also consulting with the Accessibility Focus Group as part of early planning and design works.

Natural disaster support and preparedness in Fraser Coast

Recommended response

- The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring the recovery of all communities impacted by natural disasters.
- Since 2011, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) has provided more than \$52.5M in joint State-Commonwealth funding for disaster response, reconstruction, and resilience in the Fraser Coast local government area in response to six natural disasters including the 2011 Queensland Floods, tropical cyclones Oswald (2013), Marcia (2015) and Debbie (2017), and three major flooding events in 2022.

Key Facts

- Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC) has most recently been activated for joint State-Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) assistance for the following events:
 - *Ex-Tropical Cyclone Seth, 29 December 2021 – 10 January 2022*
 - *South East Queensland (SEQ) Rainfall and Flooding, 22 February – 15 April 2022*
 - *Southern Queensland Flooding, 06 – 20 May 2022*
- The DRFA assistance for the May floods includes counter disaster operations and the restoration of essential public assets.
- All available DRFA assistance measures have been activated for Fraser Coast for both Ex-TC Seth and the SEQ flooding events, including personal hardship assistance payments for individuals and families of up to \$900, low interest loans of up to \$250,000 and grants of up to \$50,000 for not-for-profit organisations, small businesses, and primary producers affected by Ex-TC Seth, and up to \$75,000 for primary producers affected by the SEQ Floods.
- To date, more than \$625,000 has been paid out in emergency hardship assistance in the Fraser Coast region in response to Ex-TC Seth and the SEQ Floods events, benefitting 2,444 people.
- As at 25 June 2022, 11 not-for-profits organisations, 71 small businesses and 126 primary producers in the Fraser Coast region have accessed grants totalling more than \$2.5M in response to Ex-TC Seth and the SEQ Floods.
- Eligible residents in the Fraser Coast region are able to register their interest in the \$721M Resilient Homes Fund to either retro-fit their

homes with flood resilient building materials, raise their homes or voluntarily have their homes bought back by FCRC.

- As at 27 June 2022, 56 applications had been submitted by Fraser Coast residents to the Resilient Homes Fund.
- FCRC has also been provided with a \$1M payment under the DRFA to address immediate recovery needs.
- FCRC's early estimate of damage to be funded under the DRFA in response to the 2021-22 disaster season is approximately \$14M, with this figure likely to rise as FCRC assesses the damage associated with the May floods.
- Works associated with these events are due for completion by 30 June 2024.

Achievements

- Prior to the introduction of the DRFA in November 2018, FCRC was activated joint State-Commonwealth Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements assistance following natural disasters in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2018 with the combined program of works from these events estimated at \$37.4M. These works are complete.
- Since 2017, FCRC has had approximately \$1M approved in resilience funding through QRA programs designed to improve the community's resilience to natural disasters, including:
 - \$272,000 – 2017 STC Debbie State Funding – Bakers Road Floodway no.1
 - \$45,700 – 2018 Natural Disaster Resilience Program - Burrum Cherwell Catchments Flood Gauge Installation
 - \$31,335 – 2019 Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund - Installation of three Flood Cameras to increase Maryborough flood preparedness
 - \$30,000 – 2019 Prepared Communities Fund - Pacific Haven Catchment Flood Risk Analysis
 - \$52,500 – 2020 Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund - Flood Warning and Response Systems Review.
 - \$390,000 – 2021 Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund
 - \$320,000 - Bakers Road Floodway no.2
 - \$70,000 – Coastal Township Flood Studies

- \$240,600 – Get Ready Queensland

Background

- The eligibility guidelines for reconstruction projects under DRFA and NDRRA are set by the Commonwealth and administered by the QRA.
- Under the Commonwealth's Determination (S4.3), it is a requirement that the State must work with the Commonwealth on all announcements in relation to DRFA/NDRRA funding.

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Obsolete electricity tariffs and Electricity Tariff Adjustment Scheme (the Scheme)

Recommended response

- Recognising the unique situation faced by regional businesses on obsolete tariffs, the Queensland Government has introduced the Scheme, with support available from 1 July 2021 for up to nine years, including \$9.1M for 2021–22.
- The Scheme provides eligible customers with individually-tailored transition rebates to help offset bill increases when moving to standard tariffs.
- Connections with an annual bill increase of 5 per cent or more are eligible, providing their annual increases are more than \$500.
- Customers are assessed by Ergon Energy Retail for eligibility, with no applications required, and transition rebates are applied as credit on bills.
- With other new standard tariffs also now available, businesses should contact Ergon Energy Retail to determine the best tariff for their particular circumstances.
- To further help businesses on obsolete tariffs transition to standard tariffs, the Queensland Government funded up to \$30M across a range of programs and initiatives to ensure businesses are better equipped to understand their electricity use and how to minimise electricity costs.

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Old Takura school site – Request for exclusive use by Veterans of Australia

Recommended response

- The land that Veterans of Australia (VoA) is interested in is a reserve for local government, community hall purposes at Takura.
- The land is community reserve and, while it is not being utilised for community purposes, consultation would be required with the community in terms of the interest in the area by VoA.

Key Facts

- The reserve is local government, community hall purposes, described as Lot 179 on MCH4133 being 1.067ha.
- The local authority has advised the Department of Resources (the department) that VoA is seeking exclusive use of the reserve, intending to have an onsite caretaker and conduct regular camping on the reserve.
- The interests of the community must be considered, where exclusive use of a community reserve is proposed.
- The department has provided options to the local authority to assist in considering the proposal by VoA.
- The local authority also identified several considerations in terms of development approval including a material change of use, vegetation, bushfire risk, heritage, referral to the Department of Transport and Main Roads, building and plumbing.

Background

- The local authority contacted the Department of Resources following the receipt of interest from VoA in the reserve at Takura.

Policing and Youth Crime

POLICE NUMBERS

- **Wide Bay Burnett Police District has 495 permanent positions, up 20 since 2015.**
- In 2022-23, the Queensland Government is delivering a record police budget that means for the first time ever more than \$3 billion will be invested in better policing services in Queensland.
- This record and historic investment in better services is delivering 2025 extra police personnel over five years (from 1 July 2020), a major investment pipeline of new and upgraded infrastructure, and new high-tech equipment to support a modern world class police service.
- The record 2022-23 police budget will progress new and upgraded police facilities at Aurukun, Burketown, Cairns, Cairns West, Caloundra South, Clermont, Cooroy, Cunnamulla, Dalby, Dayboro, Hervey Bay, Kirwan, Longreach, Mackay, Maryborough, Palm Island, Proserpine, Rainbow Beach, Ripley, Rosewood, Warwick, Winton and Woree, as well as new police accommodation at Mount Isa.
- There are more than 12,000 police officers in Queensland – a record number. **Under Labor, there are more police in Queensland than ever before with more on the way.**
- **And we back police 100% in what they do best – keeping communities safe,** providing them with the necessary equipment, like the further rollout of new body worn cameras, QLiTE tablet devices and integrated load bearing ballistic vests to ensure every frontline police officer has access to this important policing equipment.
- These vital resources support the operational capabilities of a modern, supremely agile and mobile police service.

