

**REGIONAL ACTION PLAN**



# Outback Queensland

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

**Infrastructure**

**\$770M**

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **2,800 jobs** in this region.

**Health**

**\$467.3M**

for the North West, Central West and South West Hospital and Health Services.

**Education**

**\$16.6M**

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Outback Queensland.

Outback Queensland will also benefit from:

**Building Rural and Remote Health Program**

**\$70M**

to address aging infrastructure at Camooweal, St George, Morven, Charleville and Blackwater and provide safe, compliant and contemporary health services.

**Social housing**

**\$35.5M**

in 2021-22 to expand and improve social housing in Outback Queensland, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**Recovery and Resilience against natural disasters**

**\$245.2M**

estimated for the provision of financial assistance for capital works to disaster affected communities in 2021-22.

## Delivering for the Outback Queensland region



### Jobs and Regional Growth Fund

\$24.9 million capital expenditure and 120 new full-time jobs generated.

(February 2017 to May 2021)



### Building our Regions

\$51 million allocated to 74 critical infrastructure projects in Outback Queensland, supporting economic development and supporting 283 jobs.

(March 2015 to June 2021)



### Drought Relief Assistance Scheme Funding

\$40.2 million in financial assistance provided to 1,359 Outback Queensland farms to help manage the impacts of drought.

(March 2015 to April 2021)



### Works for Queensland

\$27.8 million provided to regional councils in Outback Queensland to undertake 109 minor infrastructure and maintenance projects.

(June 2019 to June 2021)

## Restoring frontline services in Outback Queensland

Growth from March 2015 to March 2021



52 extra teachers  
up **7.4%**



35 extra doctors  
up **51.7%**



21 extra firefighters  
up **96.4%**



15 extra ambulance officers  
up **20.7%**

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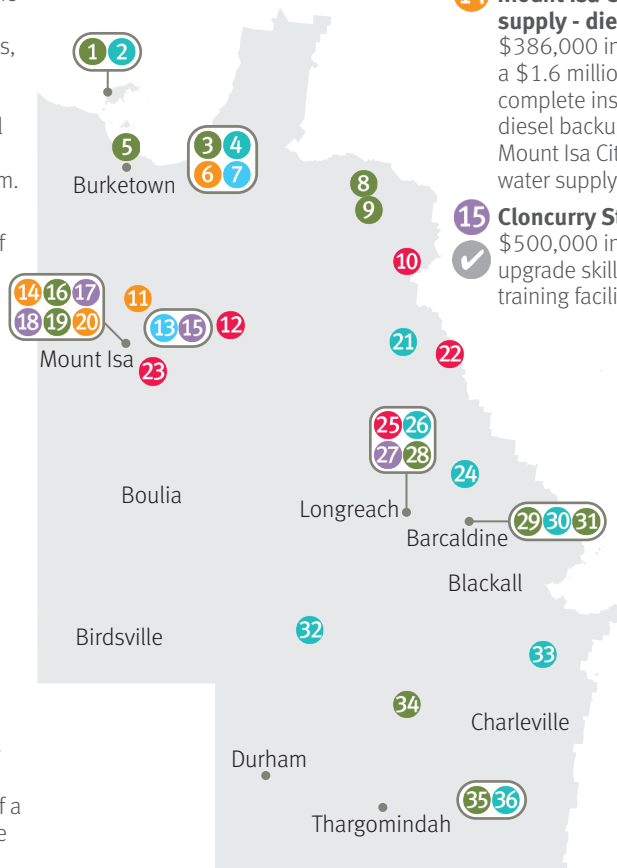
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- 1 Mornington Shire Civic Centre Project**  
\$3.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5.3 million total spend to deliver a new Council administration building and Chambers in the town centre consolidating all Council operations into one facility.
- 2 Mornington Island Hospital**  
\$6.3 million in 2021-22 out of a \$11.1 million total spend for the construction of staff accommodation and replacement of the hospital air conditioning systems.
- 3 John Henry Memorial Park**  
\$810,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$900,000 total spend to the Carpentaria Shire Council for new change rooms, amenities, storage shed and shade structure to support multi-sport at John Henry Memorial Oval, Normanton. Part of the Activate! Queensland program.
- 4 Normanton Hospital**  
\$248,212 in 2021-22 out of a \$300,000 total spend for the hydraulics upgrade and associated works.
- 5 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program**  
\$720,000 in 2021-22 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Burketown.
- 6 Glenore Weir Stabilisation**  
\$1.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$2.4 million total spend to provide permanent stabilisation of Glenore Weir to improve water storage and secure surrounding embankments.
- 7 Carpentaria Tyre Recycling Project**  
\$119,613 in 2021-22 out of a \$330,000 total spend for the transport of end-of-life tyres from Normanton to South East Queensland for recycling.

