

Budget Highlights

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\$14.2B

record health budget
to restore
frontline services



\$12.4B
in education

for more teachers, more support
and better classrooms



\$10.1B

in essential
infrastructure
upgrades we need now



\$1.2B
operating
surplus

in 2015-16



Debt Action Plan

A plan to reduce General
Government debt by

\$9.6B by
2017-18



**Supporting
business**

with tax
competitiveness
and a **\$40M**
Business Development Fund



**Working
Queensland**
jobs package ...
Jobs now



\$180M
Advance
Queensland
Jobs for the future



Kick-starting **regional
economies** with
\$200M
to build our regions



\$400M
of tourism and events
funding guaranteed over
the next four years



Protecting the
Great Barrier Reef
for future generations with
\$100M
over five years



\$31.3M
for domestic
violence prevention

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Dear Fellow Queenslanders,

It is with much pride that I am able to showcase the Palaszczuk Government's first Budget. This is a Budget that demonstrates a better way. It is a Budget that will grow our economy, generate jobs and restore frontline services. As promised, all of our election commitments have been included in this Budget and have been paid for by smarter savings, like reducing advertising and consultants.

Job creation is the Government's number one priority. More Queenslanders in work means a more prosperous and inclusive future for us all. That's why this Budget will focus on employment. Our *Working Queensland* program will help create the conditions for growing jobs and building new businesses leading to jobs now, and jobs for the future.

Working Queensland will help boost Queensland's productivity through skills development, by fostering emerging and innovative industries and by supporting investment in infrastructure.

In coming years, *Working Queensland* will also create the highly paid jobs of tomorrow by revitalising science and innovation and cultivating emerging industries like biotechnology through our Advance Queensland package, including the Business Development Fund, to turn smart ideas into commercial reality.

Infrastructure will always play a key role in our decentralised State, not only by giving Queenslanders access to the facilities that make our State grow and prosper, but to provide jobs and new investment in our economy.

That's why our \$10 billion infrastructure spend in this year's Budget will include the commencement of an injection of \$500 million in new funding for new schools, education maintenance and hospital refurbishments. Local projects supporting local jobs.

This is a Budget that will restore frontline services. In fact, we will spend more on health and education than ever before, ensuring that the quality of our hospitals and schools are returned to the level this great State deserves. This is a Budget that will lead Queensland to financial sustainability while keeping our income-generating assets in public hands. A \$1.2 billion surplus is forecast in 2015-16, with surpluses totalling \$6.9 billion over the next four years. This is the first Budget since 1999-2000 to forecast a reduction in debt across the forward estimates. Our Debt Action Plan will significantly reduce debt now and keep it down for the future. By bringing our Budget back to sustainability we will demonstrate a better way for Queensland.

Curtis Pitt
Treasurer
Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

WORKING QUEENSLAND \$1.6 BILLION

Major initiatives include:



Skilling Queenslanders for Work
\$240 million



Rescuing TAFE
\$34.5 million



Advance Queensland
\$140 million



Business Development Fund
\$40 million



Building our Regions
\$200 million

=\$180 million

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Boosting skills and training



Skilling Queenslanders for Work

At the heart of Working Queensland is the reintroduction of the highly successful Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work represents a significant investment of **\$240 million** over four years to support **32,000 Queenslanders back into work** and boost the skills of the Queensland workforce.

Thousands of Queenslanders will be provided tailored support, literacy and numeracy skills, job preparation skills, work placement training opportunities and subsidised work placements.

The program is supported by a state-wide regional network, working closely and forming partnerships with community organisations and local employers to determine local skills and entry-level industry and labour needs.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work has a proven track record of delivering real employment opportunities and will pay for itself, **generating nearly eight dollars in return to the community for every dollar invested.**



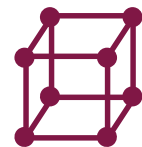
Jobs Queensland

The Government is planning for the workforce of tomorrow, providing **\$40 million** over four years to establish Jobs Queensland.

Jobs Queensland will be an independent statutory authority providing advice to the Government on skills demand and long-term workforce planning in Queensland.

As part of its role, Jobs Queensland will undertake broad consultation with business, union and community representatives on long-term workforce issues.

Through the establishment of Jobs Queensland, the Government will make the Queensland vocational education and training (VET) sector the strongest and most productive in Australia.



Rescuing TAFE

The Government will invest **\$34.5 million** over the next four years to restore TAFE Queensland to its rightful place as the premier provider of VET in Queensland.

Funding will be directed at helping TAFE Queensland deliver foundation courses, increase the number of qualifications available through VET in schools and hire additional teaching and support staff.

The Government will also ensure Queensland regains its reputation as a quality training provider, by establishing an independent Training Ombudsman to investigate complaints made by students and apprentices.

8,000 ADDITIONAL PEOPLE IN SKILLS AND TRAINING THIS YEAR



Supporting business



Small business initiatives

The Government understands the pressures facing small businesses, and is working to ease the burden on small businesses through the following initiatives:

Red Tape Reduction Advisory Council

The Council will recommend areas in which red, green and blue tape can be reduced to ease the regulatory burden for small business.

Business and Industry Portal

The Government is providing an additional **\$4.7 million** in 2015–16 to continue to enhance and transform how the Queensland Government delivers online services. The Portal will provide a one-stop shop for business and industry to interact with government.

Queensland Small Business Advisory Council

The Council will provide direct input to the Government on issues facing the small business sector.

Home Based Business Program

As part of the Queensland Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow initiative, the Government is providing funding of **\$1 million** over three years for the Home Based Business Program. The program will support stay-at-home parents who want to establish and develop home-based businesses, while maintaining a healthy balance between work and family.



Payroll tax rebate for apprentices and trainees

Employers who hire apprentices and trainees will receive a payroll tax rebate of 25 per cent on their wages in addition to their wages being exempt from payroll tax up to 30 June 2018.

