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**6. Drought Assistance, Floods and Water Supply**

- The entire Wide Bay region has been drought declared since 2017
- On 24 December 2021, the Government announced Paradise Dam was to be rebuilt to its full capacity.

***REGIONAL BRIEFS***

**7. COVID-19 – Economic Recovery**

- \$301,000 paid to 41 business support and sole trader grant recipients
- \$3M for 20 concessional loans, supporting 265 local jobs
- \$22.1M for 76 Works for Qld projects supporting 111 jobs with 72 projects completes

**8. COVID-19 – Tourism Support and Recovery**

- \$281,572 in concessional loans for tourism related businesses
- \$1.735M for tourism and hospitality hardship grants

**9. Health Overview – Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service**

- \$92.5M Kingaroy Hospital redevelopment – Stage 2 completed - late November 2021, commenced services - December 2021

**10. Policing and Youth Crime – Darling Downs Police District**

- 3% increase in offences
- 34% decrease in the number of proven offences
- 32% decrease in number of distinct 10-17-year-old offenders

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**11. Road and Transport Upgrades – Kingaroy**

- Kingaroy Transformation Project – South Burnett Regional Council led project with AG and QG funding of \$1.69M
- \$4.8M QG funded pavement upgrade on Bunya Highway (Kingaroy – Goomeri) – completed September 2021
- \$18M D’Aguilar Highway (Yarraman – Kingaroy), Alexander Lane to Bunya Highway, funded under the High Risk Roads initiative – a 24 km section of the highway will be upgraded to improve safety - due to be completed mid-2024, with a further \$6.5M expenditure planned to widen and strengthen priority sections of pavement - Bushnell Road to Homley Road, due to be completed in 2023.

**12. Schools Overview**

- 22 schools in the South Burnett Regional Council area
- 12 schools have had almost \$22M of major infrastructure work
- 1 school has \$1.6M of works in progress
- all schools have air conditioning and solar panels

**13. Southern Great Barrier Reef – Protection Regulations**

- From 1 June 2021, a permit is required to start new commercial cropping activities on more than five hectares of land.
- From 1 December 2022, minimum practice standards for grazing, sugar cane and bananas are due to commence in the Burnett-Mary region.

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RTI Act

REGION PROFILE	WIDE BAY
<b>ELECTORATE</b>	<b>SITTING MEMBER</b>
Bundaberg	Mr Tom Smith (ALP)
Burnett	Mr Stephen Bennett (LNP)
Callide	Mr Colin Boyce (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		2021	2015
Doctors	Sunshine Coast HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	834.52	526.06
Nurses		2,770.16	1,613.78
Other health professionals		944.42	495.92
Doctors	Darling Downs HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	481.89	320.56
Nurses		2,274.20	1,739.09
Other health professionals		623.89	428.87
Doctors	Wide Bay HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	453.42	334.24
Nurses		1,950.56	1,204.35
Other health professionals		547.68	312.00
Ambulance officers	<i>source: PSC supplied MOHRI data</i>	299.40	249.18
Police officers		569.34	561.65
Fire officers		160.42	107.80
Teachers		2,918.77	2,950.81
Teacher aides		811.28	759.37

Employment	2022 (Feb)	2015 (Feb)
Queensland employment	4.2%	0.6%
Wide Bay employment (SA4)	3.5%	-6.9%
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>		
Queensland unemployment	4.3%	6.5%
Wide Bay unemployment (SA4)	7.0%	10.6%
Queensland youth unemployment	10.4%	14.1%
Wide Bay youth unemployment (SA4)	16.5%	19.2%

<b>Employment by industry (2016 census)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
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%

	<b>Queensland</b>	<b>WB Region</b>
<b>Median age</b> (estimated as at 30 June 2020)	37.8 years	47.6 years
<b>Population</b> (estimated as at 30 June 2020)	5,176,186	302,105
<b>Crime rate</b> (per 100,000 persons) 2020-21	9,154	9,497

<b>Tourism (Sep 2021)</b>	<b>Tourism Region</b>	<b>Visitors</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Domestic tourism	Southern Great Barrier Reef	2.1 million	\$1.3B
International tourism		not published	not published
Domestic tourism	Fraser Coast	699,000	\$421.5M
International tourism		6,000	not published
Domestic tourism	Sunshine Coast	3.6 million	\$2.6B
International tourism		not published	\$6.4M
Domestic tourism	Southern Old Country	2.1 million	\$752.4M
International tourism		not published	not published

## **ECONOMIC PROFILE**

<b>Budget 2021-22</b>	<b>Wide Bay</b>
<b>Infrastructure</b>	<b>\$883M</b>
<u>Transport and roads</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra Section D)</li> <li>• Bruce Highway (Gympie – Maryborough), Tiaro Bypass</li> <li>• Bruce Highway (Maryborough - Gin Gin), Saltwater Creek – upgrade bridges and floodways</li> <li>• Bundaberg – Gin Gin Road, Burnett River – rehabilitate bridge</li> <li>• Maryborough - Hervey Bay Road and Pialba - Burrum Heads Road – upgrade intersection</li> </ul>	
<u>Justice and safety</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hervey Bay water police facility – replacement</li> <li>• Maryborough police facility – upgrade</li> <li>• Rainbow Beach auxiliary fire and rescue station– replacement</li> </ul>	

Budget 2021-22	Wide Bay
<p><u>Recreation and culture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooloola Coast Esplanade Revitalisation Stage 1</li> <li>• Dusty Hill, South Burnett – expand tourism accommodation</li> <li>• Mon Repos Cultural Tourism Project and Guides Queensland (amenity upgrades)</li> <li>• Fraser Island – Central Station day use area upgrade and K’Gari cultural tourism</li> <li>• RM Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre – build a Bush Tucker Trail and upgrade sewerage works</li> </ul> <p><u>Utilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gin Gin Substation – rebuild</li> <li>• Lady Elliot Island – increasing renewable energy infrastructure</li> <li>• Meandu Mine – development, mine fleet and other minor works</li> <li>• Paradise Dam – improvement project planning</li> <li>• Tarong power station – overhauls and sustaining projects</li> </ul>	
<b>Health</b>	<b>\$724.9M</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bundaberg Hospital – improve facilities</li> <li>• Fraser Coast Inpatient Mental Health Service – new adult acute mental health inpatient unit at Hervey Bay Hospital and sub-acute older persons mental health unit refurbishment at Maryborough Hospital</li> <li>• Gayndah Hospital – improve service delivery</li> <li>• Kingaroy Hospital - redevelopment</li> <li>• Maryborough Hospital – roof replacement and remediation works</li> <li>• Murgon Hospital – upgrade</li> </ul>	
<b>Education</b>	<b>\$35M</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture and Horticulture Centre – Bundaberg TAFE</li> <li>• Gin Gin State High School – upgrade administration building</li> <li>• Hervey Bay TAFE – nursing and allied health upgrades</li> <li>• Hervey Bay State High School – new building for additional learning spaces.</li> <li>• Kingaroy State High School – upgrade skills development and training facilities</li> <li>• Mary Valley State College – improve water supply</li> <li>• Parke State School – upgrade amenities block</li> <li>• Urangan State High School – new hall and new security fence</li> <li>• Urangan Point State School – new hall</li> <li>• Woongarra State School – provide waste water and water service to school</li> </ul>	
Total jobs supported in this region	3,200

		Jobs	Funding
<b>Building our Regions (Rounds 1-5) (30 Sep 2021)</b>			
Wide Bay region		435.7	\$44.256M
<b>Works for Queensland (Summary) – Wide Bay region (28 Feb 2022)</b>			
2019-21 Rnd		1,708.5	\$38.75M
2020-21 COVID-19 Rnd		1,103.2	\$26.17M
2021-24 Rnd		211.1	\$45.41M
<b>Back to Work (Total across all programs)</b>	<b>Employers</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Initial Back to work (closed 30 Jun 2021)	2,243	4,859	\$51.4M
Revitalised Back to Work (31 Jan 2021)	72	83	\$376,013
<b>Skilling Queenslanders for Work (28 Feb 2022)</b>			
Total Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiatives		3,063	\$46.26M

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 1 offsite Cabinet meeting with a reception in Maryborough and 1 in Hervey Bay (24 off site Cabinet meetings have been held across the State, of which 7 included community receptions); and
- 1 of the 7 Governing From the Regions was held in the Wide Bay region and included a reception.