- 8 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program**  
\$600,000 in 2021-22 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Georgetown.
- 9 Talaroo Hot Springs Tours and Accommodation**  
\$578,374 in 2021-22 out of a \$3.4 million total spend to re-open the Talaroo Hot Springs to enhance visitors' experience of the natural and cultural values of the area with new accommodation and infrastructure. Part of the Growing Tourism Infrastructure (2018) program.

- 12 Flinders Highway (Julia Creek - Cloncurry), Scrubby Creek, strengthen pavement and widen floodway**  
\$18 million in 2021-22 out of a \$32.7 million total spend to strengthen pavement and widen floodway on Flinders Highway at Scrubby Creek. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 13 Unmanned Aerial Systems flight test range**  
\$5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$14.5 million total spend to deliver the Unmanned Aerial Systems flight test range at the Cloncurry test facility.
- 14 Mount Isa City Council supply - diesel backup**  
\$386,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.6 million total spend to complete installation of the diesel backup functionality for Mount Isa City Council potable water supply.
- 15 Cloncurry State School P-12**  
\$500,000 in 2021-22 to upgrade skills development and training facilities.

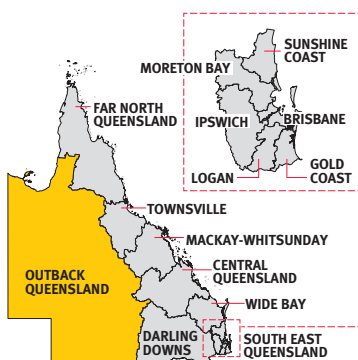
- 18 Spinifex State College - Mount Isa - Senior Campus**  
\$1.5 million in 2021-22 to install a school security fence and upgrade an existing amenities block.
- 19 Mount Isa Family Fun Precinct Redevelopment - Stage 2**  
\$563,475 in 2021-22 out of a \$3.8 million total spend to develop the Mount Isa Family Fun Precinct to increase usability, functionality and appeal of the multi-use recreational venue.
- 20 Mt Isa Mine copper smelter**  
Support for the ongoing operation for three years of the Glencore copper smelter in Mount Isa.
- 21 Hughenden Hospital**  
\$571,884 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.6 million total spend for the end of life electrical infrastructure upgrades.
- 22 Aramac - Torrens Creek Road, pave and seal**  
\$11.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$20 million total spend to pave and seal section of the Aramac-Torrens Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 23 Cloncurry - Dajarra Road, widen and seal**  
\$8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$20 million total spend to widen and seal sections of Cloncurry-Dajarra Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.



- 10 Kennedy Developmental Road (The Lynd - Hughenden), progressive sealing**  
\$8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$50 million total spend to continue progressive sealing of various sections of the Kennedy Developmental Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 11 Fred Haigh pump station electro-mechanical overhaul**  
\$2.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$8 million total spend to continue renewal of high-voltage yard and electro-mechanical equipment in Fred Haigh pump station.

- 16 Gallipoli Park upgrade**  
\$223,750 in 2021-22 out of a \$895,000 total spend to construct a pump track, multipurpose court, outdoor exercise equipment and shade structures to support physical activity at Gallipoli Park, Mount Isa. Part of the Activate! Queensland program.
- 17 Sunset State School**  
\$500,000 in 2021-22 to upgrade an existing amenities block.

- 24 Aramac Primary Health Care Centre**  
\$13,692 in 2021-22 out of a \$4.2 million total spend for the redevelopment of this facility including a new centre with three consultation rooms, a treatment room, resuscitation bay and storage and office space.
- 25 Mount Isa to Rockhampton corridor upgrade, funding commitment**  
\$237.5 million towards upgrading the Landsborough and Capricorn Highways. Project details and timing is subject to negotiations with the Australian Government. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.



**26 Longreach Hospital**  
\$3.3 million in 2021-22 out of a \$17.5 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Longreach Hospital site, including rectification of structural, electrical and mechanical services.

**27 Longreach State High School**  
\$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.6 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities.

**28 Outback Rail Adventure**  
\$1.3 million in 2021-22 for construction of a workshop/storage shed for the rail train as part of the rail motor experience between Emerald and Longreach through prehistoric landscapes. Part of the Outback Tourism Infrastructure program.










**29 The Globe Tourist Lookout - Barcardine**  
\$750,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.5 million total spend to construct a tourist lookout at the Globe Precinct, allowing visitors to experience the outback's beauty and vastness.

**30 Barcardine Hospital**  
\$2.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.2 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Barcardine Hospital site.