The rebate will be used as an offset against payroll tax payable on the wages of other employees, and will enable Queensland to continue developing a highly skilled workforce into the future.

The Government is providing this incentive at an estimated cost of **\$45 million** over the next three years.



Business Development Fund

Attracting investment and fostering innovation are vital to support the diversification, growth and development of the Queensland economy and to create more high-value jobs.

To assist innovative and emerging industries, the Government is establishing the **\$40 million** Business Development Fund as part of the \$180 million Advance Queensland package.

Over the next four years, the Fund will provide early stage venture capital to emerging and growing innovative Queensland businesses.

Investments, up to a defined limit, will be made on a matching basis with private sector co-investors.

QIC has been tasked to administer the fund and will be supported by an investment panel made up of independent experienced investors with a strong history in entrepreneurship and early stage investment.

The Fund will help Queensland's best and brightest make their ideas and innovations a commercial reality and create opportunities for new high-value and skilled employment.

Tax competitiveness in 2015-16:

Queensland State Tax (per capita): **\$2,666** in 2015-16, Other Jurisdictions average: **\$3,343**

Transfer duty for houses valued at **\$450,000**, almost **\$10,000** lower than the average elsewhere.

Of the mainland states:
- highest payroll tax threshold
- lowest payroll tax rate.

ADVANCE QUEENSLAND

A \$180 million investment in innovation, skills, education, business development and startups to diversify the Queensland economy and deliver knowledge-based jobs now and into the future

The Government is focused on harnessing the opportunities that are available in startups, innovation businesses and our science and research base so that the Queensland workers of today have access to the new jobs of the future.

Queensland's geographical proximity and shared time zone with Asia and our shared tropical climate with almost half the world's population positions us perfectly as a gateway to the fastest growing regions in the world.

This presents Queensland with immense global opportunities by both building on our world recognised expertise in areas such as medical science, biotechnology and robotics, and by unlocking our untapped startup potential to turn innovative ideas into new products and services.

It is not just our geographical location, our pristine environment and our resources that make Queensland the best place to live. The source of Queensland's enormous potential continues to be our people – our human capital.

The Government is positive about Queensland's future because we believe in the ability of the current and next generation to drive innovation, build a stronger economy and create jobs.

The Smart State investment of previous Labor governments attracted great scientists and researchers and led to the development of world leading research capability in science, technology, engineering and maths in Queensland.

But the competition for global talent and investment is fierce. We are witnessing other

developed and emerging economies make ever greater investments in their innovation systems.

So we need to act now if we want to remain and thrive as a global innovation hub. Advance Queensland is the next important step. We want to attract and develop the best and brightest talent in Queensland, translate our science and technology ideas into commercial and employment outcomes, and play our role in supporting a thriving startup ecosystem.

The Government's **\$180 million** Advance Queensland investment is expected to co-leverage funding and generate total investment of \$300 million into the state.



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Fostering biotechnology

Industrial biotechnology – the creation of fuel, plastics and materials from organic materials – is a key opportunity for the Queensland economy. This new industry can be built on one of Queensland's natural advantages, our links to the emerging economy centred on the tropics.



Through its proposed biofuel mandate, the Government will provide certainty to the biofuel industry so that it can invest, innovate, grow and create jobs. While a thriving biofuels industry is highly beneficial in its own right, it will also help create the foundation for a new high-value, knowledge-based bio-manufacturing industry for Queensland.

Careers in the Health and Food Precinct at Coopers Plains include lab technicians, food technologists, consumer scientists, serologists and more.



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\$50 million to develop, attract and retain world-class talent and skills through:

- Delivering new research fellowships and scholarships to increase research talent.
- Global Partnership Awards to support collaboration between Queensland graduates and entrepreneurs with international companies and institutions.
- A future schools review of the teaching of science, technology, engineering and maths, including coding and computational science, ICT and robotics so that our kids have the jobs of the future.
- Knowledge Transfer Partnerships to link industry and universities through funding opportunities for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to have postgraduate graduates work in their business on an identified problem or project.

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TURNING IDEAS INTO NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Advance Queensland will improve collaboration between industry and research, build our innovation and start-up culture, and plan for the future.

Advance Queensland will develop closer links between researchers and industry by investing **\$45 million** in an Advance Queensland Future Jobs Strategy to make Queensland the nation's largest source of investment for industry-research collaboration projects. This will be delivered through:

- Advance Queensland Innovation Partnerships of \$25 million to support collaborative research and development projects in priority areas
- the Advance Queensland Innovations Challenges program with \$20 million to support large collaborative proposals that drive Queensland forward in areas such as agriculture, innovation, health services delivery and renewable energy. Opportunities under this program will support the development of Queensland's emerging biofuels agenda with funding matched by partner contributions.

As a Government, we know that the real driver of economic change are entrepreneurs and ambitious businesses. We are determined to play our role in supporting high growth, technology-based businesses and help to develop the entrepreneurial skills of the workforce through:

- a **\$24 million** Startup Queensland program to increase startup formation and attraction in Queensland. This will include funding:
 - for innovation advisory and skills development services
 - innovation and technology vouchers for partnering research and/or technology and SMEs
 - support to scale up successful incubators and accelerators and programs supporting startup and student entrepreneurship

- a **\$52 million** investment to improve access to finance and management support for start-ups and SMEs with ambition to grow in international markets through:

- a \$12 million Queensland Commercialisation Program to support proof of concept projects designed to lead to new products and services and
- the \$40 million Business Development Fund.

The Government also recognises the need to diversify our economy in the face of greater competition, policy changes that could impact key markets and digital disruption. That's why we will provide dedicated funding of **\$1 million** to work with industry and establish 10 year roadmaps and an investment prospectus for key industries such as industrial biotechnology (including biofuels) that could spur future growth in jobs and new applications for existing industries and products.