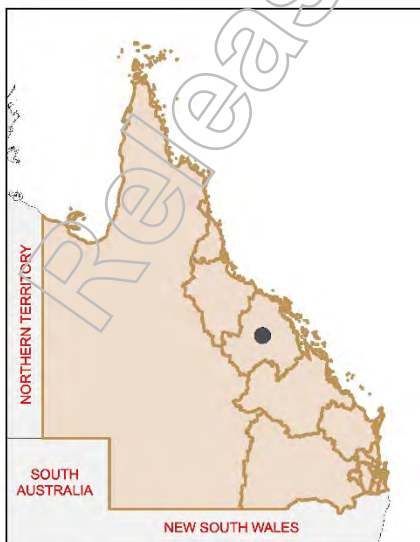
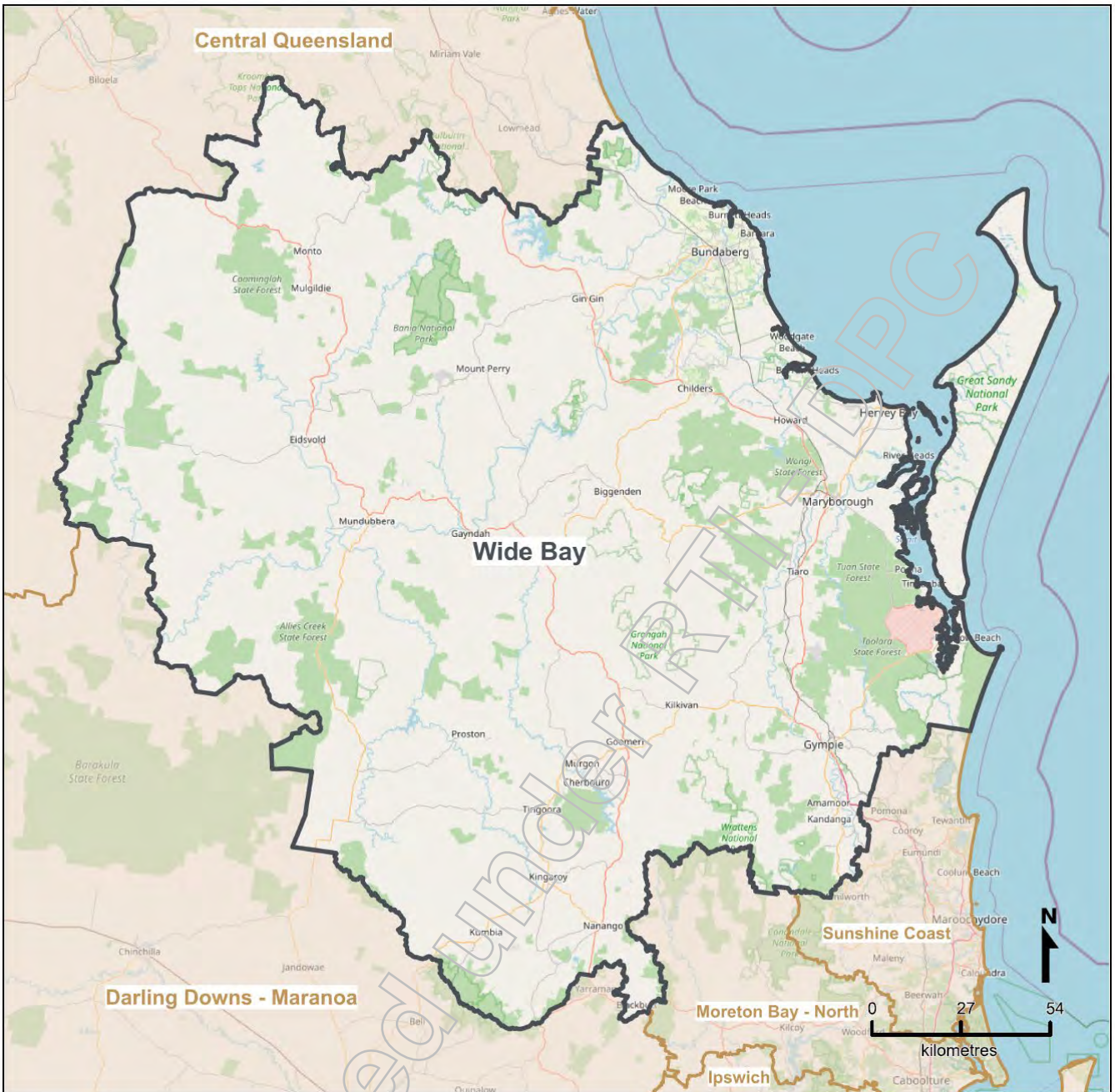
DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
10 November 2021	Cherbourg and Murgon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Promote COVID-19 vaccinations</li> <li>– Attend Murgon State High School</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
20 October 2021	Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Attend media conference re COVID-19 update and train manufacturing</li> <li>– Meet with local members of Parliament</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
20 -21 September 2021	Hervey Bay and Bundaberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Cabinet Meeting, including community reception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Attend media conference regarding COVID-19 update and Hervey Bay State High School announcement</li> <li>– Attend Hervey Bay Seniors Expo</li> <li>– Attend media conference regarding COVID-19 update and inspect large aerial tanker, Bundaberg</li> <li>– Meet with local members of Parliament</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3-4 November 2020	Hervey Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend meeting and media conference, Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens <i>Works for Queensland</i> project completion</li> <li>– attend Melbourne Cup funding at Hervey Bay RSL Club</li> <li>– breakfast meeting with Mr Bruce Saunders MP, Member for Maryborough</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
16 September 2020	Bundaberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– meeting and media conference</li> <li>– inspection of new firefighting large air tanker Bundaberg Airport</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
29 July 2020	Bundaberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– meeting and media conference, Bundaberg's planned new hospital</li> <li>– visit Bundaberg Multiplex Sport and Convention Centre</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
22 July 2020	Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– inspect Works for Queensland projects</li> <li>– meet with local MP</li> <li>– meet with Cr George Seymour, Mayor Fraser Coast Regional Council</li> <li>– meet with General Manager Fraser Coast Tourism and Events</li> <li>– attend meeting and media conference re waiving of whale watching fees</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6 December 2019	Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend Downer Maryborough Service Delivery Centre's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4-5 November 2019	Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Off-site Cabinet Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– visit Baywood Timber</li> <li>– attend 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tree Planting for Norma Howard</li> <li>– host community afternoon tea</li> <li>– visit Urangan State High School</li> <li>– visit Maryborough RSL Club</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2 July 2019	Hervey Bay and Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– visit Hervey Bay Hospital</li> <li>– meet with Mayor, Fraser Coast Regional Council</li> <li>– meet with Member for Maryborough</li> <li>– visit PL Travers Bank of Stories Museum</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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22 October 2018	Hervey Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Sussex tour of Fraser Island</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
21 July 2018	Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend opening of Fraser Coast Memorial Trail</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
18 September 2017	Kingaroy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– visit Swickers Bacon Facotory</li> <li>– visit Kingaroy Hospital</li> <li>– attend Queensland Country Women’s Association afternoon tea</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10-15 September 2017	Wide Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governing from the Regions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cabinet meeting, Maryborough</li> <li>– meet with the acting Editor of the Fraser Coast Chronicles</li> <li>– attend Maryborough Community Government Reception</li> <li>– host Maryborough town hall meeting</li> <li>– attend the Business Leaders’ Lunch in conjunction with Bundaberg Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>– meet Mayor and councillors of Bundaberg Regional Council</li> <li>– visit the Bundaberg Child Safety Office</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
24 November 2016	Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– meet and greet at Maryborough Heritage City Markets</li> <li>– meet with editor, Fraser Coast Chronicle</li> <li>– visit Wade Sawmill</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6 July 2016	Bundaberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– tour of chilli packing line</li> <li>– meet with Editor, Bundaberg News Mail</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6 May 2016	Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend Fraser Coast Training Employment Support Services</li> <li>– attend Maryborough State High School</li> <li>– visit the grave site for Mr Billy Demaine</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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