CRIME STATS

- From 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022, the overall rate of **Total Reported Crime** for the Wide Bay Burnett Police District **increased by 2,661 offences or 14 per cent** compared with previous year.
- From 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022, compared with the previous year, the rate of:
 - Offences Against the Person **increased by 836 or 44 per cent;**
 - Offences Against Property **increased by 1,579 or 24 per cent;** and

- Other Offences **increased by 246 offences or 2 per cent.**

INFRASTRUCTURE

- \$3.8M Hervey Bay water police facility replacement which is expected to support 12.54 jobs during construction.
- \$4.0M Maryborough police facility upgrade which is expected to support 13.2 jobs during construction.

YOUTH CRIME

- In response to community concerns, I announced a **\$15.8M Five-Point Action Plan**:
 - Offenders posing a risk to the community should not get bail.
 - A police blitz on bail, appealing court decisions where appropriate.
 - A 24/7 Police Strike Team.
 - Culture-based rehabilitation for Indigenous offenders through new On Country initiatives.
 - Empowering local communities in the war on crime with \$2M for community-based organisations for local solutions.

Youth Crime facts

- As at 3 February 2022, Hervey Bay youth justice service centre and the Bundaberg output service provide supervision to 25 young people.
- To provide a more accurate picture of overall trends over time, year ending December 2021 data should be compared to year ending December 2019. This is due to the COVID-19 pandemic response, which resulted in delayed court processes and delays in finalising charges (with finalisations occurring in 2020-21).
- Based on data provided by the courts, comparing year ending December 2021 to year ending December 2019 there was:
 - a **38 per cent increase** in the **number of proven offences** committed in the Fraser Coast region by 10-17-year-olds.
 - a **28 per cent increase** in the **number of distinct 10-17-year-old offenders**, with at least one proven offence committed in the Fraser Coast region.
- **In 2021, there were 50 restorative justice conferences held in the Fraser Coast region.**

YOUTH CRIME

Recidivist Offending

- Wide Bay Burnett Police District has adopted a collaborative approach to trial several different preventative strategies to reduce the rates of youth reoffending and to determine the most effective strategies. There is a strong, ongoing focus in the district to build external agency partnerships to reduce youth crime and recidivism.

Managing Youths in Justice System

Transition to Success (T2S) and Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART)

- T2S is an on-going program delivered by the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs (DCYMA) and involves Detectives from Wide Bay Burnett District Child Protection Investigation Unit. Youth aged 15-17 years who are in the youth justice system or at risk of entering are supported and mentored into vocational training. As at 31 December 2021:
 - 105 full program completions across 11 programs;
 - 31 young people have transitioned to employment; traineeship or apprenticeship and
 - 36 young people have transitioned to back to school or onto further training.
- ART is another DCYMA training program helping young people who have been found guilty of a violent offence or shown violent behaviour to deal with their anger and aggression. Detectives involved in child protection actively participate in this program to reduce recidivism.

Working with Partners - Watchhouse

- Cell Watch is engaged at Hervey Bay Watchhouse. Cell Watch is a volunteer group which attends the watchhouse and provides support to First Nations persons in custody.

LNP

- A total police budget increase of 2.8%. Given the rate of inflation, that's a cut to police funding in real terms
- Sacked 110 senior police and cut a further 212 police positions.

- Cut police training, reduced firearms training, forced police to pay for their own body worn video cameras
- Slashed the auto theft squad from 18 to 3
- Axed funding to the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council – we reinstated it
- Failed to fund the roll out of automatic number plate recognition technology that helps police track stolen vehicles.
- The LNP had its chance to stamp out youth crime. It didn't work.
- The LNP voted **against our amendments to get tough on bail.**

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Queensland Train Manufacturing Program (QTMP)

Recommended response

- The Queensland Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022-23 to 2025–26*, which outlines \$29.7 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program.
- Of this, \$1.562 billion is committed across the Wide Bay/Burnett district, estimated to support an average of 1,430 direct jobs over the life of the program.
- For the first time in nearly a decade, Queenslanders will build the next generation of trains that travel across our State, benefiting local supply chains throughout the Maryborough region while pumping investment into the local economy.
- The State acquired the Torbanlea site on 10 December 2021.
- In March 2022, the Ministerial Infrastructure Design (MID) application was submitted to seek approval to change the site from residential zoning to manufacturing.
- Acceptance of the application is anticipated in the third quarter of 2022. This is required prior to the preferred proponent being announced, which is planned for late 2022.
- The MID public consultation was open from 18 April to 30 May 2022 and allowed residents and key stakeholders to make submissions for consideration by the Honourable Steven Miles MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for the Department of State Development Infrastructure Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure in making a decision on the application.
- Construction of early works to enable site access via the Bruce Highway is currently underway.
- Early works to enable site access via Ritchie Road is currently in detailed design and are scheduled to commence in July 2022.

- Communications with local residents about the impacts will begin in early-July 2022.

Key Facts

- In Maryborough, for the period 2023 to 2031, QTMP will support an average full-time equivalent (FTE) in excess of 100 per annum for train manufacturing and operations. This is expected to peak at 205 FTE in 2024 for the Torbanlea facility's construction and commission.
- Economic modelling shows that the entire QTMP will support more than 500 FTE jobs per annum between 2026 and 2031, peaking at 610 FTE in 2029. QTMP will support more than 100 operational FTE per annum from 2031 through to 2061.
- Job numbers have been estimated based on Commonwealth guidelines.

Achievements

- Five information sessions were held from 27 April to 7 May 2022 across the Maryborough region. More than 500 locals attended to discuss the program, as well as jobs and opportunities that will be generated for the region.
- The feedback on the program was overwhelmingly positive.

Background

- South East Queensland's rail network is undergoing significant transformation as various projects change how the network can be operated.
- To provide for expected increases in rail demand over the next 10 years, the existing passenger fleet must expand to deliver extra timetabled services.
- The QTMP is a \$7.1 billion commitment to build 65 new six-car passenger trains at Torbanlea, in the Maryborough region to support local jobs and regional supply chains.
- The shortlisted proponents have been asked to deliver the first tranche from 2025 to meet initial demand and support Cross River Rail.
- In addition, early works will commence on construction of a new state-owned manufacturing facility at Torbanlea, in the Maryborough region.
- Since the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Olympics's announcement in October 2021, the Maryborough community response to QTMP has been overwhelmingly positive.
- Proposals from the three shortlisted proponents were submitted in June 2022. An assessment and evaluation process is now underway.