Advance Queensland Innovation Partnership

Three partnerships have already been identified following the Premier's overseas trade mission to the United States:

- A partnership between the University of Queensland and Emory University, the world's most successful pharmaceutical drug developer, to partner in the Queensland Emory Drug Discovery Initiative.
- A new Siemens Innovation and Translation Centre at the Translational Research Institute to advance the field of magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy in medicine.
- The Queensland Government will support the establishment of a J&J Partnering Office to be located within QUT (J&J Innovation@QUT). This will provide access to Johnson & Johnson's expertise, particularly in training and education for entrepreneurs and researchers and accelerating commercialisation. This is part of a broader suite of Advance Queensland support designed to better translate our world recognised excellence in medical biotechnology research into healthcare products.

As more partnerships are secured, Queensland's status as a world class research location will continue to grow.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

A better way forward for Queensland

\$10.105 BILLION CAPITAL PROGRAM 27,500 DIRECT JOBS SUPPORTED

The Government is committed to investing in infrastructure projects and in finding innovative ways of delivering the projects Queensland needs now and into the future.



Building Queensland

A new independent statutory body is being established by the Government to deliver a whole-of-government perspective to infrastructure planning and investment.



Queensland Infrastructure Plan

Building Queensland will develop a pipeline of priority infrastructure projects to inform Queensland's current and future infrastructure needs and priorities and the State Infrastructure Plan.



Market-led proposals

The Government is committed to collaborating with the private sector to consider innovative ways of partnering. New market-led proposals guidelines provide industry with clear advice on how the Government will assess such proposals, including innovative infrastructure proposals.



Schools and Hospitals Fund

The \$500 million State-wide Schools and Hospitals Fund is an initiative that provides an economic uplift with a focus on health refurbishment and education capital and maintenance projects.

Infrastructure & Capital Grants include:

\$3.931 billion
Roads & Transport

\$607 million
Education & Training

\$2.423 billion
Energy & Water

\$1.380 billion
Health & Community

Jobs supported:

10,500
Roads & Transport

1,500
Education & Training

6,500
Energy & Water

3,500
Health & Community

Major projects in procurement	Major projects in planning	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Toowoomba Second Range Crossing ● Gateway Upgrade North ● Queen's Wharf Brisbane ● Herston Quarter Redevelopment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Townsville Stadium ● Sunshine Coast Rail Upgrade ● Brisbane Inner City Rail ● Hann Highway Upgrade ● Nullinga Dam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Train Control System Upgrade ● Townsville Eastern Access Rail Corridor ● Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2 ● Integrated Resort Developments

Commonwealth Games Gold Coast Roads Upgrades

\$161 million to upgrade major Gold Coast roads in the lead-up to the 2018 Commonwealth Games.



Photo courtesy of Queensland Motorways

\$500 million State-wide Schools and Hospitals Fund

The \$500 million State-wide Schools and Hospitals Fund will fund new schools and much needed refurbishments and maintenance works to our schools and hospitals in support of local jobs.



Townsville Stadium

\$100 million over four years towards a sports stadium in Townsville.



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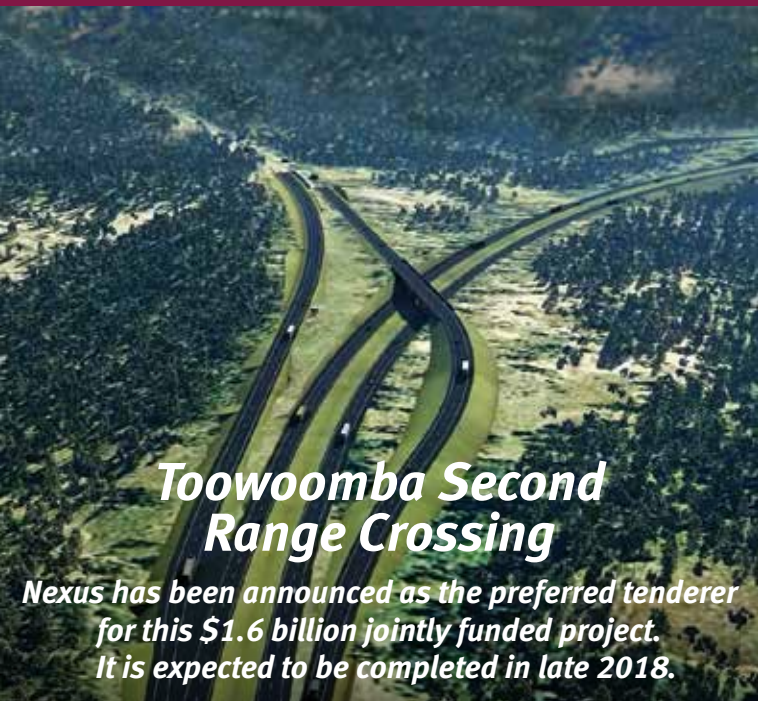
State Netball Stadium

\$30 million over two years to develop and build a state netball facility at the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre, in partnership with Netball Queensland.



Toowoomba Second Range Crossing

Nexus has been announced as the preferred tenderer for this \$1.6 billion jointly funded project. It is expected to be completed in late 2018.



Queensland Rail - Rail Network Infrastructure Program

\$568.4 million to continue rail network improvements, including between Lawnton and Petrie stations and parts of the Gold Coast line.





Western roads upgrade program

\$40 million over two years for a major program of road upgrades. Highlights include: Mitchell Highway (Barrington to Cunnamulla), Wills Developmental Road (Julia Creek to Burketown), Diamantina Developmental Road (Charleville to Quilpie) and Cloncurry to Dajarra Road.

SUPPORT FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL QUEENSLAND

Queensland is the nation's most decentralised state and experiences extreme weather events. This Government is focused on supporting families, creating jobs and fostering economic development in rural and regional areas.

This Budget will support communities affected by drought, as well as focus on funding critical infrastructure, such as transport, roads and flood mitigation projects.