**LEGEND**

- Selected SA4
- Neighbouring SA4s

**Map features**

- Main roads
- Parks
- Railways
- Waterways

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## Achievements – Wide Bay (Kingaroy)

### TRANSPORT AND ROADS

- \$4.8M Bunya Highway (Kingaroy – Goomeri), Tingoorra – rehabilitate pavement – completed in September 2021
- \$200,000 Memerambi - Gordonbrook Road, re-sheet unsealed road – completed February 2022.

### HEALTH

- \$92.5M for Kingaroy Hospital redevelopment – completed November 2021
- \$250,000 in 2021-22 to upgrade the existing old nurses' quarters at Murgon Hospital to be utilised for community and allied health services.

### EDUCATION

- \$5.1M Kingaroy State High School – youth flexispace completed by June 2017, new multi-purpose hall and retractable seating installed by June 2019, and long jump pit installed June 2020.
- \$12.5M Murgon State High School – new girls academy building opened in January 2019, new community hub, administration building and new multi-purpose sports hall completed October 2021, and access lift to Resource Centre completed February 2022.
- \$354,790 Kingaroy State School – refurbish Block J, Stage 1 – completed June 2020
- \$586,805 Murgon State School – upgrade flooring in sports facility completed by June 2018 and refurbished Block B, general learning areas completed June 2019
- \$663,758 Nanango State High School – refurbish Block J – completed June 2021.
- \$663,758 Nanango State School – refurbish Block D – completed June 2020.
- \$544,886 Taabinga State School – refurbishment of Block I completed by June 2018 and admin block refurbished by June 2021
- \$224,991 Blackbutt State School – refurbished Block E's general learning areas – completed June 2019.

- \$297,880 Coolabunia State School – water quality works delivered by June 2017 and shade structure for tennis courts – completed by June 2020.
- \$248,169 Crawford State School – shade structure to enclose courts delivered by June 2017 and refurbishment of Block F delivered by June 2020.
- \$225,795 Kumbia State School – lift to Block – completed June 2017
- \$173,829 Wondai State School – library replaced - completed June 2017

## TOURISM

- Just under \$1M to upgrade Bunya Mountains National Park visitor facilities with work continuing into 2023-24.

## UTILITIES

- \$31.9M Tarong Power Station – overhauls and sustaining projects: in 2021-22 to replace and refurbish existing infrastructure and ensure the continued reliability of electricity supply to the Queensland and the National Electricity Market.
- \$50.1M - in 2021-22 for Meandu Mine – to replace and refurbish handling equipment and infrastructure.

## Works for Qld

- Summary of funding for projects within the Wide Bay region

Funding round	Wide Bay Region	
	No of projects	Funding
WFQ 2016-17	143	\$36.18M
WFQ 2017-19	89	\$37.69M
WFQ 2019-21	84	\$38.75M
2020-21 COVID-19	54	\$26.17M
WFQ 2021-24	46	\$45.41M
<b>Total</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>\$184.20M</b>

Funding round	South Burnett Regional Council		
	No of projects	Act Jobs	Funding
WFQ 2016-17	38	34.10	\$4.26M
WFQ 2017-19	18	28.00	\$4.39M
WFQ 2019-21	11	14.74	\$4.50M
2020-21 COVID-19	5	31.16	\$3.31M
WFQ 2021-24	4	2.57	\$5.63M
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>110.57</b>	<b>\$22.09M</b>

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## 2020 Election Commitments – Wide Bay region

The implementation status of 83 commitments as at 30 September 2021, is:

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

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
<b>Bruce Highway and other Roads</b>			
Burnett Callide Gympie Maryborough	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> Implement the Bruce Highway Trust's 15 year vision and five year upgrade action plans	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burnett Callide Gympie Maryborough	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> 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		✓
Burnett Callide Gympie Maryborough	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> 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		✓
Burnett Callide Gympie Maryborough	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> 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	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> 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	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> Task the Bruce Highway Trust to prepare the Safer Bruce 2030 Action Plan		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Burnett Callide Gympie Maryborough	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> 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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Bundaberg	\$143,000 to upgrade pedestrian facilities at the intersection of the Isis Highway (Takalvan Street), Heidke Street and Johanna Boulevard 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	\$1 million towards the design of Takalvan Street bus station in Bundaberg		
Burnett	\$270,000 towards the pavement widening of Harts Road from Elliot Heads Road to Riverview Road in Bundaberg		
Burnett	\$400,000 for planning of Miriam Vale Road upgrades between Bundaberg and Rosedale		
Bundaberg	\$78,000 towards the construction of footpaths and crossing facilities on Powers Street at Saint Patrick Catholic School in Bundaberg		
Burnett Bundaberg	\$1.267 million to upgrade the intersection of Port Road (Walker Street) and Ashfield Road in Bundaberg		
Bundaberg	\$143,000 to upgrade pedestrian facilities at the intersection of Goodwood Road (Barolin Street) and Maynard Street 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		
Burnett	\$31,000 towards the construction of footpaths and island refuges on Breusch Road at Elliot Heads State School in Bundaberg		
Bundaberg	\$376,000 to construct an auxiliary lane on the intersection of the Isis Highway and University Drive in Bundaberg		
Burnett	\$376,000 to install audio tactile line marking on Gin Gin Road at Oakwood		
Burnett	\$495,000 to improve the intersection of Miriam Vale Road and Quinns Road at Bucca		
Bundaberg	\$555,000 to improve the intersection of the Isis Highway and Park Estate Drive in Bundaberg		
Burnett Bundaberg	\$576,000 to improve the intersection of Kingston Town Way and Nicholl Road in Bundaberg		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions	
Bundaberg	\$7,000 to install kerb ramps and a school crossing at Port Road in Bundaberg	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet		
<b>Education</b>				
Callide	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$600,000 to refurbish amenities at Eidsvold State School	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet		
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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓	
Burnett	\$207,000 to upgrade the intersection of Bargara Road and Seaview Road at Bargara State School			
Burnett Bundaberg	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$1 million to provide wastewater and water service to the school at Woongarra State School			
Hervey Bay	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$10.7 million for a new multi-purpose hall at Urangan State High School			
Callide	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$2.5 million for additional infrastructure at Gin Gin State High School			
Gympie	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$300,000 to refurbish the administration at Chatsworth State School			
Hervey Bay	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$5.75 million for a new hall at Urangan Point State School			
Hervey Bay Maryborough	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$500,000 to refurbish the administration building at Kawungan State School			
Gympie	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$500,000 to replace fire and water mains at Monkland State School			
Bundaberg	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$700,000 for a school security fence at Norville State School			
Hervey Bay Maryborough	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> Provide \$5.4 million for new classrooms at the Hervey Bay State High School			
Nanango Callide	<b>LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS</b> \$1.6 million to upgrade agriculture and animal husbandry facilities including new exclusion fencing and sheds at Kingaroy State High School			
Maryborough	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$100,000 for a hall upgrade and replacement of the hall sound system at Aldridge State High School			

