Fitzroy

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

Regional Action Plan
The Fitzroy region encompasses the southern portions of the Great Barrier Reef and some of Queensland’s richest natural resources. Building on traditional strengths in mining, agriculture and manufacturing, Fitzroy has been at the centre of the State’s coal and LNG investment boom while also fostering a growing service sector. We know we have more work to do to support the region’s transition following the completion of major resource construction projects and to support rural producers. Specifically, this Budget includes our Back to Work package, creating regional jobs and:

Infrastructure
$823.2M
for infrastructure improvements which are estimated to support 2,500 jobs.

Education
$19.1M
for maintenance and capital works projects for schools.

Health
$531.5M
for the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service.

'$BACK TO WORK'
$100M to support up to 8,000 jobs across regional Queensland

Employer support payments of up to $50,000 to hire and keep a regional Queenslander employed for 12 months or more, including disadvantaged jobseekers such as mature aged workers, young people, members of drought affected farm households and other priority job seekers. Payments increase to $15,000 for hiring long-term unemployed regional Queenslanders.

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

Back to Work Navigation
Teams who know the local economy will help local employers looking to fill jobs. They will connect jobseekers to jobs or further skills training and apprentice pathways.

2,500 JOBS
estimated to be supported by the infrastructure program

$77.9M over five years to assist rural producers and communities across the State affected by debt and drought.

$12M over two years for disaster mitigation and to build community resilience to natural disasters.

$4.8M over four years to implement the Technology Commercialisation Fund to help develop the New Agricultural Economy.

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The Queensland Government employs 11,595 people in Fitzroy who support:

- 694,901 hectares of national and regional parks
- 126 State Heritage sites
- 21 hospitals and health facilities
- 11 customer service centres
- 3,527 km of roads
- 2 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership regional offices
- 22 fire stations
- 35 police stations
- 8 courthouses
- 104 schools

**Agricultural Innovation**

$4.8M over four years to implement the Technology Commercialisation Fund, a pilot program under the New Agricultural Economy, which aims to attract private sector capital into government agriculture and food-based research and development, with the aim of increasing the commercialisation of intellectual property.

**Investment**

$62.7M including the $40 million Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund to attract business investment from interstate and support local businesses to reinvest, and the $22.7 million Advancing Small Business Queensland Strategy to assist small businesses to start, grow and employ locals in Fitzroy. These initiatives further support the $405 million Advance Queensland package.

**Infrastructure**

$10.7B for the State capital program in 2016-17 which will support 31,000 jobs. The Government is committed to providing critical infrastructure that improves employment, economic and social outcomes through the State Infrastructure Plan. New and innovative approaches to infrastructure planning, financing and delivery will continue to be an important focus in the constrained fiscal environment.

**Domestic and Family Violence**

$198.2M over five years to continue implementing the Government’s response to the Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland report. The Government is committed to reducing the devastating effects of domestic and family violence in Queensland.

**Rockhampton Hospital Expansion**

$8.3 million to complete the final stages of the Rockhampton Hospital Expansion at a total estimated cost of $178.4 million funded by the Queensland Government and the Australian Government.

This expansion includes increased capacity by 30 beds, four new operating rooms and support areas, a new seven-level building to house cancer services, medical officers’ facilities and two wards.

In addition to the expansion, $16.4 million was funded from the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service reprioritised fund for a new helipad and the establishment of a 10-bed Intensive Care Unit and $67.1 million was provided by the Australian Government to establish and fit-out the new cancer services centre within the newly built Rockhampton Hospital building.
Economic Snapshot
Fitzroy

Population in the region

2015
235,784*

2036
325,000

*people as at 30 June 2015, growing at an annual average rate of 1.9% over the past 10 years

Top 5 industries in the region by number of workers

11.1%
Health care and social assistance

9.5%
Retail trade

9.1%
Education and training

8.7%
Construction

8.3%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing

Agricultural production
$1.3B
in the region during 2014-15

696 residential dwellings approved for construction in the region

in the 12 months ending 31 March 2016

2,922 residential dwellings sold in the region

in the 12 months ending 31 December 2015

Infrastructure budget for Fitzroy

$823.2M*

50% Energy and Water Supply
35% Transport and Main Roads
5% Queensland Health
3% Education and Training
3% State Development
5% Other

*Agency spends are only available for capital purchases, the total infrastructure budget includes capital grants.
The Fitzroy region encompasses the local government areas of Banana, Central Highlands, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Livingstone and Woorabinda, and the major regional centres of Emerald, Gladstone, Rockhampton and Yeppoon. The Queensland Government is investing in Fitzroy through a diverse range of projects and initiatives. For a full list of Queensland Budget 2016-17 initiatives, visit [www.budget.qld.gov.au](http://www.budget.qld.gov.au)

### Key

1. **Natural disaster relief and recovery arrangements**
   - $10.2 million in 2016-17 will be provided to local governments in the region to undertake betterment and other projects in partnership with the Australian Government.

2. **Blackdown Tableland National Park road upgrade**
   - $400,000 in 2016-17 for improved access into Blackdown Tableland National Park by improving road surface standards and drainage at the North Mimosa Creek crossing.

3. **Bruce Highway widening – Bajool**
   - $14.4 million in 2016-17 out of a $17 million total spend to rehabilitate and widen a section of the highway between Benaraby and Rockhampton, due for completion in April 2018. This project is in partnership with the Australian Government.