Regional regulated electricity prices

Recommended response

- The Queensland Competition Authority has announced electricity prices for all customers on regulated offers in regional Queensland will increase in 2022-23.
- The increases are driven by higher wholesale energy costs resulting from challenges in the energy sector year and follow four years of decreases in electricity prices.
- The Queensland Government remains focussed on putting downward pressure on electricity bills.
- Households are set to receive a \$175 Cost of Living Rebate in 2022, building on the \$50 Asset Ownership Dividend announced earlier this year.
- The Queensland Government has increased this assistance for households from \$50 to \$175, in response to the extra cost-of-living pressures many Queenslanders are facing.
- Since 2018, the Queensland Government has delivered over \$575 to households in electricity bill relief, including the \$175 Cost of Living Rebate which will be provided to households from September 2022.
- To support Queenslanders during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Queensland Government has delivered targeted bill relief through a \$500M utility relief package providing direct financial assistance to households and small businesses.
- The Queensland Government also continues to support regional Queensland by subsidising electricity prices with more than \$600M budgeted in Community Service Obligation payment to Energy Queensland for 2022-23.

Schools – Overview

Recommended response

- In 2022-23, we are investing **\$40.2M on education** to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in the Wide Bay.
- We are investing **\$16.5 billion in 2022-23 in school and early childhood education, with hundreds of infrastructure projects to improve schools from the Gold Coast to the Cape.**
- Since coming to Government in 2015, we have opened **21 new schools.**
- We have **11 more new schools planned for 2023 and 2024, and another five for 2025 and 2026.**
- Thanks to more than **\$1.9 billion in infrastructure investment**, existing buildings will be expanded and improved, supporting thousands of jobs.
- Queensland is a growing state and we are delivering the infrastructure and educational facilities needed to support this growth.
- The 2022-23 Budget also includes funding of **nearly \$220 million over two years for additional classrooms at existing schools** experiencing in-catchment enrolment growth.
- Of the **28 schools in the Fraser Coast Regional Council area**:
 - major infrastructure work carried out and completed at **28 schools totalling more than \$50.8M**;
 - **around \$36M worth of works at 19 schools** is in progress or being planned and includes **\$10.7M for a new multi-purpose hall and school security fence** at Urangan State High School; and
 - all schools have air conditioning and solar panels.

Key facts

New schools

- There are no new schools planned for this region.

Maryborough Special School Fencing

- Maryborough Special School currently has standard chain wire fencing around its perimeter, typical of Queensland state schools.

- There is currently no funding available to replace the fencing at Maryborough Special School; however, the department's regional infrastructure staff will continue to support the school to maintain a safe and comfortable environment for all students.

Incidents

- Maryborough Special School has reported recent incidents of students absconding from school grounds via open or unlocked gates and, on occasion, by climbing existing fencing.
- As a result, the school has requested the installation of Type 1 security fencing around its perimeter, to support management of student behaviour.

Security

- Security fencing is installed on a priority basis to schools with an extreme security risk rating (rating), with each school's rating reviewed annually based on information from reported incidents.
- A school's rating is determined by considering the type and frequency of reported incidents, disruptions to school operations and the cost of these incidents over two financial years.
- These factors have varying levels of influence on the overall rating and student behavioural incidents involving unauthorised exit from school grounds will not typically affect a school's rating.
- Maryborough Special School has an overall rating of low, which is below the extreme risk rating criteria and, therefore, is under the threshold to be considered for security fencing through the department's Security Upgrades Program.

School Strategic Infrastructure Plans

- The department's Infrastructure Management Framework uses a School Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SSIP) as a primary input to the development of an Investment Program.
- The SSIP process is used to develop the department's short, medium and long-term investment outlooks, subject to the funding approved through the State Budget process.
- Maryborough Special School's SSIP does not currently list replacement of the school's fencing as a priority.

- The department's regional infrastructure staff will continue to work with Maryborough Special School to ensure their SSIP accurately reflects the school's current infrastructure priorities.

Major infrastructure work

- More than **\$50.8M** worth of major infrastructure work completed at 28 schools since 2017.

Schools	Cost	Notes
Albert State School	\$87,854	upgrade classroom for STEM, completed by Jun-2019
Aldridge State High School	\$100,000	hall upgrade and replacement of the hall sound system* – completed in 2021-22
Bauple State School	\$149,455	Upgrade outdoor learning area to Block C – completed by Jun-2020
Brooweena State School	\$248,867	upgrade of outdoor learning area – completed by Jun-2019
	\$300,000	amenities block upgrade, including ramp* – completed Sep-2021
Glenwood State School	\$267,684	Refurbish central outdoor learning area – completed by Jun-2019
Granville State School	\$199,999	refurbishment of outdoor learning area and play oval – completed by Jun-2017
	\$223,143	playground upgrade – completed by Jun-2019
Gundiah State School	\$85,039	Refurbish outdoor learning area – completed by Jun-18
	\$170,231	Sports Courts Upgrade – completed by Jun-2019
	\$1.4M	New prefabricated building with two learning spaces and extend administration building – completed by Apr-2022
Hervey Bay Special School	\$249,059	refurbished outdoor learning area – delivered by Jun-2017
	\$50,000	Upgrade E Block – completed by Jun-2019
	\$400,000	new set down area – delivered by Jun-2020

Schools	Cost	Notes
	\$203,972	refurbished trade skills area – delivered by Jun-2020
Hervey Bay State High School	\$9.6M	new performing arts centre – completed Dec-2020
	\$419,523	upgrade of home economics kitchen – completed by Jun-2020
	\$402,774	lift to home economics block – completed by Jun-2021
	\$5.4M	New two-storey learning centre (six learning spaces) – completed Nov-2021
Howard State School	\$547,617	Oval irrigation and sports upgrade; and upgrade of Block A – completed by Jun-2019
Kawungan State School	\$218,837	Upgrade of outdoor learning area adjacent to Prep – completed by Jun-2019
	\$4.4M	2 x New prefabricated special education unit building with two learning spaces and the removal of an aged modular building – completed Jun-2022
Maryborough Central State School	\$192,503	Refurbish Block C & D – completed by Jun-2018
	\$228,044	Upgrades to outdoor learning area and Yrs 3-6 playground – completed by Jun-2020
Maryborough Special School	\$369,287	Refurbishment of Block F – completed by Jun-2019
	\$953,000	Remediate oval, and shade structures, completed by Jun-2022
Maryborough State High School	\$123,290	Refurbishment of hairdressing and beauty rooms – completed in 2018-19
	\$4.4M	New multi-purpose hall – completed by Jun-2019
	\$4.7M	refurbish multiple learning spaces - Stage 1 – completed in 2020-21
	\$5.8M	new special education program building – completed Sep-2021

