

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

\* persons as at 30 June 2014 growing at an annual average rate of 1.8% over the past 10 years



Agricultural production  
**\$1.05 billion**  
2012-13



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

**Top 5 Industries**  
by number of workers

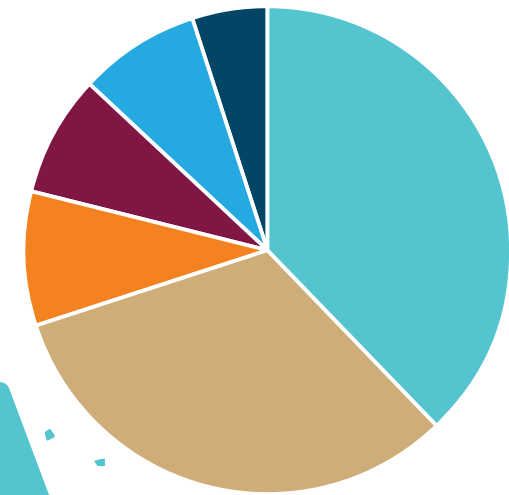
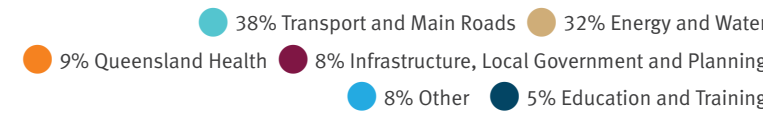


**5,407** residential  
dwellings sold  
in the 12 months ending  
31 December 2014

**21,512** businesses  
in Wide Bay  
in 2013-14



**Infrastructure improvement budget**



# Wide Bay



## JOBS NOW, JOBS FOR THE FUTURE for Wide Bay

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



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



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



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



**Infrastructure improvement budget**

**\$572.5 million**  
budgeted for infrastructure  
improvements in 2015-16, including:

|                                                                     |                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>\$217M</b><br>for transport                                      | <b>\$50M</b><br>for health                   |
| <b>\$181.1M</b><br>for energy and water                             | <b>\$27.2M</b><br>for education and training |
| <b>\$46.9M</b><br>for infrastructure, local government and planning |                                              |

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

4,495 km<sup>2</sup> of national  
and regional parks  
171 state heritage sites  
17 hospitals and health facilities  
16 customer service centres  
and 3,035 km of roads

1 Aboriginal and Torres  
Strait Islander Partnership  
regional office  
30 fire stations  
575 police officers  
9 courthouses



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## Jobs now, jobs for the future for Wide Bay

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

### Statewide Initiatives

#### Reef Plan response (Sustainable Agriculture)

\$3.2 million of \$15 million over 5 years to implement the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan, including identifying farm management practices, coordinating extension services, providing technical and economic support and monitoring adoption.

#### Drought relief

\$45 million of \$52.1 million over 4 years for the Drought Assistance Package.

#### Saving the Great Barrier Reef

\$100 million over 5 years including \$10 million to establish net free fishing zones, in addition to the \$35 million per year currently spent across State Government agencies. Funding will protect the Great Barrier Reef by investing in water quality initiatives and scientific research, as well as helping businesses transition to better environmental practices in the primary production, mining and fishing industries.

#### Resilient communities

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

#### Rollingstock

\$226.5 million to deliver new and upgrade existing rollingstock.

#### Enhancing Regional Hospitals

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

### Wide Bay Initiatives

#### Cleaner communities

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

#### Indigenous heritage

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

#### Homelessness

\$6.8 million for specialist homelessness services.

#### Social housing

\$24.8 million to expand and improve social housing.

#### Disaster relief and recovery

\$37.7 million, in partnership with the Australian Government, for local government recovery and reconstruction projects.

#### Sustainable agriculture and water quality

\$730,000 to control feral animals and weeds, improve reef water quality and enhance responsible agricultural productivity.

#### Conservation

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

#### Schools capital works

\$561,000 for a replacement library at Wondai State School.

#### Water infrastructure

\$11.4 million of \$23.1 million to upgrade the Spillway at Paradise Dam.

#### Bundaberg gas pipeline

\$12 million of \$15 million for the Bundaberg Gas Pipeline.

#### Bruce Highway Roadworks

\$25.5 million of \$624.3 million to continue the Cooroy to Curra Bruce Highway upgrade.

#### Protecting our national parks

\$630,000 for a new wastewater treatment system for Dundubara in the Great Sandy National Park on Fraser Island.

#### Bundaberg-Gin Gin Road

\$5 million to rehabilitate the Burnett River Bridge on the Bundaberg-Gin Gin Road

#### Kingaroy, Nanango police

\$6.9 million to complete the replacement of Kingaroy police station and watchhouse, and \$800,000 to complete the \$1 million upgrade of Nanango police station.

#### Bundaberg fire and rescue

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

#### Specialist medical services

\$2.2 million to establish cardiology services, \$2.7 million for a care service and \$4.9 million to establish an ophthalmology service in the Wide Bay region. \$1.3 million to replace CT units at Bundaberg and Hervey Bay Hospitals.

#### Bundaberg Special School

\$210,000 for maintenance for Bundaberg Special School.

#### Maryborough – Hervey Bay Road (Access to St Helens School)

\$2.1 million to signalise the intersection to St Helens School on the Maryborough – Hervey Bay Road.

#### Mary River Levees

\$500,000 of \$1 million over three years for repairs.