4. **Bruce Highway widening – Midgee**
   - $15.3 million in 2016-17 to rehabilitate and widen a section of the highway, due for completion in April 2017. This project is in partnership with the Australian Government.

5. **Burnett Highway widening – Monto to Biloela**
   - $8.8 million in 2016-17 out of a $10 million total spend to widen various sections of the highway, due for completion in July 2017.

6. **Calliope State School**
   - $5.6 million in 2016-17 out of a $6.4 million total spend to continue construction of additional classrooms.

7. **Capricorn Coast National Park, Bluff Point car park upgrade**
   - $250,000 in 2016-17 to upgrade existing car park surfacing at Bluff Point.

8. **Capricorn highway overtaking lane – Rockhampton to Duaringa**
   - $3.3 million in 2016-17 out of a $3.8 million total spend to construct an overtaking lane on a section of the Capricorn Highway, 6km east of Duaringa, due for completion in April 2017.

9. **Carnarvon National Park, Ward’s Canyon track upgrade**
   - $150,000 in 2016-17 out of a $180,000 total spend to replace safety barriers and worn timber steps on the walking track.
10 Calvale and Callide Substation systems replacement
$5.9 million in 2016-17 out of a $21.8 million total spend to replace aged secondary systems.

11 Moura switchyard replacement
$4 million in 2016-17 out of a $24.5 million total spend to replace aged assets.

12 CQU University Rockhampton priority development infrastructure
$7.4 million in 2016-17 out of an $8.5 million total spend to construct a four-way signalised intersection and first leg of Main Street at Vaamba Road (Bruce Highway) to catalyse development of CQU University Priority Development Area. This initiative is funded by the Queensland Government and CQU University.

13 Distribution feeder augmentation works
$5.7 million in 2016-17 out of a $25.7 million total spend for safety net restoration improvements and feeder upgrades in Rockhampton.

14 Gladstone Hospital chilled water system upgrade
$3 million in 2016-17 for the upgrade of the chilled water system to augment cooling tower capacity and improve system efficiency and performance through a primary/secondary pumping system.

15 Gladstone State High School
$490,000 in 2016-17 out of a $3.9 million total spend to commence construction of additional classrooms.

16 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Field Management Program
$8.4 million in 2016-17 is Queensland’s contribution to the joint Queensland Government and Australian Government Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Field Management Program. This funding is provided in accordance with the terms of the Great Barrier Reef Intergovernmental Agreement and forms part of an ongoing commitment to the management of this unique environmental asset.
Gregory Highway intersection upgrades – Emerald to Clermont
$2.7 million in 2016-17 out of a $7.4 million total spend to upgrade intersections to cater for Type 2 road trains at Montrose Road, Cotherstone Road and Retro Corry Road, due for completion in April 2017. This project is in partnership with the Australian Government.

Gregory Highway productivity enhancement works – Emerald to Clermont
$4.8 million in 2016-17 out of a $9 million total spend to deliver a package of productivity enhancements at various sections of the highway, due for completion in May 2017. This project is in partnership with the Australian Government.

Iconic places – revitalisation of the riverfront in Rockhampton
$11.4 million in 2016-17 out of a $23 million total spend allocated over two years to support Rockhampton Regional Council in streetscaping, redevelopment of footpaths, reopening of Denham Street, streetscape and heritage building lighting, riverside park repair and reconstruction and redevelopment of existing riverside buildings. This initiative is jointly funded with local government.

Iconic places – Yeppoon foreshore revitalisation
$15 million in 2016-17 out of a $45 million total spend on the Tropical Cyclone Marcia special assistance package to revitalise the foreshore. This initiative is jointly funded by the Australian, Queensland and local governments.

Great Barrier Reef tourism and recreation use
$1 million in 2016-17 out of a $2.4 million total spend to install new mooring infrastructure, facilitating increased, safe and sustainable use of the marine park.

Moura water treatment plant augmentation/replacement
$800,000 in 2016-17 out of a $4 million total spend jointly funded by Banana Shire Council to complete the water treatment plant – Stage 2 augmentation/replacement project.

Step Up Step Down facilities
$12 million in 2016-17 to alleviate the pressures on mainstream health care facilities in locations such as Gladstone, Bundaberg and Mackay.

Awoonga-Callide water pipeline refurbishment and enhancement
$909,000 in 2016-17 to refurbish and enhance the pipeline.

Blackwater water pipeline refurbishment and enhancement
$388,000 in 2016-17 to refurbish and enhance the pipeline.

Nogoa water supply refurbishment and enhancement
$550,000 in 2016-17 to refurbish and enhance the water supply.

RG Tanna coal terminal projects
$44.1 million in 2016-17 out of a $74.9 million total spend to upgrade the terminal at the Port of Gladstone, due for completion in June 2018.

Rockhampton Courthouse upgrade
$2 million in 2016-17 out of a $4.5 million total spend to provide additional floor space and re-clad building exterior to address water ingress issues.

Rockhampton Firecom project – extension of fire station
$1 million in 2016-17 of a $2.2 million total spend to extend the facility providing improved staff and operational areas.

Rockhampton Hospital medical records redevelopment
$1.4 million in 2016-17 out of a $1.5 million total spend to expand the medical records area.

Rockhampton Special School
$500,000 in 2016-17 out of a $3.7 million total spend to commence construction of a new administration building.

Social housing
$22.7 million in 2016-17 to expand and improve social housing in the region.

New State High School at Calliope
Funding of $60 million for the construction of a new state high school at Calliope.