Schools	Cost	Notes
Maryborough West State School	\$156,152	Prep upgrade – completed by Jun-2020
	\$150,000	Equitable access amenities installed – completed Oct-2021
Mungar State School	\$217,754	Install person with disability amenity and upgrade A block student support – completed by Jun-2019
Parke State School	\$190,082	Upgrade outdoor learning area – completed by Jun-2018
	\$149,861	Upgrade to outdoor learning area – completed by Jun-2020
Pialba State School	\$340,000	refurbish Block J – two learning spaces refurbished – completed Sep-2021
Sandy Strait State School	\$430,048	upgrade prep playground – completed by Jun-2021
St Helens State School	\$109,323	Multi-purpose court upgrade – completed by Jun-2020
	\$156,902	acoustic upgrade to school hall – completed by Jun-2021
Sunbury State School	\$229,486	Upgrade to Block A and ventilation upgrade to Hall – completed by Jun-2019
Tiaro State School	\$79,114	Upgrade outdoor learning area – completed by Jun-2019
Tinana State School	\$673,306	new music block – completed by Jun-2018
	\$273,031	rationalise areas and refurbish outdoor learning area – completed by Jun-2021
Torbanlea State School	\$542,659	refurbished multi-purpose court and new sports court shade structure – delivered by Jun-2019
	\$50,000	<i>two industrial-sized fans for the school hall* - completed in 2020-21</i>
Torquay State School	\$148,196	Access modifications and ramp, completed by Jun-2021
Urangan Point State School	\$259,160	refurbished Block F – completed by Jun-2018
	\$235,417	upgrade Prep outdoor learning area – completed by Jun-2020

Schools	Cost	Notes
Urangan State High School	\$702,316	two new learning areas – completed by Jun-2018
	\$2.5M	new learning areas and upgraded science area – completed by Jun-2019
	\$393,154	Industrial Technology refurbishment – completed by Jun-2020
Yarrilee State School	\$1.1M	Administration extension; and refurbishment of hall – completed by Jun-2018
	\$122,361	Upgrade to existing self help amenity; and carpark extension outside hall – completed by Jun-2020

- **Going forward, we're also investing around \$36M** worth of works in **19 schools** in the area including:

Schools	Budget	Project
Albert State School	\$300,000	Replace junior playground, expected to be completed by Jun-2022
	\$450,000	External repaint and replace roof Blocks A, B and C – expected to be completed May-2022
Aldridge State High School	\$350,000	Refurbish ITD Block – expected to be completed in 2022-23
Bauple State School	\$200,000	Refurbish Block C – expected to be completed in 2022-23
Glenwood State School	\$150,000	Refurbish Block E including access – to be completed in 2022-23
Granville State School	\$250,000	Replace playground equipment, expected to be completed by Jun-2022
Hervey Bay Special School	\$150,000	Refurbish trade training centre stage 2
	\$234,066	play and learning spaces – to be completed by Jun-2022
Hervey Bay State High School	\$2.1M	Infill to new Learning Centre, expected to be completed by Jun-2022
Kawungan State School	\$500,000	<i>refurbish the administration building on track for completion by Jun-2022*</i>

Schools	Budget	Project
Maryborough Central State School	\$500,000	<i>funding towards upgrading hall and an outdoor learning area – expected to be completed in 2021-22</i>
Maryborough Special School	\$350,000	<i>refurbishment of Block B – expected to be completed in 2021-22</i>
	\$300,000	Upgrade outdoor learning area – expected to be completed by Jun-2022
Maryborough State High School	\$200,000	Youth flexispace – to be completed in 2022-23
Maryborough West High School	\$500,000	Upgrade playground and outdoor learning areas – expected to be completed by Jun-2022
Parke State School	\$1.32M	amenities upgrade, expected to be completed by August 2022
Tiaro State School	\$300,000	Refurbish Block C including Life Skills area – expected to be completed by Jun-22
Tinana State School	\$141,730	Hall storage extension – expected to be completed in 2022-23
Torquay State School	\$328,972	<i>upgrade Block D, expected to be completed by Jun-2022</i>
Urangan Point State School	\$8M	new multi-purpose hall* expected to be completed by Oct-2023
Urangan State High School	\$343,230	Canteen upgrade – due to be completed by Sep-2022
	\$8M	new multi-purpose hall* expected to be completed by Oct-2023
	\$10.7M	<i>new multi-purpose hall* expected to be completed by Nov-2023</i>
Yarrilee State School	\$300,000	Upgrade staff carpark – expected to be completed by Aug-2022

Note: * 2020 Election Commitments

Air conditioning and solar panels

- Within Fraser Coast Regional Council area:
 - all schools have air conditioning – 23 through CCSP; and
 - all schools have solar panels installed – 20 through ACES program.

- On 27 February 2020, the Government announced CCSP which will provide more than \$477M over 4 years to air condition state schools and expand the existing ACES program.
- The CCSP will ensure all Queensland state school classrooms, libraries and staff rooms are air conditioned by the end of June 2022, delivering more comfortable teaching and learning environments for our students, teachers and school communities.
- The CCSP replaced the Government's former Cooler Schools Program.

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Air Conditioning and Solar Panels in Schools – Fraser Coast Regional Council area

Electorate	School Facility	Air-conditioning (CCSP)		Solar panels (ACES)	
		Cost	Milestones	Cost	Milestones
Maryborough	Albert State School	\$80,000	completed		completed Phase 2 – 98 panels
Maryborough	Aldridge State High School	\$25,000	completed		completed Phase 2 – 533 panels
Gympie	Bauple State School	\$65,000	completed		already installed
Maryborough	Brooweena State School		already installed		already installed
Gympie	Glenwood State School	\$10,000	completed		already installed
Maryborough	Granville State School		already installed		completed Phase 2 – 98 panels
Gympie	Gundiah State School		already installed		already installed
Hervey Bay	Hervey Bay Special School		already installed	\$118,343	completed Phase 1 – 111 panels
Hervey Bay	Hervey Bay State High School	\$340,000	completed	\$211,820	completed Phase 1 – 284 panels
Maryborough	Howard State School	\$15,000	completed		completed Phase 2 – 100 panels
Hervey Bay	Kawungan State School	\$305,000	completed	\$168,011	completed Phase 1 – 182 panels
Maryborough	Maryborough Central State School	\$10,000	completed		completed Phase 2 – 98 panels
Maryborough	Maryborough Special School	\$15,000	completed		already installed
Maryborough	Maryborough State High School	\$50,000	completed		completed Phase 2 – 376 panels
Maryborough	Maryborough West State School	\$230,000	completed		completed Phase 2 – 98 panels
Maryborough	Mungar State School	\$15,000	completed		already installed
Maryborough	Parke State School		already installed		already installed
Hervey Bay	Pialba State School	\$590,000	completed	\$119,936	completed Phase 1 – 98 panels
Hervey Bay	Sandy Strait State School	\$445,000	completed	\$166,073	completed Phase 1 – 158 panels
Maryborough	St Helens State School	\$55,000	completed		completed Phase 2 – 98 panels
Maryborough	Sunbury State School	\$70,000	completed		completed Phase 2 – 98 panels
Maryborough	Tiaro State School	\$25,000	completed		already installed
Maryborough	Tinana State School	\$30,000	completed		completed Phase 2 – 98 panels