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Gympie Maryborough Nanango	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$100,000 to provide equitable access to amenities at Woolooga State School	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Bundaberg	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$150,000 to install a covered walkway at Bundaberg South State School		
Bundaberg	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$150,000 to install a covered walkway at Bundaberg Special School		
Burnett Callide Maryborough	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$150,000 to provide equitable access to amenities at Isis District State High School		
Maryborough	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$50,000 for two industrial-sized fans for the school hall at Torbanlea State School		
Bundaberg Burnett	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$500,000 to install a lift and covered walkway at Kepnock State High School		
Bundaberg	<b>EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE</b> \$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	<b>EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE</b> \$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		
Hervey Bay	<b>EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE</b> \$1.2 million for nursing and allied health upgrades to facilities at Hervey Bay TAFE		
<b>Health</b>			
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	<b>PALLIATIVE AND END-OF-LIFE CARE</b> Fund Ambulance Wish Queensland for another 12 months		✓
<b>Police / Justice</b>			
Maryborough	As part of the \$300 million Police Infrastructure Pipeline, refurbish the Maryborough Police Facility	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	



Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
<b>Infrastructure</b>			
Bundaberg	\$42.5 million to help build the East Bundaberg Flood Levee	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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
<b>Business and jobs</b>			
Maryborough	<b>POWERING QUEENSLAND JOBS: RAIL MANUFACTURING</b> \$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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burnett Hervey Bay	<b>BACKING QUEENSLAND MARITIME JOBS</b> 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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Maryborough	<b>POWERING QUEENSLAND JOBS: RAIL MANUFACTURING</b> 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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Maryborough	<b>POWERING QUEENSLAND JOBS: RAIL MANUFACTURING</b> Continue to fix the overseas bought trains in Maryborough	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Maryborough	<b>POWERING QUEENSLAND JOBS: RAIL MANUFACTURING</b> \$600 million to build 20 Queensland trains in Maryborough and the infrastructure needed to build them for Cross River Rail	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
All	Promote and support businesses in regional Queensland providing side-by-side vehicle recreation opportunities on private land	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
All	Identify Queensland agricultural seasonal workforce needs and immediately implement local solutions that connect agribusinesses with relevant and appropriate workforce solutions	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
<b>Community and Recreation</b>			
Bundaberg	\$100,000 to improve lighting at Salter Oval	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Bundaberg	\$200,000 for redeveloped infrastructure including a new playing surface and lights at Bingera Football Club Inc		
All	<b>COUNTRY RACING</b> \$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	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		✓
Bundaberg	Provide \$100,000 to the Kevin Brogden Memorial Velodrome for upgrades to the track surface and improvements to the facilities		
Burnett Hervey Bay	\$30 million over four years to support Surf Life Saving Queensland		✓
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		✓
Burnett Callide Gympie Nanango	Work with the LGAQ on finalising an agreed Bush Councils Compact		✓
<b>Environment</b>			
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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burnett	<b>HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY</b> \$10 million into a Reef Credits program to accelerate water quality improvements by incentivising land management activities		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Burnett	<b>HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY</b> \$10 million in the Reef Assist Program which will include 11 projects in partnerships with local government and natural resource management organisations	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burnett	<b>HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY</b> \$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		✓
Hervey Bay	<b>HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY - INVESTING IN NATURE</b> Develop Central Station as a cultural tourism centre with camping and bush tucker tours on K'gari (Fraser Island)		
Burnett	Maintain reef protection laws and associated measures which are critical to the health of the Great Barrier Reef		✓
Burnett	Continue the Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Program		✓
<b>Marine Rescue Services</b>			
Burnett Hervey Bay Maryborough	<b>BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES</b> 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	✓
Burnett Hervey Bay Maryborough	<b>BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES</b> Increase funding for insurance costs and provide for additional operational expenses incurred by Squadrons and Flotillas		✓
Burnett Hervey Bay Maryborough	<b>BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES</b> Invest \$17.38 million over four years to replace ageing vessels. This will deliver up to 27 new boats across the state		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Burnett Hervey Bay Maryborough	<b>BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES</b> 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	✓
<b>Tourism</b>			
All	<b>REBUILDING QUEENSLAND TOURISM</b> \$15 million for a Regional Tourism Organisation Recovery fund to provide a special one-off funding injection to regional tourism organisations	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burnett	\$255,000 towards the upgrade of the Mon Repos Turtle Centre carpark in Bundaberg		
<b>Works for Queensland</b>			
All	<b>KEEPING QUEENSLAND WORKING</b> \$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	✓

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## Building our Regions and Works for Queensland

### Building our Regions

- Through Building our Regions, the Wide Bay region has received \$44.256M for 28 projects supporting around 435 jobs, to date 17 projects are now completed and 1 project was withdrawn.
- The **South Burnett Regional Council** has not received any funding through the Building our Regions program.

### Works for Queensland

- Since 2016, through Works for Queensland, the Wide Bay region has received **\$184.2M** for **416 projects** supporting, to date **8,244 jobs** with **361 projects completed**.
- **South Burnett Regional Council** has received **\$22.1M** for **76 projects** supporting, to date, **111 jobs** with **72 projects completed**.

2019-21 Works for Queensland projects	Electorate	Funding	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Drainage Improvements	Nanango	\$380,502		1.4	completed 18/9/2020
Durong Hall Improvements	Nanango	\$16,003		0.1	completed 20/5/2020
Gravel Resheeting	Nanango	\$2.725M		7.7	completed 11/12/2020
Kingaroy Heritage Museum and Visitor Information Centre	Nanango	\$50,000		0.4	completed 4/6/2021
Kingaroy Soil Laboratory Dust Extraction Fan	Nanango	\$58,831		0.4	completed 2/5/2020
Maidenwell Toilet Upgrade	Nanango	\$29,243		0.1	completed 31/10/2019
Murgon CBD Footpath	Nanango	\$500,000		1.4	completed 2/7/2021
Softfall Installation	Nanango	\$284,827		0.8	completed 19/1/2020
Swimming Pools	Nanango	\$248,658		1.7	completed 12/12/2020
Town Entry Signage	Nanango	\$100,000		0.3	completed 30/6/2021

2019-21 Works for Queensland projects	Electorate	Funding	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Wondai Sportsground Grandstand Update	Nanango	\$106,631		0.4	completed 14/8/2020

2020-21 COVID Works for Qld projects	Electorate	Funding	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Community Building Upgrades and Maintenance	Nanango	\$1.585M	-	14.5	completed 30/6/2021
Open Space Refurbishments	Nanango	\$410,000	-	5.0	completed 30/6/2021
Park Equipment and Playground Upgrades	Nanango	\$475,000	-	4.0	completed 30/6/2021
Tourist Facilities Upgrade	Nanango	\$820,000	-	7.5	completed 30/6/2021
Wondai Aerodrome Runway Lighting Upgrade	Nanango	\$20,000	-	0.2	completed 21/6/2021

2021-24 COVID Works for Qld projects	Electorate	Funding	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
CBD Renewal - Infrastructure Upgrades	Nanango	\$1.00M	7.0		Yet to commence
Community Building Upgrades and Maintenance	Nanango	\$630,000	4.5	1.0	exp completion Jun-2024
Open Space Refurbishments	Nanango	\$2.00M	18.0	1.6	exp completion Jul-2024
Water Infrastructure Upgrades	Nanango	\$2.00M	13.0		Yet to commence