Townsville Schools

\$90 million over four years from 2015-16 for the construction of a new primary school in north-west Townsville and master planning works for a new high school in Townsville. This funding is a part of the \$500 million State-wide Schools and Hospitals Fund.



Building our Regions-Regional Infrastructure Fund

\$200 million over two years for critical infrastructure projects in regional Queensland. Funding will be targeted to meet the specific needs of communities and support economic development.



Western Roads Upgrade Program

\$40 million of internal funding over two years to deliver works on the state-controlled road network in western Queensland. The program will provide targeted road network upgrades focusing on road widening and sealing, within western Queensland local government areas.



Regional Transport Boost

a **\$24 million** program over two years to support jobs, foster economic development and improve liveability in regional communities.



Cyclone Marcia Special Assistance

\$40 million over two years as a special assistance package following Tropical Cyclone Marcia for iconic projects in Rockhampton and Livingstone shires, including revitalisation of the riverfront in Rockhampton and the Yeppoon foreshore.



Drought Relief Package

\$48.4 million over four years, in addition to internal funding of \$3.7 million over three years, to provide drought assistance including freight subsidies and emergency water infrastructure rebates to support producers and communities that have been affected by drought conditions across the state.



Food and Fibre Plan

\$8.1 million over three years, in addition to internal funding of \$5.1 million, to implement the Government's Food and Fibre Plan to ensure the growth of a productive and prosperous food and fibre sector in Queensland and to actively address the challenges facing primary producers.



Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative (GABSI)

\$5.8 million over two years for the GABSI Phase 4, matching the Australian Government contribution. This measure will assist landholders to rehabilitate uncontrolled flowing bores and to replace open bore drains with piped water reticulation systems.



Bio-Security-Panama Disease

\$9.5 million in 2015-16, in addition to internal funding of \$0.3 million, to support a response program for the detection of the Tropical Race 4 strain of Panama disease. The funding provides for surveillance, tracing and destruction of the contaminated plants.



Queensland Agricultural Training College Improvements

\$3.4 million to continue upgrading infrastructure at the Longreach Pastoral College and the Emerald Agricultural College.

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RECORD SPEND

HEALTH

The Queensland Government will inject an extra \$2.3 billion for frontline services and improved health outcomes for all Queenslanders.

In 2015-16, the Queensland Health Budget will increase by over 4% to a record \$14.2 billion. Recognising that the scope of available services and associated demand continue to increase year on year, the Government has committed an additional \$2.3 billion over four years. This funding will support the sustainable resourcing of health and ambulance services into the future.



Nursing jobs

\$101.6 million over four years, in addition to internal funding, for the Nursing Guarantee policy which will employ up to 400 Nurse Navigators in Hospital and Health Services across Queensland. The additional nurses will assist in rebuilding the nursing workforce, improve patient safety and assist patients to navigate from their referring GP or other primary care providers, through hospital based care.

\$110.7 million over four years, in addition to internal funding, will be used to implement the Refresh Nursing initiative. This initiative will support the placement of up to 1,000 additional nurse graduates per year for the next four years in Health and Hospital Services.



Preventative health

\$27.2 million over four years for Health for Life! Taking Action on Diabetes, a Type 2 diabetes prevention program. The program will focus on early detection and intervention by targeting 10,000 Queenslanders at high risk of developing diabetes, and helping them to make positive changes to their lifestyles.

\$46.1 million over four years for the Healthier Queensland Action Plan to stop or manage health problems before Queenslanders require more expensive hospital based care. This includes expansion of the School Nurse Service, a Queensland Health Promotion Commission and Select Committee, the re-establishment of the Biala Sexual Health Clinic and supporting the Heart Foundation to expand its walking programs.



Hospitals and health facilities

\$193.5 million over four years for the safe start-up of the Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital. The new funding will support the transition of clinical services, staff recruitment and medical school placements.

\$180 million over four years for the Enhancing Regional Hospitals Program to undertake essential upgrades to Caloundra Hospital Service, Roma Hospital, Hervey Bay Emergency Department and Gladstone Emergency Department, as well as other regional priority capital projects.

\$11.8 million over four years to Rebuild Mental Healthcare for Young People. This will include additional day services and expanded youth residential mental health services in Townsville.

Begin a Commission of Inquiry into the closure of the Barrett Adolescent Centre with the aim of restoring and improving mental health services in South East Queensland.



Outpatient Long Waits

\$361.2 million over four years for the Outpatient Long Wait Strategy to address the needs of patients across the entire patient journey by reducing the number of people waiting longer than clinically recommended for a specialist outpatient appointment.



Ambulance Services

\$39 million increase in ambulance expenditure in 2015-16, taking total expenditure to a record \$633.3 million. This includes funding for 75 additional paramedics.



\$6 BILLION
in federal education funding
cuts, not restored
by the Australian
Government



RECORD SPEND

EDUCATION

Education is central to shaping the future of Queensland. Increased funding to the education sector will help to build a stronger base for Queensland's economic and social prosperity.



Extra teachers

\$248.7 million over four years towards initiatives to lower class sizes and support high schools, including hiring up to an additional 875 teachers (including 275 specialist high school teachers) in Queensland schools.



Building our schools

\$439.2 million in 2015-16 in education, training, early childhood education, and pre-prep learning facilities. This includes \$10 million of the total \$90 million over four years for Townsville Schools, \$7 million of the total \$25 million over two years to construct the Cairns Special School and \$10 million of the total \$30 million over three years from the Minor Works Fund for supporting provision of high-quality teaching and learning facilities.



School maintenance

\$300 million over four years in new education maintenance funding to address the backlog of school refurbishments across Queensland. \$230 million of this relates to the \$500 million State-wide Schools and Hospitals Fund.



Letting teachers teach

\$6 million over three years to develop an enhanced and rigorous new teacher classification system and pay structure to modernise and improve the teaching profession.