<i>Electorate</i>	<i>School Facility</i>	<i>Air-conditioning (CCSP)</i>		<i>Solar panels (ACES)</i>	
		<i>Cost</i>	<i>Milestones</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Milestones</i>
Maryborough	Torbanlea State School	\$60,000	completed		completed Phase 2 – 108 panels
Hervey Bay	Torquay State School	\$115,000	completed	\$181,357	completed Phase 1 – 148 panels
Hervey Bay	Urangan Point State School	\$100,000	completed	\$107,693	completed Phase 1 – 92 panels
Hervey Bay	Urangan State High School	\$1,200,000	completed	\$229,431	completed Phase 1 – 298 panels
Maryborough	Yarrilee State School	\$635,000	completed	\$116,108	completed Phase 1 – 98 panels

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Seniors Social Isolation Services – Procurement process

Recommended response

- The Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (the department) is reviewing the seniors isolation funding program to ensure it achieves maximum benefit and value for money for Queenslanders.
- We will ensure the sector is informed of any changes to the design of the program at the earliest opportunity.
- We will also partner with the Council on the Ageing Queensland to support social isolation providers through any changes.

Key Facts

- Maryborough and District Committee on the Ageing (MADCOTA) is funded by the department to deliver a seniors social isolation service, the Well Aged Program.
- Current contracts with funded social isolation services across Queensland, including MADCOTA expire on 31 March 2023.
- A procurement process for future funding is being considered, consistent with government procurement guidelines and requirements.
- A timeframe for the procurement process is not yet confirmed.
- The seniors social isolation service delivered by MADCOTA is managed by a group of older volunteers who have raised concerns that they may be unable to compete with more 'professional' organisations that may submit through an open procurement process.
- MADCOTA has written to the local Member of Parliament and made representations to the department in this regard.

Achievements

- The Queensland Government provides \$3.7M per annum to fund 43 seniors social isolation services across Queensland.
- Activities delivered by these services are tailored to the needs of their local community, enabling seniors to remain active and connected in their communities as they age.

Background

- Seniors social isolation services have been funded for approximately 27 years.

Use of state land at Burrum Heads

Recommended response

- The Department of Resources (the department) has investigated reports of persons occupying unallocated state land at Burrum Heads.
- The investigation found that the people occupying the site are native title holders with a legal right to use the land in accordance with the Butchulla People Native Title Determination.
- The Queensland Government recently transferred more than 22 hectares of land on K'gari (Fraser Island) to the Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation, reflecting the government's continuing efforts towards reconciliation with First Nation peoples.

Key Facts

- The Department of Resources has investigated allegations of unauthorised use of unallocated state land described as Lot 49 on Plan AP17243 (Lot 49) at Burrum Heads.
- This investigation included:
 - a field inspection on 19 May 2022
 - discussions with key stakeholders including the Butchulla Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (BNTAC), the Fraser Coast Regional Council, the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and the Department of Environment and Science
 - considering the native title rights and interests conferred under the Butchulla People Determination.
- As a result of this investigation, the department found that the current use of Lot 49 is consistent with determined native title rights and interests and the occupation is not a trespass on the land under the Land Act 1994.
- The department now considers this matter closed and will not be taking further action, unless materially new information is received which would change the department's view.
- Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC) is responsible for addressing concerns from the public about vandalism of council-owned public property, including taking down of installed bollards or barriers on the public esplanade.
- FCRC is also responsible for concerns regarding the behaviour of off-leash dogs.

- QPS can assist with responding to the use of vehicles on beaches, loud vehicles and anti-social behaviour.
- There is limited awareness and understanding in the local community about the existence and extent of the determined native title rights and interests in the land.
- BNTAC has also received enquiries from residents who live in Burrum Heads regarding the use of Lot 49.
- The BNTAC board has asked its General Manager to investigate available future tenure arrangements to support the ongoing use and occupancy of the land by the Butchulla People.

Background

- Lot 49 on Plan AP17243 is located between Traviston Park and Sirenia Beach at Burrum Heads, north of Maryborough.
- On 13 December 2019, the Federal Court of Australia determined that the Butchulla People have native title rights and interests over Lot 49.
- Native title rights and interests in the land include the right to possess, occupy, use and enjoy Lot 49 to the exclusion of all others, and are subject to and exercisable in accordance with the laws of the state and the Commonwealth.

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Water Projects in the Wide Bay Region

Recommended response

Bundaberg and Burnett Regional Water Assessment

- Assessment activity began in late 2021 and has now progressed well into the service need analysis phase.
- I look forward to a continuation of the active participation shown from local councils, peak body, and industry group representatives in the assessment's Stakeholder Advisory Group forum to date.

Paradise Dam

- On 24 December 2021, the Hon Glenn Butcher MP, Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water announced the Queensland Government's decision to rebuild Paradise Dam to its full capacity.
- This is a \$1.2 billion investment in regional jobs, supported by \$600M from the Queensland Government and \$600M from the Federal Government.
- This rebuild will support some 250 jobs during construction and, once back to full operation, create thousands of jobs and deliver significant flow-on benefits for local businesses and contractors, making it an important initiative in the economic recovery of this region.

Coalstoun Lakes Irrigation Project

- Coalstoun Lakes Water is undertaking a detailed business case (DBC) of options to supply water to the area, including the option of a pipeline from Paradise Dam.
- The DBC is being funded by the Federal Government's National Water Infrastructure Development Fund (NWIDF) and is expected to be completed by mid-2022.

Key Facts

Bundaberg and Burnett Regional Water Assessment

- The Queensland Government has invested a total of \$9M over four years to deliver regional water assessments for three of Queensland's significant food bowls, including the Bundaberg and Burnett region.
- Sunwater is leading the delivery of the assessment on behalf of the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water (DRDMW).

- The assessment's Stakeholder Advisory Group, which includes representatives from Bundaberg, North Burnett, South Burnett, and Cherbourg Aboriginal councils, has met five times.