**REGIONAL ACTION PLAN**



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Tourism and Events Queensland

# Wide Bay

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


<b>Infrastructure</b>	for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around
<b>\$883M</b>	<b>3,200 jobs</b> in this region.
<b>Health</b>	for the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service.
<b>\$724.9M</b>	
<b>Education</b>	to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in the Wide Bay region.
<b>\$35M</b>	

Wide Bay will also benefit from:

<b>Rollingstock Expansion Program</b>	for an expansion program to procure 20 new 6-car passenger trains to be manufactured in Maryborough and provide for expected future increase in rail patronage.
<b>\$600M</b>	
<b>Alcohol and Other Drug Community Treatment Program</b>	for new Alcohol and Other Drug rehabilitation services in West Moreton, Wide Bay and North Queensland.
<b>\$51M</b>	
<b>COVID Works for Queensland</b>	to support the delivery of job-creating infrastructure, maintenance and minor works in Wide Bay as a part of the Queensland Government's Economic Recovery Strategy.
<b>\$26.2M</b>	

## Delivering for the Wide Bay region

 **Jobs and Regional Growth Fund**  
\$198.9 million in capital expenditure supported and 520 new full-time jobs generated in Wide Bay.  
(February 2017 to May 2021)

 **Back to Work**  
\$47.6 million paid to 2,111 employers in Wide Bay to help employ 4,547 eligible unemployed jobseekers.  
(July 2016 to May 2021)

 **Building our Regions**  
\$44.3 million allocated to 28 critical infrastructure projects in Wide Bay, supporting economic development and supporting 436 jobs.  
(March 2015 to June 2021)

 **Skilling Queenslanders for Work**  
\$38.7 million allocated to develop skills and provide training to 4,169 Queenslanders in Wide Bay.  
(July 2015 to April 2021)

### Restoring frontline services in Wide Bay

Growth from March 2015 to March 2021

 324 extra nurses  
**up 20.7%**

 133 extra doctors  
**up 35.7%**

 25 extra police officers  
**up 4.5%**

 48 extra ambulance officers  
**up 19.3%**

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# Wide Bay

**1 Lady Elliot Island**  
 \$173,954 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.4 million total spend to increase renewable energy infrastructure which will enable the resort to operate 100 per cent from solar energy and installation of new eco-tents. Part of the Great Barrier Reef Resort Rejuvenation Fund, delivered in partnership with the private sector.

**2 Mon Repos Cultural Tourism Project**  
 \$205,071 in 2021-22 out of a \$490,000 total spend for development of a training and commercial kitchen fit out at the Gidji Cafe, which will offer Indigenous dining, shows, and art at the Mon Repos Turtle Centre. Part of the Year of Indigenous Tourism program.

**3 Mon Repos - Guides Queensland**  
 \$200,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$275,000 total spend to upgrade an existing amenities block to support active recreation at Mon Repos. Part of the Activate! Queensland program.

**4 Bundaberg - Gin Gin Road, Burnett River, rehabilitate bridge**  
 \$249,290 in 2021-22 out of a \$28.6 million total spend to rehabilitate the Burnett River Bridge and culverts near Bundaberg Central.

**5 Bundaberg Hospital**  
 \$2.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$9.2 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Bundaberg Hospital site.

**6 Woongarra State School**  
 \$960,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend to provide wastewater and water service to the school.

**7 Agriculture and Horticulture Centre**  
 \$1.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.4 million total spend for a new Agriculture and Horticulture Centre at Bundaberg TAFE.

**8 Gin Gin Substation rebuild**  
 \$2.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$37.1 million total spend to replace aged substation assets to ensure continued reliability of electricity supply to the area.

**12 Maryborough - Hervey Bay Road and Pialba - Burrum Heads Road, upgrade intersection**  
 \$800,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$44.1 million total spend to upgrade 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.

**17 Paradise Dam improvement project - planning**  
 \$12.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$32 million total spend to continue planning works for dam improvements to comply with safety standards for extreme weather events and investigate options to meet long-term water demand.

**18 RM Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre - Bush Tucker Trail and Sewerage Upgrade**  
 \$256,957 in 2021-22 out of a \$513,914 total spend to construct a Bush Tucker Trail at the RM Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre and upgrade the centre's sewage capacity.

**19 Bruce Highway (Maryborough - Gin Gin), Saltwater Creek, upgrade bridges and floodways**  
 \$31.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$103 million total spend to upgrade bridges, approaches and floodways on the Bruce Highway at Saltwater Creek north of Maryborough. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

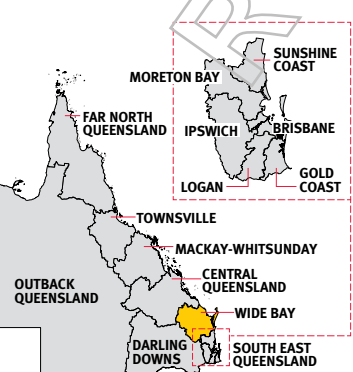
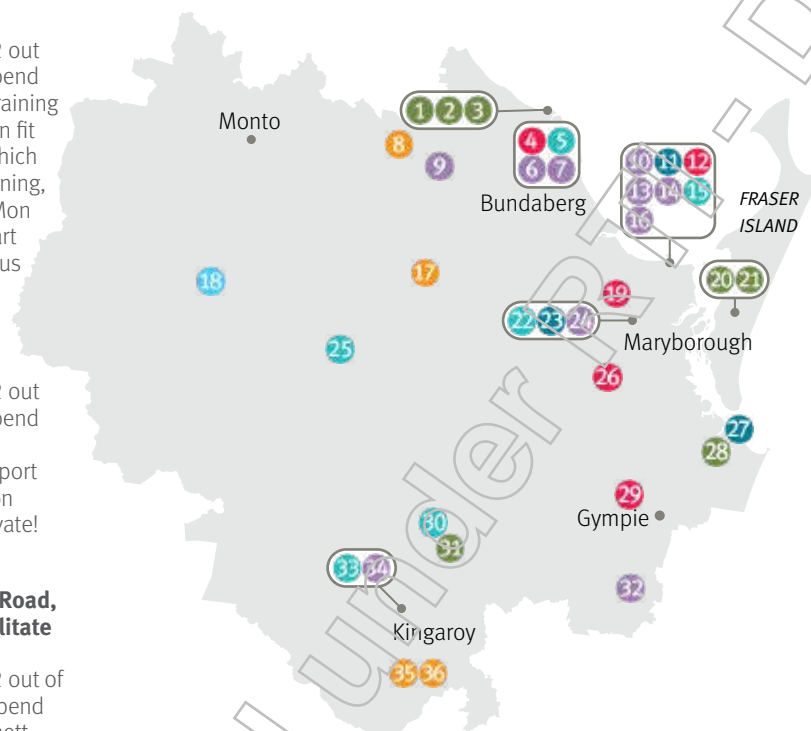
**20 Fraser Island (K'Gari) Central Station day use area upgrade**  
 \$909,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$4.2 million total spend for a major upgrade of Central Station day use area on Fraser Island (K'Gari).

**21 K'Gari Cultural Tourism**  
 \$346,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$877,000 total spend for K'Gari Cultural Tourism, which will deliver cultural experiences and services on Fraser Island (K'Gari). Part of the Year of Indigenous Tourism program.

**22 Maryborough Hospital**  
 \$1.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$12.2 million total spend for the roof replacement and remediation works.

**23 Maryborough police facility upgrade**  
 \$200,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$4 million total spend to commence the upgrade of the police facility at Maryborough.