**31 The Fringe Camp**  
\$700,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend for delivery of unique cultural tourism and immersive 'Desert Mob' experiences for the Barcardine region, including 64 non-powered caravan and camp sites. Part of the Year of Indigenous Tourism program.

**32 Windorah Primary Health Care Centre**  
\$12.4 million in 2021-22 for the replacement of the existing facility to provide contemporary and safe health services to the Windorah community.

**33 Augathella Multi-Purpose Health Service**  
\$923,004 in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend for fire system upgrade including water storage tanks, fully redundant pumps, aged care sprinkler compliance, site hydrants and fire panel.

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

**34 Eromanga Natural History Museum**  
\$800,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend for development of the Eromanga Natural History Museum's viewing galleries to showcase real bones and a 30m replica skeleton of Australia's largest dinosaur. Part of the Growing Tourism Infrastructure (2020) program.

**35 Paroo Civic, Community and Enterprise Centre Project**  
\$3.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5.3 million total spend to construct a building to support contemporary Council operations to improve facilities for the community, visitors and Council staff.

**36 Cunnamulla Hospital**  
\$642,651 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.5 million total spend for the decommissioning of the operating theatre and provision of single ward rooms complete with persons with disabilities ensuite and an activities room.

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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## Early opening for new \$20M Blackall Hospital

The new \$20.11 million Blackall Hospital opened for its first patients on 25 November 2020, three months earlier than expected, to deliver a completely new facility with significantly expanded services for the Blackall and Tambo communities.

The 10-bed facility provides coordinated and integrated healthcare for the community. It includes more flexible arrangements for overnight accommodation for carers and families and the primary healthcare component of the building supports a range of clinical and GP services.

The hospital has been designed to meet expected increases in demand to help future-proof health services for the local communities. Built by St Hilliers Pty Ltd, the infrastructure project supported 60 full time jobs during construction.



Image Queensland Health



New viewing gallery at the Eromanga Natural History Museum

Image courtesy of Eromanga Natural History Museum

## Developing dinosaur tourism

The Eromanga Natural History Museum is building a new viewing gallery for Australia's largest ever dinosaur fossil, thanks to \$2 million in funding support from the Queensland Government's Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

The museum, which showcases the incredible diversity of Outback Australia's natural history, is using the funding to extend viewing galleries for the 30-metre skeleton of a sauropod dinosaur named *Australotitan cooperensis*, or 'the southern titan'.

Since 2018, the government has contributed almost \$23 million to 22 tourism infrastructure projects in Outback Queensland. Fourteen projects have been completed with another 8 projects underway. Collectively, the projects are forecast to create 278 jobs during construction and 131 operational jobs, attracting an additional 167,850 annual visitors to the Outback and \$30 million in annual overnight visitor expenditure.

In addition, the Unite and Recover \$25 million Queensland Tourism Icons Program has provided \$3 million to 17 tourism programs in Outback Queensland, and the \$7 million Growing Indigenous Tourism Fund has provided \$1 million towards The Fringe Camp, which will provide unique cultural tourism and immersive 'Desert Mob' experiences in the Barcardine region.

# BUDGET 2021-22 AT A GLANCE

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

## Tax relief package

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

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

**An estimated 80 employers in Outback Queensland will also benefit in 2021-22 from the higher payroll tax threshold.**

# STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

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

2021-22 Budget highlights include:

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

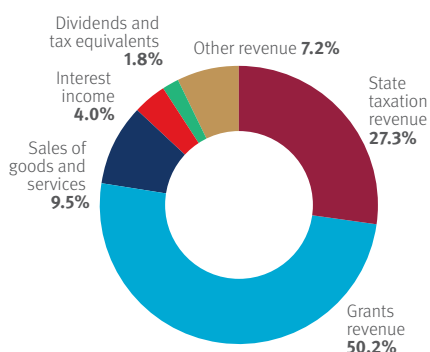
## \$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund

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

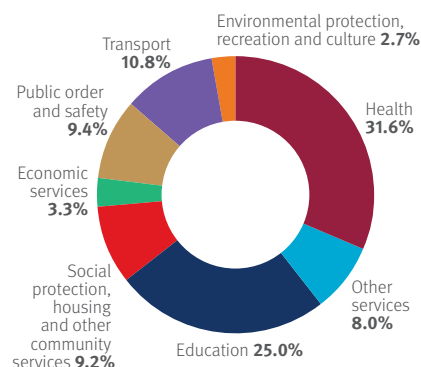
The Fund will increase investment by government-owned corporations in commercial renewable energy and hydrogen projects, along with supporting infrastructure, including in partnership with the private sector.

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

### 2021-22 revenue



### 2021-22 expenses



### Queensland's labour market forecasts