Paradise Dam

- The Queensland Government had an election commitment 'to seek an ironclad commitment from the Australian Government to contribute to fixing the dam'.
- This project will deliver long-term water security for the region with the restoration of 130,000 megalitres (ML) of water supply and will keep communities located downstream safe.
- Sunwater is well underway with the next stage of the project, which includes progressing the design and detailed cost estimates supported by further geotechnical, economic, financial, and market testing activities.
- In parallel, Sunwater is developing a package of enabling and pre-construction works to ensure safe access and transport of construction materials to site comprising the assessment, design, and upgrades of existing access roads.
- Early works will start on-ground in 2023, including road works and planning for the workers camp to enable major construction to start in 2024. It is expected it will take three to four dry seasons to complete, weather permitting.

Coalstoun Lakes Irrigation Area

- In November 2019, the Federal Government committed \$1.5M from the NWIDF for a DBC of water supply options in the Coalstoun Lakes Irrigation Area, specifically including assessment of a pipeline from Paradise Dam to Coalstoun Lakes.
- No funding is being provided by the Queensland Government.

Achievements

Paradise Dam

- In early 2021, Sunwater completed the lowering and recapping of the Paradise Dam spillway as interim measures to reduce dam failure risk, but further remediation is required to bring the dam to an acceptable level of safety in the long term.

Coalstoun Lakes Irrigation Area

- DRDMW is facilitating the Federal Government's funding for the Coalstoun Lakes irrigation area DBC and providing advice and input to support its development.

Background

Bundaberg and Burnett Regional Water Assessment

- The three regional water assessments due to be completed by the end of 2023-24 are for the Southern and Darling Downs; the Bundaberg and Burnett; and the Tablelands areas. Each assessment will take up to two years to deliver.
- When finalised, the regional water assessments will identify the best options for these regions to enhance water supply and support future economic growth.

Paradise Dam

- The Queensland Government's decision to rebuild was underpinned by the Paradise Dam Options Evaluation Report completed in late 2021.
- The report is available on the DRDMW website and was informed by technical investigations comprising roller compacted concrete testing, anchor trials, and geotechnical and water demand studies.
- The Paradise Dam Options Evaluation was undertaken in parallel with the essential works completed in 2021.

Coalstoun Lakes Irrigation Area

- Coalstoun Lakes Water, a company set up by local interested parties, is managing the delivery of the DBC.
- The DBC commenced in January 2021 and is expected to be completed during the second half of 2022.
- The North and South Burnett study recommended a detailed assessment of water supply options in the Coalstoun Lakes area as one of the preferred options to enhance the economic development of the North Burnett Regional Council area – indications are that a pipeline from Paradise Dam is likely to be the preferred water supply option.
- This option consists of a pipeline (around 40 kilometres depending on the route) from Paradise Dam that will distribute water to irrigators and potentially for limited urban use (Biggenden).
- The option would be reliant on securing access to an adequate volume of water allocation at Paradise Dam and has been the subject of previous proposals from interested groups.
- The proposal estimates that the option could facilitate the irrigation of 4,000 to 6,000 hectares of existing agricultural land in and around Coalstoun Lakes, utilising 20,000 to 30,000 ML of water annually.
- The outcomes of the DBC will be used as inputs to the regional water assessment, to inform identification of water supply options suitable for further development.

Great Barrier Reef – Reef protection regulations

Recommended response

- We applaud the producers that have already invested effort into improving practices to improve water quality flowing to the Reef.
- We need all producers to implement improved practices for a healthy Reef that supports tens of thousands of Queensland jobs.
- From 1 June 2021, a permit has been required to start new, or expand, commercial cropping activities on more than five hectares of land that does not have a cropping history.
- From 1 December 2022, existing banana and sugarcane producers and beef cattle graziers in the Burnett Mary region need to keep records of fertilisers applied to land now and comply with remaining regulated practice standards.
- It is acknowledged that the Burnett Mary region is a lower priority for water quality improvement compared to other regions.
- Recent government investment in successful practice change projects in the region seek to address some of the resultant regional funding disparity as well as demonstrate significant reductions in nutrient and sediment runoff are achievable.

Compliance Program

- The reef compliance program aims to drive increased adoption of improved farm management practices in reef catchments.
- The program has informed and enabled voluntary compliance but where there is continued non-compliance, the Department of Environment and Science (DES) is committed to escalating its compliance response.
- On 22 June 2022, DES issued its first Penalty Infringement Notice in relation to reef regulations to a sugar cane growing company operating in the Herbert region north of Townsville.
- DES had inspected the sugar cane farm on four occasions, had issued two warnings for non-compliances, and provided several opportunities for the company to voluntarily comply with its obligations.
- DES is currently expanding the capacity of the program, including the recruitment of an additional 20 officers.

Key Facts

- Strengthened Reef protection regulations have been rolling out progressively since 1 December 2019 as part of a mix of tools to improve Reef water quality based on water quality priorities.
- Contrary to claims from some stakeholders in the region, inshore flood plumes, which carry the majority of water pollutants, flow to the north from the Burnett Mary region through the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. These flows are not affected by the East Australian Current that is much further offshore.
- Despite the region being a lower priority for water quality improvement, basin scale water quality targets have been set with the Mary River catchment being a moderate priority for nutrient reduction and a high priority for sediment reduction.
- The Queensland Government has allocated a further \$270.1M over five years to 2026 to continue the successful Reef Water Quality Improvement program from the Far North to Wide Bay.

Compliance Program

- Reef regulations are based on best available water quality science and industry accepted practices shown in on-farm trials to maintain or improve productivity and profitability.
- Minimum practice agricultural standards apply to sugarcane, bananas and grazing in all Reef catchments except Cape York where regional water quality targets have been met.
- The reef regulations commenced on 1 December 2019 and are being progressively rolled out:
 - 1 June 2021:
 - an environmental authority is required for new commercial cropping and horticulture activities occurring on more than five hectares of land in a reef catchment that does not meet a cropping history test.
 - 1 December 2021:
 - minimum practice standards commenced for grazing in the Fitzroy region
 - the farm nitrogen and phosphorous budget requirement commenced for sugarcane growers in the Wet Tropics, Burdekin and Mackay Whitsunday regions.

- 1 December 2022:
 - minimum practice standards will commence for sugarcane, bananas and grazing in remaining regulated Reef regions.
 - deferred until December 2024
 - minimum practice standards for horticulture and grains will commence, allowing growers time to voluntarily improve their practices.

Achievements

- Public consultation was undertaken on the requirements for new cropping permits, with meetings held in Childers, Monto, Biggenden, and Kingaroy in February 2021 and information sessions in May/June 2021.
- Industry group AgForce publicly acknowledged the positive consultation process, though remains opposed to any regulations.
- Between 2009 and 2021, more than \$156 million was specifically allocated to support the agricultural industry to improve their productivity, profitability and water quality through industry-led Best Management Practice (BMP) programs, extension support and science and on ground programs.