**24 Parke State School**  
 \$1 million in 2021-22 to upgrade an existing amenities block.



**9 Gin Gin State High School**  
 \$2.5 million in 2021-22 to upgrade the administration building.

**10 Hervey Bay State High School**  
 \$3.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5.4 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.

**11 Hervey Bay replacement water police facility**  
 \$1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.8 million total spend to progress the replacement water police facility at Hervey Bay.

**13 Urangan Point State School**  
 \$280,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to deliver a new hall facility.

**14 Urangan State High School**  
 \$1.3 million in 2021-22 out of a \$11.7 million total spend to deliver a new hall facility and install a school security fence.

**15 Fraser Coast Inpatient Mental Health Service**  
 \$11.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$39.6 million total spend for a new adult acute mental health inpatient unit at Hervey Bay Hospital and sub-acute older persons mental health unit refurbishment at Maryborough Hospital.

**16 Nursing and Allied Health Upgrades at Hervey Bay TAFE**  
 \$1.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$1.2 million total spend for nursing and allied health upgrades at Hervey Bay TAFE.



## Aussies flock to Wide Bay's tourism icon

Tourist numbers on Fraser Island (K'Gari) are helping drive the economic recovery in the Wide Bay region, with visitors spending more than a quarter of a million nights in the world heritage listed area.

Despite the impacts of COVID-19 and bushfires, families had spent 38,000 more nights on the island camping in 2020-21 when compared to 2019-20.

Visits to Queensland national parks generate \$2.6 billion in economic activity each year, and the Queensland Government is continuing to invest \$10 million each year into Fraser Island (K'Gari) for its ongoing management together with its Traditional Owners.

The government is investing \$4.2 million in new cultural tourism opportunities on the island, on top of \$2 million to build new fencing around Orchid Beach to reduce interactions between the dingo population and visitors.



Central Station cottage

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## Rail manufacturing boosts Maryborough jobs

In a boost to Maryborough's rail manufacturing industry, the Queensland Government's Rollingstock Expansion Program will deliver up to 65 6-car passenger trains and a purpose-built manufacturing facility in the Maryborough region. The government has committed \$600 million for the delivery of an initial fleet of 20 new passenger trains that will support the Cross River Rail project.

This project is part of the Palaszczuk Government's election commitment for a \$1 billion guaranteed pipeline of train building in Maryborough, which will strengthen supply chains and support employment in regional Queensland. The project will also expand the state's manufacturing expertise while meeting the increasing demand on rail transport in coming years.

The Queensland Government has also committed to a \$300 million pipeline of major asset renewal projects to refurbish and maintain the existing Queensland Rail fleet over 10 years, and \$1 million for a business case to consider replacement of carriages for the Westlander, Inlander and Spirit of the Outback long-distance services.

- 25 Gayndah Hospital**  
\$43,393 in 2021-22 out of a \$5.4 million total spend for the complete redesign and refurbishment to improve patient flow, model of care, security, storage and service delivery.
- 26 Bruce Highway (Gympie - Maryborough), Tiaro Bypass, construct bypass**  
\$2.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$107 million total spend to construct a bypass to the east of Tiaro township including flood immunity works. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 27 Rainbow Beach replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station**  
\$1.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$2.5 million total spend to complete the replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station at Rainbow Beach.
- 28 Cooloola Coast Esplanade Revitalisation - Stage 1**  
\$549,400 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.4 million total spend to construct and upgrade pedestrian and cycle pathways along the Cooloola Coast to complete Stage 1 of a 14-kilometre link from Tin Can Bay to Cooloola Cove.
- 29 Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra) Section D, construction**  
\$180 million in 2021-22 out of a \$1 billion total spend to construct a new 26 kilometre, four-lane divided highway from Woondum to Curra, the final section of the Cooroy to Curra project. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 30 Murgon Hospital**  
\$250,000 in 2021-22 to upgrade the existing old nurses quarters to be utilised for community and allied health services.
- 31 Dusty Hill**  
\$1.8 million in 2021-22 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 (2020) program.
- 32 Mary Valley State College**  
\$500,000 in 2021-22 to improve the water supply.

### KEY

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

- 33 Kingaroy Hospital**  
\$8.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$92.5 million total spend for the redevelopment of Kingaroy Hospital, increasing patient treatment spaces from 46 to 66 and improving hub services including trauma and paediatric.
- 34 Kingaroy State High School**  
\$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.6 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities.
- 35 Tarong Power Station - Overhauls and Sustaining Projects**  
\$31.9 million in 2021-22 to replace and refurbish existing infrastructure and ensure the continued reliability of electricity supply to Queensland and the National Electricity Market.
- 36 Meandu Mine - development, mine fleet and other minor works**  
\$50.1 million in 2021-22 to replace and refurbish handling equipment and infrastructure at Meandu Mine.

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.

To see more Palaszczuk Government initiatives visit [budget.qld.gov.au](http://budget.qld.gov.au)

# 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 310 employers in Wide Bay 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:

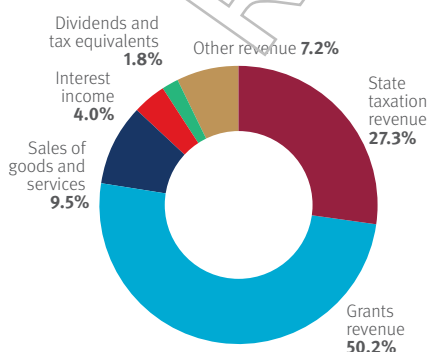
- Record health investment of **\$22.2 billion** will continue to provide a world-class health system, which is also critical to effectively manage the ongoing risks of COVID-19.
- The new **\$3.34 billion** Queensland Jobs Fund focuses on investment attraction and industry development to attract the 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.

## Seasonal Workers and Agriculture in Wide Bay will benefit from:

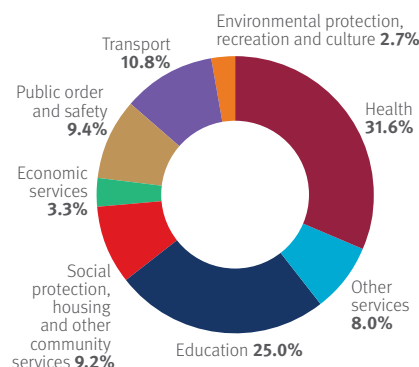
- Drought Assistance and Reform Package - up to \$71.4 million over 4 years from 2021-22 to support drought affected communities across the State and a further \$50 million per year for 4 years for drought preparedness and emergency drought loans
- Pacific Labour Scheme and Seasonal Worker Programme - \$2.6 million in 2021-22 statewide to enhance implementation of the Programme.

This is in addition to \$7.1 million spent to support 681 farms as part of the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme in Wide Bay (March 2015 to April 2021).

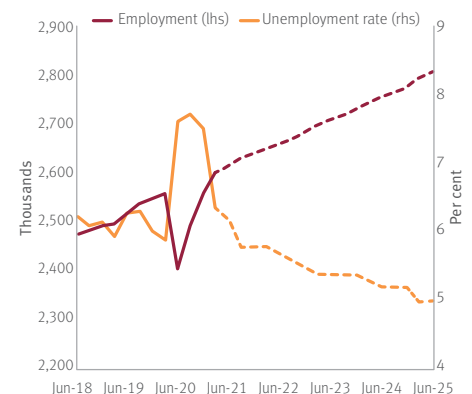
### 2021-22 revenue



### 2021-22 expenses



### Queensland's labour market forecasts



## Drought Assistance, Floods and Water Supply

### Recommended response

#### Drought status and assistance

- The entire Wide Bay region is drought declared (Bundaberg, Fraser-Coast, Gympie, North Burnett and South Burnett, Cherbourg). Most council areas have been drought declared since 2017.
- The region was also significantly impacted by ex-Tropical Cyclone Seth in January 2022. Each of the Local Government areas in the region, except for Cherbourg, were activated for clean up and recovery grants, under the joint Commonwealth State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. Fraser Coast, Gympie, North Burnett and South Burnett were also activated for primary producer and small business clean up and recovery grants for the South East Queensland rainfall and flooding event of late February/early March 2022.
- Over the past three months, the region has received well above average rainfall. Local Drought Committees will be meeting shortly to review rainfall conditions and make recommendations to the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities about whether to maintain or revoke drought declarations.