Upgrade of water based fire protection systems in schools

\$2 million in 2015-16 to commence the upgrade of water based fire protection systems in Queensland state schools.



Supporting students

\$14.5 million over four years for the provision of an additional 45 guidance officers for Queensland secondary, combined, and special schools with high school aged students.



Queensland Children and Family Centres

\$38.8 million over four years, in addition to \$3 million in 2015-16 of internal funding, to secure the ongoing operations of Queensland's 10 Children and Family Centres. These centres provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families access to integrated early childhood education and care, family support, and health services and programs.



Non-state school capital grants

\$123.6 million over three years in additional capital funding to the non-state schooling sector to enable delivery of additional student places required to meet the needs of Queensland's growing population.



Green turtle, Lady Elliot Island, Bundaberg.

Protecting the Environment



Protecting the Great Barrier Reef

- Implementing Queensland Government actions in the *Reef 2050 Long Term Sustainability Plan*.
- A ban on the sea-based dumping of capital dredge spoil within the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.

- A **Great Barrier Reef Water Science Taskforce** established to advise the Government on how best to achieve its ambitious Reef water quality improvement targets.

- An additional **\$100 million over five years**

for water quality initiatives, scientific research and helping businesses transition to better environmental practices in the primary production, mining and fishing industries. This is in addition to the **\$35 million** per year currently spent across State Government agencies on the Reef.

- The **Office of the Great Barrier Reef** established to oversee the implementation of the Government's reef management strategies and programs. All Reef-related spending will be reported by the Office in an annual investment plan and annual report.



A phase out of sand mining on North Stradbroke Island

\$20 million over five years to develop the North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy.



NatureAssist

\$5 million in 2015-16 to continue the NatureAssist program to secure nature refuges for lands of significant conservation and high climate change value on leasehold and freehold land. These covenants, known as Nature Refuges, are established through voluntary negotiation between landholders and the Government.



Climate change adaptation

\$15 million over three years for climate change adaptation. This includes \$12 million over three years for the establishment of the Local Government Coastal Hazard Climate Adaptation Fund, and \$3 million over three years to support the development and implementation of a new Queensland Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.



Managing National Parks on Cape York and the Gulf

\$7.3 million over four years to provide for the continued employment of 15 Indigenous rangers to work across the protected area estate to ensure that parks are adequately managed and maintained.

\$7.4 million over four years to manage approximately 2.6 million hectares of park estate on Cape York Peninsula. This includes the employment of seven additional rangers.



1 million rooftops with solar by 2020



Tropical beach near Cairns, North Queensland.

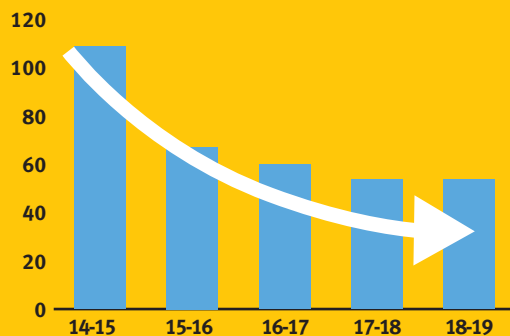
Restoring tourism

Restoration of funding to tourism

The Government is committed to delivering funding certainty to Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) and restoring its base funding by providing an additional **\$128.3 million** over four years. A revitalised TEQ, working together with industry and Government, will play a vital role in driving tourism growth in Queensland.

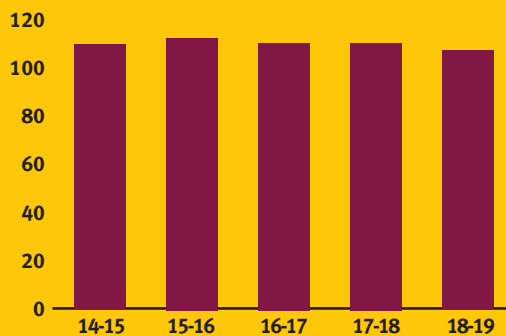
Previous TEQ budget

\$ million



New TEQ budget

\$ million



131,000 direct employees

The Queensland Tourism industry accounts for 3.5% of the state's economic output and employs 131,000 people directly. Our unique blend of flora, fauna and climate combines to make Queensland an attractive destination for overseas tourists. Queensland's proximity to a rapidly developing Asia makes tourism in this state a strong growth market.



Commonwealth Games

The Government will deliver a successful and memorable Commonwealth Games in 2018. In addition to the delivery of the Games, the Government is working with Tourism and Events Queensland and the tourism industry to take full advantage of the economic and cultural opportunities arising from the staging of the Games to maximise the economic benefits for tourism across Queensland.



Attracting Aviation Boost

\$10 million over three years for the Attracting Aviation Investment Fund (AAIF) will be used to promote Queensland tourism destinations to targeted international markets and attract new flights direct to Queensland. The AAIF funding will boost the tourism industry by attracting more international aviation routes and international visitors to Queensland.



Grow and Promote Events for Queensland

\$40 million over four years to assist Tourism and Events Queensland to grow and promote events for Queensland. The increased funding will provide an environment that allows new and exciting events to become established and expands tourism product offerings.



Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and the Honourable Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO.

Domestic Violence Prevention

The Queensland Government is committed to reducing the devastating effects of domestic and family violence and will invest

\$31.3 million

over four years (including \$5.2 million in new funding)

to implement a preliminary response to the Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland report.



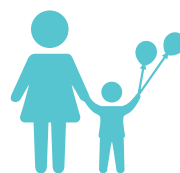
Two 72-hour crisis shelters for women in Brisbane and Townsville

\$19.9 million over four years to establish new crisis shelters in Brisbane and Townsville, providing critical safety and support for women and children escaping domestic and family violence.



Integrated service response

Working with the domestic and family violence sector, the Government will develop models for the seamless delivery of domestic and family violence services to improve outcomes for those affected by violence in rural, remote and urban areas.