Compliance Program

- The reef compliance program initially focussed on sugarcane farms.
- Results in the sugarcane industry indicate that while non-compliance rates are initially high, the majority of producers are voluntarily changing farm practice after the initial engagement.
- The compliance program has since expanded to include bananas in the Wet Tropics and grazing activities in the Burdekin and Fitzroy regions.

Background

- A 2017 Deloitte Access Economics report found that the Great Barrier Reef added \$3.9 billion to the Queensland economy in 2015-16 and supported more than 33,000 full-time Queensland jobs.
- Strengthening the Reef protection regulations responds directly to the recommendations of the Great Barrier Reef Water Science Taskforce on how best to meet the Reef water quality targets for a healthy Reef.
- The Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan sets water quality reduction targets of 60 per cent for dissolved inorganic nitrogen loads and 25% for sediment loads.
- Everyone meeting regulated minimum practice standards across the main commodity types is modelled to achieve around 80 per cent of the target for dissolved inorganic nitrogen.

- The minimum practice standards are based on industry best practices, expert know-how and the best available water quality science as outlined by the 2017 Scientific Consensus Statement – Land use impacts on Great Barrier Reef water quality and ecosystem condition.
- Agricultural peak bodies, including AgForce, continue to publicly re-iterate their position of not supporting the regulatory approach to improving water quality.
- Representatives from the Burnett-Mary region oppose being regulated and have continuously disputed the science underpinning the Reef protection regulations, particularly its local application, as seen in the parliamentary committee process for the 2021 Private Member's Bill to repeal the regulations.
- The Private Members Bill did not pass on 29 March 2022, consistent with the recommendation of the Health and Environment Committee.
- From 1 December 2022, sugarcane and banana growers in the Burnett Mary region will have to comply with minimum practice standards about fertiliser application rates and managing erosion risks.
- The requirements to keep grazing land in at least fair condition and take measures to improve grazing land in poor or degraded condition also takes effect from 1 December 2022 for graziers in the Burnett-Mary region.
- The new cropping and horticulture permit requirements do not apply to existing cropping land. This includes land that is currently under cropping or has a history of being cropped, meaning it has been cropped in at least three out of the last ten years.
- The permit requirements for new cropping and horticulture do not duplicate the minimum practice standards for sugarcane and bananas. The permit focuses on the design and set-up of a farm prior to cropping and the minimum practice standards on the ongoing farm operation.
- New standards commenced on 1 June 2021 for urban and industrial environmentally relevant activities such as mines, aquaculture, and sewage treatment that may result in nutrient or sediment emissions in Reef catchments.

Compliance Program

- The Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* were introduced in 2010.
- A compliance program recommenced in 2016 after being discontinued in 2012.
- In 2019, strengthened Reef regulations increased the number of regulated agricultural producers from approx. 3,300 to at least 12,600, excluding horticulture and grains producers.
- Extensive consultation on the Reef protection regulations with key stakeholders has occurred since August 2016, including through a Regulatory Impact Statement.
- Despite this, the Reef protection regulations have been subject to constant opposition by peak agricultural bodies (such as AgForce and CANEGROWERS, Growcom, Australian Banana Growers Council, the Australian Sugar Milling Council, Australian Cane Farmers Association and Queensland Farmers Federation) and by State and Federal politics.
- On 29 March 2022, the Queensland Parliament voted to not pass a Private Member's Bill to repeal the Reef protection regulations introduced by Mr Nick Dametto MP, the Member for Hinchinbrook.

Low Emissions Agriculture Roadmap 2022-2032 Consultation Draft

Recommended response

- The draft Queensland Low Emissions Agriculture Roadmap 2022-32 (the draft Roadmap) provides a framework for Queensland to become a world-leader in low emissions production and land sector carbon opportunities.
- The Queensland Government and our industry partners are seeking public input to make sure the actions under the draft Roadmap are what is needed to help agribusinesses make the on-ground transition to low emissions production and supply chains.
- The draft Roadmap's priority focus is food security and the economic stability of our food and fibre producing regions while actively transitioning to low emissions agriculture.
- Agribusiness is a key sector to help achieve Queensland's 2030 and 2050 emissions reduction targets.

Key Facts

- The draft Roadmap is a key deliverable under the Queensland Climate Action Plan.
- Public consultation on the draft Roadmap can be accessed through the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries' Engagement Hub website and is open until 10 August 2022.
- The draft Roadmap is underpinned by the best available science pulled together by CSIRO.
- Industry partners AgForce, the Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) and National Farmers' Federation have been involved in the development of the draft Roadmap from the beginning.
- AgForce and QFF are leading the development of industry actions and funding negotiations for the implementation plan.

Achievements

- On 29 June 2022, the Hon Mark Furner MP, Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities, launched the draft Roadmap Consultation Draft.

Background

- The Queensland Climate Action Plan was launched on 30 July 2021.

- In 2020 agriculture sector contributed 12.5 per cent (19.9 million tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents) of Queensland's total greenhouse gas emissions. The Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry sector contributed a further 7.8 per cent (12.5 million tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents).
- Enteric methane from ruminant animals constitutes agriculture's largest emissions source at 78 per cent (15,576 kilotonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents). Other major emissions sources include agricultural soils and manure management.
- QFF is receiving funding of \$50,000 to deliver public consultation on the draft Roadmap and lead industry negotiations for the implementation plan, including discussions on industry funding. AgForce will deliver a similar project, receiving Government funding of \$40,000.

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Native Timber Action Plan

Recommended response

- The native timber industry supports employment and investment throughout regional and rural Queensland.
- The Queensland Government's native timber action plan (the Plan) has been developed to support these industry jobs.
- The Plan supports actions to have a sustainable native timber industry, balancing both jobs and the environment.

Key Facts

- The Plan outlined a number of early decisions including:
 - the cessation of harvesting of state-owned native hardwood timber in the South East Queensland Regional Planning area region, and the continuation of supply in the Eastern Hardwoods Region until 31 December 2026;
 - establishment of a Native Timber Advisory Panel; and
 - completion of a resource assessment to determine sustainable state-owned supply across Queensland, as well as privately-owned land.

Achievements

- The native timber advisory panel, which includes membership from the native timber industry, conservation and research groups, unions and First Nations people held its first meeting in June 2021 and has met seven times to date.
- The panel has reviewed the draft revised *Managing a native forest practice*, accepted development vegetation clearing code, and a summary report of the panel's submissions will be considered by the Hon Scott Stewart MP, Minister for Resources.
- An estimate of the future sustained yield (or supply) of state-owned native timber in the Eastern Hardwoods region has been completed. Similar assessment work on state-owned native timber resources in the Western Hardwoods region has recently commenced.

Background

- The native timber action plan was announced on 4 November 2019.