#### Floods

- Queensland has experienced a significant number of weather events across the state this summer, with the most recent being the severe rainfall and flooding event in South East Queensland from 22 February to 7 March 2022.
- Joint Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements have been activated for 23 local government areas alone from the most recent severe rainfall and flooding event, but a number of activations were already in place from other weather events this season, including the Wide Bay Burnett flooding.
- The damage from the South East Queensland Rainfall and Flooding is extensive, and the full impact is still far from known.
- Financial support is still available for individuals and families, including Emergency Hardship Assistance grants.

- Grants of up to \$75,000 are available for affected primary producers and non-for-profit organisations can also access grants of up to \$50,000.

### 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.
- Detailed investigations and extensive interim safety works provided a solution that delivers on water security and safety for the people of Bundaberg.

### 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.

### Bundaberg and Burnett Regional Water Assessment

- Initial activity for the Bundaberg and Burnett Regional Water Assessment began in late 2021.
- A Stakeholder Advisory Group has been established and has met twice – initially in Bundaberg on 17 March, and then in Murgon on 1 April. Bundaberg, North Burnett, South Burnett and Cherbourg Councils are all represented on the forum.

## **Key facts**

### Drought status and assistance

- Since being drought declared, primary producers in the Wide Bay region have received \$6.671M in assistance from 1,771 claims, under the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS). 630 claims were processed for producers in South Burnett specifically to the value of \$2.549 million. The DRAS program provides freight subsidies for the movement of fodder and water and a rebate on Emergency Water Infrastructure for drought-declared producers in the grazing industry.

- The current forecast is for above median rainfall from April to June across most of Southern Queensland.
- As at 28 March 2022, there have been 13 approved Extraordinary Disaster Assistance Recovery Grant applications to the value of \$158,486.00 for primary producers in the region. In addition to the primary producer assistance, there have been 29 small businesses with approved Extraordinary Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants to the value of \$368,254 and two grants for Not-for-Profit organisations to the value of \$21,985.

### Floods

- From 7 March 2022, Major-General Jake Ellwood was appointed as State Recovery Coordinator to lead recovery efforts from the South East Queensland Rainfall and Flooding Event. He has taken over from the Honourable Paul de Jersey who was looking into the Wide Bay Burnett flooding earlier this year.
- As part of our standard practice in Queensland, the Inspector-General Emergency Management is reviewing the response to the South East Queensland event, to identify any areas where we can enhance our emergency response procedures. I look forward to considering the Inspector-General's report when that review is completed later in the year.
- Over the entire 2021-22 summer disaster season – 6 unique Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Activations across 52 local government areas (LGAs), 22 LGAs more than once and 4 LGAs have been activated for 3 events.

### Paradise Dam

- The Government's 2020 election commitment – *to seek an ironclad guarantee from the Federal Government to contribute to fixing the Paradise Dam.*
- Cost estimates to fix the dam are commercial-in-confidence (the preliminary cost estimate is in the order of \$1.2 billion).
- Funding negotiations with the Federal Government continue to be positive with discussions held between the National Water Grid Authority and the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water (DRDMW) as well as between Minister Butcher and the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, Deputy Prime Minister.

### Coalstoun Lakes Irrigation Area

- In November 2019, \$1.5M from the NWIDF was committed for a detailed business case 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 government.

### Bundaberg and Burnett Regional Water Assessment

- The initial activity included commencement of a service need assessment and hydrological assessment across all three regional water assessment areas, and early stakeholder consultation.
- DRDMW is finalising arrangements for Sunwater to lead the delivery of the Bundaberg and Burnett Regional Water Assessment.
- Stakeholder Advisory Group representation is also expected to include local peak and industry bodies.

## **Achievements**

### Drought status and assistance

- The State Government:
  - committed to maintaining existing drought assistance measures, such as DRAS, for the duration of the current drought; and
  - also started the transition to new drought preparedness programs with the Drought Preparedness Grants and Farm Management Grants now available and drought loans available soon.

### 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.
- Minister Butcher's announcement on 24 December 2021 about the decision to return the dam to its original height, delivered on his public statements of the government's intention to make a decision about the future of the dam by the end of 2021.

### Coalstoun Lakes Irrigation Area

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

## Background

### Drought status and assistance

- The Wide Bay region was significantly impacted by ex-Tropical Cyclone Seth in January 2022. Each of the Local Government areas in the region, except for Cherbourg, were activated for clean up and recovery grants of up to \$50 000, under the joint Federal-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.
- The current drought officially began in 2013 and more southern areas of Queensland, such as this region, started to be severely impacted by drought from 2017 to 2020. The previous wet season largely failed to deliver drought relief to this region, however, the current wet season has brought widespread rainfall and flooding to much of Southern Queensland.

### Floods

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### South East Queensland Rainfall and Flooding (22 Feb – 7 March 2022)

- Twenty-three (23) LGAs affected by the event: Balonne CC, Brisbane CC, **Bundaberg RC**, **Cherbourg ASC**, **Fraser Coast RC**, Gold Coast CC, Goondiwindi RC, Gladstone RC, **Gympie RC**, Ipswich CC, Lockyer Valley RC, Logan CC, Moreton Bay RC, Noosa SC, **North Burnett RC**, Redland CC, Scenic Rim RC, Somerset RC, **South Burnett RC**, Southern Downs RC, Sunshine Coast RC, Toowoomba RC, Western Downs RC.

### Ex-Tropical Cyclone Seth (2-10 January 2022)

- Nine LGAs affected: **Bundaberg RC**, Carpentaria SC, **Cherbourg ASC**, City of Gold Coast, **Fraser Coast RC**, **Gympie RC**, Kowanyama ASC, **North Burnett RC** and **South Burnett RC**.

### Central, Southern and Western Queensland Rainfall and Flooding (10 Nov - 3 Dec 2021)

- Twenty-five (25) LGAs affected: Balonne SC, Banana SC, Barcaldine RC, Barcoo SC, Blackall-Tambo RC, Boulia SC, **Bundaberg RC**, Central Highlands RC, Diamantina SC, Flinders SC, Goondiwindi RC, **Gympie RC**, Isaac RC, Lockyer Valley RC, Longreach RC, Maranoa RC, Murweh SC, Noosa SC, **North Burnett RC**, Scenic Rim RC, Somerset RC, **South Burnett RC**, Southern Downs RC, Toowoomba RC, Western Downs RC.

\*SC = Shire Council, CC = City Council, RC = Regional Council, ASC = Aboriginal Shire Council

### Paradise Dam

- The government's decision has been well received by the community with criticisms only aimed at the timing of the announcement being Christmas Eve and media articles asking that the works to fix the dam start straight away.
- However, the remediation of Paradise Dam is a complex undertaking and Sunwater needs to take the time to get it right.