National campaign to reduce violence against women

The Queensland Government is contributing **\$3 million** towards a national campaign designed to reduce violence against women and their children.



Death review processes

The Queensland Government will establish a Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board to identify gaps and failures in systems that may contribute to domestic and family violence related deaths and recommend improvements which could save lives.



Seniors living in a small housing community in Townsville, Queensland.

Supporting our Communities

2015-16 Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services expenditure:

\$2.7 billion (up 6.5%)

\$233 million

over four years in pensioner and senior concessions for energy, water, rates & transport retained following Commonwealth cuts in 2014-15.



Families

\$6.6 million will be invested over two years for an innovative program of parenting support for Queensland families. The initiative will provide a state-wide free service that will deliver face-to-face and on-line training focused on developing people's parenting skills.

\$26.4 million over four years will be provided to reinstate the Tenants Advisory Service. This will ensure that residents and tenants in Queensland have access to independent advice and information.

\$16.5 million over three years commencing 2016-17 to the Queensland Financial Resilience program. This will support Queenslanders to respond better to financial stresses, personal issues and cost of living pressures.



Seniors

\$2 million over four years of internal funding will be allocated to establish a taskforce to examine housing options for older people to support improved choice, affordability and independence; and a one-stop shop for seniors ensuring older Queenslanders are able to access up-to-date information on services available to them.



Disabilities

\$1.9 million will be invested in 2015-16 to fund a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) launch site in Queensland. Launch activities will help prepare Queensland for full scheme rollout and test the scheme in a regional and rural area. NDIS participants and providers in the launch site will be assisted to prepare for the NDIS and up to 600 Queenslanders with a disability will commence access to reasonable and necessary services.



Multicultural Affairs

\$4 million over four years will be provided to ensure ongoing support for more than 100 multicultural events across Queensland each year. This will ensure ongoing support for celebrations, projects and diverse cultural events that demonstrate the strengths of our multicultural communities.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

\$21 million over three years to address the long standing historical issue of reparation for the wages stolen from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders by the government of the time.

\$28.6 million over four years to extend the welfare reform initiative. The initiative focuses on individual responsibility to engage in socially responsible behaviours through enhanced services.



Social Benefit Bonds

New and innovative approaches to address complex social and economic challenges

In an effort to tackle challenging social issues facing Queensland communities, the Government will pilot three Social Benefit Bonds (SBBs)

An additional **\$2 million** over two years is allocated to implement this cross-agency initiative which aims to source funds from private investors, providing a return when agreed outcomes are met.

Potential benefits of SBBs are improved:

- focus on the delivery of outcomes for clients;
- flexibility and innovation in service delivery;
- emphasis on early intervention and prevention; and
- evidence base and data for policy makers.

A Social Benefit Bond Readiness Fund of **\$1 million** will also be available for the initial pilots to assist short-listed service providers in the co-design phase of SBB development.

The Government will pilot SBBs to test ways we can partner with service providers and the private sector. This initiative will be in addition to the existing arrangements with service providers across Queensland.



Homelessness

- Approximately 43,700 Queenslanders received specialist homeless services in 2013-14. Of these, 52% were under 25 years of age.
- 55% of all clients were female.
- Domestic and family violence was identified as a reason for seeking assistance by approximately 24% of clients.
- 33% were of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.



Re-offending

- Queensland jails held 7,049 prisoners at 30 June 2014.
- In 2014, 66% of prisoners in Queensland had been in jail before; one of the highest rates in the country.
- In 2013-14, our youth detention centres held, on average, around 180 young people per day either on remand or sentenced. A further 1,412 young people were on community based supervision orders on average, per day.



Improving Indigenous Outcomes

- Indigenous adult Queenslanders are almost 11 times more likely than non-Indigenous persons to be in prison.
- Indigenous Queenslanders have a lower life expectancy at birth.
- Indigenous students have lower attendance rates at school; and lower post school training and employment rates.



Law, Order and Safety

Total police expenditure in 2015-16: **\$2.085 billion**

 **977 new and replacement police service vehicles**

 **266 new police officers to keep our community safe**



Essential safety equipment

\$6 million over three years for body-worn video cameras for police. The cameras will be used as evidence-collecting resources and to prevent violence and abuse directed at officers.

\$65 million for new and upgraded fire and emergency services facilities and equipment.



Fighting organised crime

\$6 million over two years from 2014-15 to establish a Commission of Inquiry into Organised Crime in Queensland. The Commission will examine the extent, nature and societal impacts of organised crime.



Prisoner reintegration

\$11.8 million over four years for prisoner reintegration services. The programs address employment assistance, accommodation, substance abuse and mental illness to enable a successful transition into the community. [Note there is a further \$3 million in Australian Government funding that is expected, but not yet confirmed.]



Reinstate Diversionary Processes

\$32.3 million over four years to reinstate specialist courts and court based referrals to Youth Justice Conferencing. Specialist courts divert offenders from prison by providing them with opportunities to address their offending behaviour through intervention. Youth Justice Conferencing provides young people with the opportunity to take responsibility for their criminal behaviour.



Reinstatement of the Sentencing Advisory Council

\$5.5 million over three years to reinstate the Sentencing Advisory Council. The Council has an important role in educating the community about the justice system and sentencing, collating statistical information about sentencing and researching the effectiveness of sentencing practices in reducing crime.

A total of **\$32.1 million** has been allocated over four years across several departments to address alcohol fuelled violence across the State.