Teacher Supply

Recommended response

- The Department of Education (DoE) undertakes comprehensive workforce planning to ensure there is a sustainable supply of teachers to meet the demands of state schools across Queensland.
- This includes an assessment of long-term, statewide supply and demand trends influencing schools' ability to recruit teachers. It also includes a detailed assessment of individual schools' short and medium-term needs and the development of tailored three-year action plans.
- Due to various factors, including the impact of COVID-19 measures, 2022 was a challenging year for all schools across Queensland.
- Vacancies are a natural part of the workforce cycle and occur due to a variety of reasons, including: teachers taking planned leave; accepting promotions; seeking a transfer; or retiring.
- Consequently, vacancies open and close continually throughout the year as teachers grow and move between schools. Local workforce planning ensures that many vacancies are identified in advance and filled to avoid class disruption.
- To respond to short-term unplanned vacancies, schools are staffed and supported by TRACER, DoE's teacher-replacement service. It is common for this service to fill over 1000 short-term absences across the State every day.
- The Government will continue to work with schools to address current and emerging teacher vacancies and ensure an uninterrupted year for our students.

Key Facts

- DoE currently employs around 48,000 teacher FTEs.
- Since 2017, more than 3500 temporary-to-permanent teacher conversions were made as part of the Government's commitment to maximising permanent frontline employment.

- As at 29 June 2022, DoE is working with schools to fill 896 current or emerging vacancies - this represents less than 2 per cent of the teaching workforce.
- Throughout the 2021 and 2022 school year-to-date, the DoE has filled over 6200 teacher vacancies across the State with existing teachers and new teacher hires.
- The **\$19.8M Turn to Teaching Internship election commitment**, to encourage career change to high-priority curriculum and geographic teaching areas, will provide 300 aspiring teachers with financial support, mentoring and paid internship employment to complete their teaching qualification and take up a guaranteed permanent teaching position.
- This program commenced in 2022, with the first interns due to start in schools in 2023.

Achievements

Teacher Rapid Response Team (RRT)

- Commencing Term 2, 2022, the RRT seeks to establish a pool of temporary and permanent state school teachers based in South East Queensland, where there is a supply of replacement teachers that schools can access to maintain adequate staffing.
- These teachers are deployed at short notice to temporarily fill specific teaching vacancies deemed to be critical in priority geographic areas across Queensland.
- As at 24 June 2022, there are 81 teachers in the RRT pool.
- Only the Central Queensland Region (with 4000 teaching staff) has accessed deployments from the RRT so far, with 11 positions filled through the RRT.

Background

- With a workforce of more than 54,000 Queensland teachers (headcount), it is common to have teaching vacancies—noting the current recorded vacancy rate is currently less than 2 per cent.
- DoE works closely with schools to support teachers to develop diverse skills and experiences, to plan for potential vacancies, and to ensure teachers are placed where they are most needed.
- It is typical for TRACER to experience high demand during Term 2 and 3 due to traditional flu seasons; however, Queensland Health's advice, 'stay home and get tested,' has also contributed to this.
- The largest change to schools in the immediate post-COVID period is lower than anticipated student enrolments. This is as a direct result of the pause to international migration and has resulted in reduced overall demand for teachers when compared with earlier forecasts. To combat these issues:
 - Staffing levels in the TRACER service increased during the year to allow more casual relief teachers to be contacted within the short time available.
 - Teachers in the applicant process are encouraged to consider casual relief teacher options while seeking permanent employment.
 - In schools where demand for casual relief teachers was increased beyond usual levels, support is provided to adopt existing strategies for internal relief including:
 - employing additional teachers to provide internal relief (a Local Relieving Teacher);
 - partnering with neighbouring schools to employ additional teachers to provide internal relief (a District Relieving Teacher); and
 - registering the Local Relieving Teacher or District Relieving Teacher arrangement with TRACER to ensure the best utilisation of the internal relief teaching pool and to ensure schools do not incur an additional workload associated with the arrangement.

Teacher RRT

- Teachers temporarily relocated as part of the RRT will have access to a tailored range of incentives.
- As these are pre-existing teaching positions, there are no additional costs to DoE for the teaching staff as transfer costs and rural locality allowances are already built into DoE budget.
- DoE continues to work with schools to address current and emerging teacher vacancies, including the sourcing and the retention of permanent, temporary and casual teachers.
- Through the RRT, DoE is encouraging vacancies to be filled for a minimum of four weeks.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Vacancies

- Specific actions to avoid potential teacher shortfalls in STEM areas include targeted strategies to recruit specialist teachers in areas of high demand in the geographic locations where they are needed the most:
 - Queensland has provided discipline-specific online STEM training to more than 3100 state school teachers to support building capability in subject areas including digital technologies, science and mathematics.
 - In addition to STEM training, targeted professional development courses are provided for the identified priority areas in the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

General Senior Syllabuses including Digital Solutions and Design.

- DoE also offers Rural and Remote Graduate Teacher STEM Scholarships, which provide \$15,000 (each) to support high-achieving individuals, and permanent employment in a Queensland state school. Since 2018, 103 Rural and Remote Graduate Teacher STEM scholarships have been offered.
- Since 2019, more than 2700 STEM vacancies have been successfully filled across the State.
- DoE is not able to accurately measure the number of STEM teachers across the State due to system limitation and clarity around the classification of a STEM teacher. For example, teachers often teach subjects both inside and outside of the STEM fields, and the qualifications and skillset of a STEM teacher varies depending on the level of curriculum being taught.

Initiatives around staffing

- DoE also continues to recruit new teaching applicants year-round, with mid-year graduates often applying to teach during Term 3.
- Other initiatives and programs in place to provide Queensland state schools with the teachers they need now, and into the future, include:
 - the *Teach Queensland and Teacher Rural* annual career fairs;
 - *Never been a better time to teach* marketing campaign;
 - interstate recruitment campaigns;
 - the annual undertaking of a five-year teacher supply and demand forecast;
 - *Teach Queensland* digital and social media campaign; and
 - specific teacher mobility initiatives including the annual teacher transfer program, guaranteed transfer and rural and remote encouragement programs.
- Initiatives to support high achieving pre-service and graduate teachers to commence their career in high priority Queensland locations include:
 - *Aspiring Teacher Grants* for Year 12 graduates from Queensland schools with 174 grants offered since 2018 (one-off payment of up to \$5000);
 - *Beyond the Range Professional Experience Grants* for pre-service teachers with over 1300 grants paid since 2018–19 (up to \$5000 per placement);
 - *Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarships* for aspiring and pre-service teachers who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander with 84 scholarships offered since 2018 (up to \$20,000 and permanent employment once graduated); and
 - *Rural and Remote Graduate Teacher Scholarships* for pre-service teachers with 208 Generalist and 135 STEM scholarships offered since 2018 (up to \$15,000 and permanent employment once graduated).