\$20 million over four years for police to tackle the drug, ice, organised crime and alcohol fuelled violence. Includes funding for police overtime and travel allowances.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

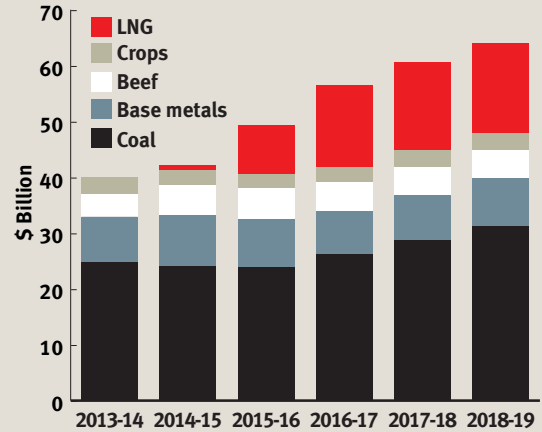
ECONOMIC FORECASTS (PER CENT)

	Estimate	Forecasts		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Gross state product	2	4½	4½	3¾
Employment	½	1¼	1¾	2
Unemployment rate	6½	6½	6½	6¼
Inflation	2	2¼	2½	2½
Wage Price Index	2½	2½	2¾	3
Population	1½	1¾	1¾	1¾

Growth to rebound to 4½% in 2015-16 and 2016-17

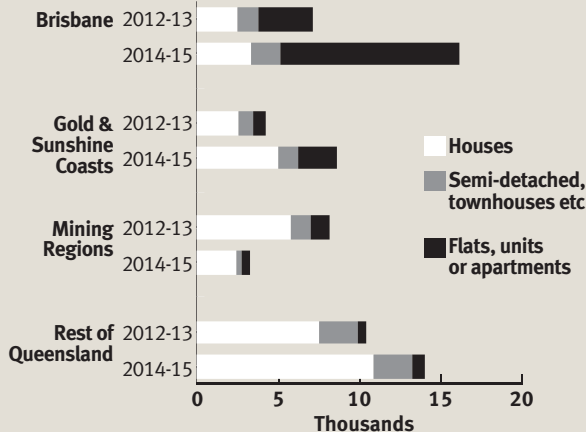
Note: Annual percentage change, except for unemployment rate.

OVERSEAS COMMODITY EXPORTS



LNG to drive a surge in overseas exports

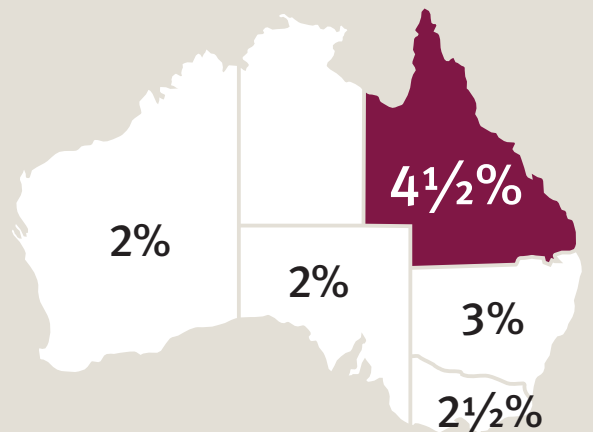
DWELLING APPROVALS



Low interest rates supporting a recovery in housing construction

Note: Mining regions includes Fitzroy, Mackay, Townsville and Queensland Outback. Data are 12 months to May 2013 and May 2015.

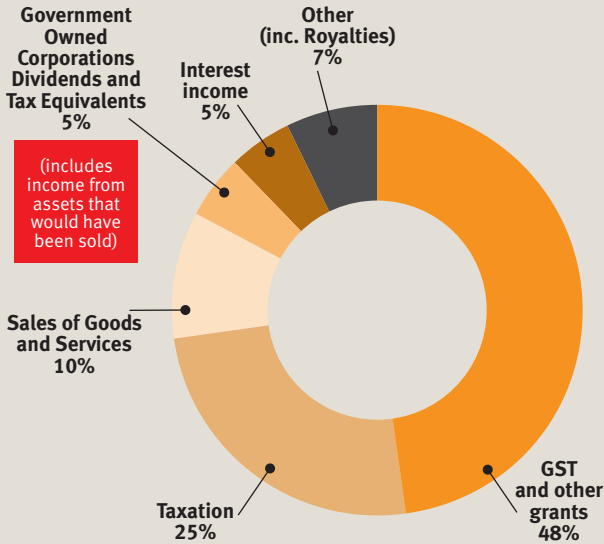
ECONOMIC GROWTH 2015-16



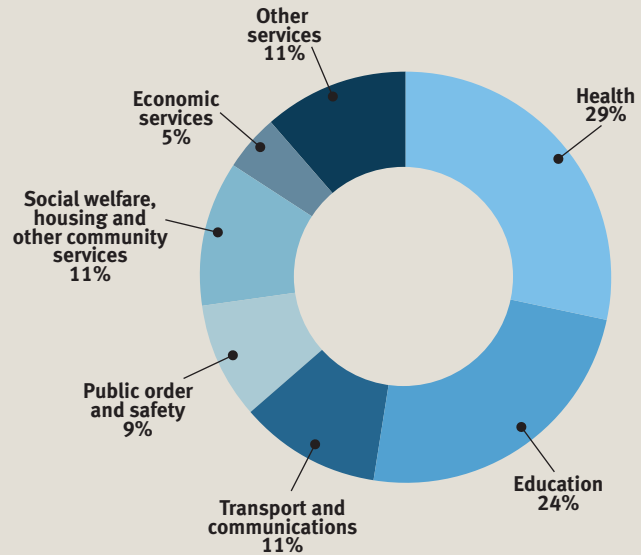
Queensland forecast growth the strongest of all States in 2015-16

BUDGET OUTLOOK

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WHAT WE SPEND

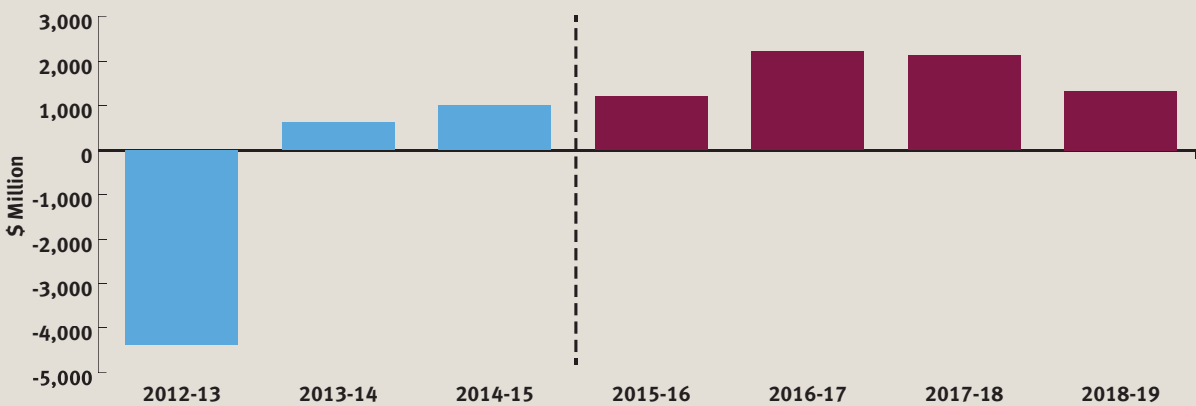


\$1.2 billion surplus in 2015-16



\$6.9 billion in surpluses over four years

OPERATING BALANCE



KEY FISCAL AGGREGATES – GENERAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR (\$ MILLION)

	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 MYFER	2014-15 Est. Act.	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Projection	2017-18 Projection	2018-19 Projection
Revenue	46,734	49,149	49,578	51,186	54,010	55,486	55,748
Expenses	46,115	49,213	48,615	49,973	51,784	53,354	54,421
Net operating balance	619	-64	962	1,213	2,226	2,132	1,327
Debt	41,403	45,801	43,268	38,151	38,818	39,532	40,724
Net debt	5,203	8,021	6,056	3,910	4,405	5,074	6,307

DEBT ACTION PLAN

\$9.6 billion in debt reduction by 2017-18

This Budget delivers on the Government's commitment to reduce General Government debt without selling Government owned businesses, increasing taxes or cutting services.

The measures being implemented as part of the Government's Debt Action Plan will reduce General Government debt by approximately \$7.5 billion in 2015-16, with further reductions

across the forward estimates resulting in a reduction of \$9.6 billion in 2017-18, compared to the level of debt in the absence of measures.

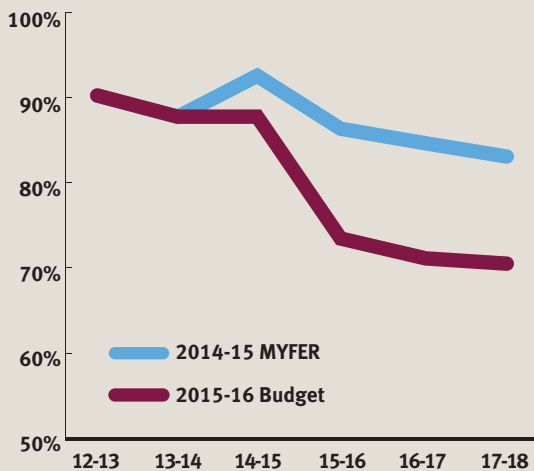
This is the first Budget since 1999-2000 that has

projected a reduction in General Government borrowings across the forward estimates i.e. debt will be lower in 2018-19 than it is today.

FISCAL PRINCIPLES

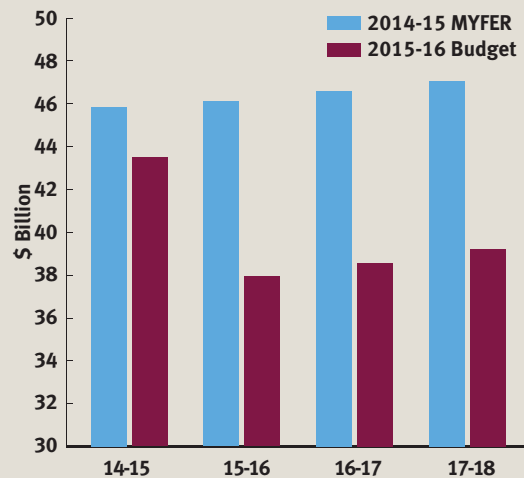
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The Government will target ongoing reductions in Queensland's relative debt burden, as measured by the General Government debt to revenue ratio.	The Government will target a net operating surplus that ensures any new capital investment is funded primarily through recurrent revenues rather than borrowing.	The General Government capital program will be managed to ensure a consistent flow of works to support jobs and the economy and reduce the risk of backlogs emerging.	Maintain competitive taxation by ensuring that General Government sector own-source revenue remains at or below 8.5% of gross state product, on average, over the forward estimates.	Target full funding of long term liabilities such as superannuation and WorkCover Queensland in accordance with actuarial advice.

DEBT TO REVENUE RATIO



Debt to revenue ratio down from 91% to 71%

DEBT FORECAST



Debt forecast to reduce for the first time since 1999-2000 across the forward estimates

ELECTION COMMITMENTS

This Budget will deliver all of the election commitments made during the last election campaign, as all are funded within this Budget. All of these spending commitments have been offset by savings and reprioritisations.

Final cost
of election
commitments
**\$1.975
billion**

MORE JOBS
**MORE SCIENCE
AND INNOVATION**
**MORE
SKILLS AND TRAINING**
MORE INFRASTRUCTURE
**MORE
NURSES AND TEACHERS**

Savings,
offsets and
reprioritisations
**\$2.315
billion**

LESS WASTE
**LESS GOVERNMENT
ADVERTISING**
**LESS
CONTRACTORS**
**LESS
CONSULTANTS**
**LESS
MINISTERS**

**BETTER
PRODUCTIVITY**

Fiscal improvement of
\$340 million



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