- The options evaluation report narrowed the options from three down to one – returning the dam back to its full capacity and Sunwater has commenced the next stage of the project focussed on just this one option.
- The next stage includes engineering designs, refining cost estimates informed by early contractor engagement, approvals processes, and developing a package of early works.
- Early works are scheduled to commence in 2023 subject to Queensland and Australian government approvals, with major works at the dam on track to commence in 2024.
- Sunwater is committed to ongoing stakeholder and community engagement.
- Over the course of the summer, rainfall has seen Paradise Dam spill excess water with the dam's emergency action plan activated as necessary, most recently on 3 February 2022.
- The Department of the Premier and Cabinet and Queensland Treasury have been kept informed on progress with negotiations.

#### Coalstoun Lakes Irrigation Area

- Coalstoun Lakes Water, a company set up by local interested parties, is managing the delivery of the DBC.
- The detailed business case is expected to be completed during the first 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 detailed business case will be used as inputs to the regional water assessment, to inform identification of water supply options suitable for further development.

#### Bundaberg and Burnett Regional Water Assessment

- The government has committed \$9M to deliver three regional water assessments over four years from 2020 to 2021.
- The assessments will include 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.



## COVID-19 – Economic Support and Recovery

### Recommended response

- The Government has been quick to respond to COVID-19 pandemic.
- To support business and families, the Government has invested **\$8 billion in a range of assistance initiatives and job creating projects.**
- In the Wide Bay region, we have assisted businesses through:
  - **\$579,611 in Small Business support and adaption grants** supporting 71 businesses in the South Burnett area; and
  - **\$3M from our \$1 billion Jobs Support Loan scheme** to 20 businesses in the South Burnett area supporting 265 jobs locally;
  - **\$6.54M in Payroll Tax Relief** to 394 businesses in Wide Bay area.
- As our State continues to open, we will continue to work with the Federal Government, so businesses and industry get the necessary support.

### Key facts

Government commitment	Progress <i>South Burnett Regional Council (SBRC) and Wide Bay SA4 area (Wide Bay SA4)</i>				
2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants	• As at 25 January 2022:				
	Council area	No of grants paid			Funding
		Business support	Border zone hardship	Sole trader	
	Statewide	30,785	391	4,268	\$320.84M
	SBRC	38	N/A	3	\$301,000
2021-22 Tourism and hospitality sector hardship grants	• As at 25 January 2022				
	Area	No of businesses	Paid grants		
	Statewide	3,467	\$107.2M		
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## COVID-19 – Tourism Support and Recovery

### Recommended response

- The tourism industry was one of the first industries to be impacted by COVID-19.
- This is an industry that supported **one in 10 Queensland jobs** before the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Through our \$1 billion concessional Jobs Support Loan scheme, tourism businesses in **South Burnett Regional Council received \$281,572 supporting 75 local jobs.**
- Through our \$50M Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund we have provided more than **\$2.25M** to support Dusty Joe's Pty Ltd to build additional cottage accommodation to support their existing restaurant/bakery and cellar door operations at Dusty Hill Wines.
- This project is **supporting around 19 jobs** during construction and 57 ongoing operational jobs.

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**\$50M Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund (2018 and 2020)**

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**Tourism industry sentiment**

- The Southern Queensland Country (SQC) region has continued to see strong visitation compared to 2019 and 2020 figures. Solid support from the drive market continues for this region.
- The region is now starting to see some impacts from the Omicron variant with staff shortages.

## LNP

- If the Leader of the Opposition and the LNP had their way, Qld borders would have opened at the worst possible time, exposing Queenslanders to the health risks of community transmission of COVID-19 and wreaking havoc on the economy.
- I will always listen to the health advice. The Leader of the Opposition has displayed a lack of judgement in this emergency and just blows with the political wind.
- The last LNP Government
  - took their eye off tourism and conceded market share to the southern states.
  - attracted only six new or increased airline services bringing in just 557,000 seats; (since 2015, my Government has assisted 29 new or additional services bringing in 3.3 million seats)
  - cut \$188M from the tourism industry funding support and severely limited Tourism and Events Queensland's (TEQ) ability to plan for the long term with no funding certainty to enter into multi-year event partnerships or to secure long-term marketing contracts.
- The LNP's short-sighted vision for tourism put thousands of Queensland jobs at risk.

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## Health Overview – Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service

- All data as at 31 March 2022.

### Covid-19 cases

- Across Queensland, **765,308 recorded cases** of Covid-19, of which **58,509** were active cases and **737** people had died.
- Across the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (HHS), there were **13,955 recorded cases** of Covid-19, of which there were **707 active cases**. There have been **21 deaths** recorded in the Darling Downs HHS area.
- Darling Downs HHS was managing:
  - 30 in-patients with Covid-19 – with no patients in ICU; and
  - 56 people with Covid-19 at home.
- There have been 924 recorded cases of Covid-19 within the South Burnett Regional Council area, of which 969 cases were recorded since 13 December 2021.

### Vaccinations – Percentage of Queensland population vaccinated

	At least 1 dose	2 doses	booster
16 yrs & over	93.45%	91.76%	62.00%
12-15 yrs	92.43%	90.52%	
5-11 yrs	43.44%	22.30%	

- Darling Downs HHS administered a total of **155,079 vaccine doses**.

### Staff impacts

- Darling Downs HHS had:
  - 129 staff registered as being Covid-19 positive;
  - 108 staff were quarantined; and
  - 19 staff were in the workplace under Critically Essential Worker Provision.

### **Key facts**

- The 2021-22 Darling Downs HHS budget is **\$937.2M in operational funding**. They have a budget of **\$39.5M** for COVID-19 operational expenditure. As at 28 February 2022, Darling Downs HHS has spent **\$10M** in vaccination costs.

- In addition, we've committed millions of dollars in upgrades to Darling Downs health infrastructure.
- There are around **4,770 staff** in the Darling Downs HHS.
- Since 2015 my Government has hired:
  - more than 150 doctors;
  - more than 490 nurses and midwives; and
  - more than 160 health professionals in Darling Downs HHS.

### Infrastructure

#### Recently completed

- **\$92.5M Kingaroy Hospital Redevelopment**
  - The redevelopment enables the delivery of contemporary and future models of care for the community into the future; with the ability to increase the range of surgical services provided.
    - This project will increase the number of patient treatment spaces from 46 to 66, to improve the hospital's role as a hub for trauma, paediatric, obstetric, rehabilitation and mental health services.
    - Kingaroy Hospital Stage 2 commenced services in December 2021.
  - Construction: Started on 20 August 2019.
    - Stage 1 reached practical completion 27 November 2020.
    - Stage 2 reached practical completion 28 November 2021.
  - Total jobs generated: 275.

#### Planned

- **\$0.12M Wondai Hospital Solar Project:**
  - to install a 100kw solar electricity system
  - construction is expected to commence 1 June 2022 and be completed by 30 June 2022.
- **\$0.12M Kingaroy Hospital Solar Project:**
  - to install a 100kw solar electricity system
  - construction is expected to commence 1 June 2022 and be completed by 30 June 2022.
- **\$0.075M Cherbourg Hospital Solar Project:**
  - to install a 50kw solar electricity system



- construction is expected to commence 1 June 2022 and be completed by 30 June 2022.

## Waiting Lists

### Elective Surgery Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 8 February 2022, 15,995 patients were added to the Elective Surgery Waitlist.
- As at 1 March 2022, the Elective Surgery – Ready for Surgery Waitlists showed:
  - ready for surgery waitlist **decreased** from 2,826 (as at 1 June 2020) to 2,764 – a reduction of 62; and
  - ready for surgery long waitlist **increased** from 283 (as at 1 June 2020) to 412 – a growth of 30.

### Specialist Outpatient Department (SOPD) Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 30 October 2021, 38,200 patients were added to the SOPD Waitlist.
- As at 1 September 2021, the SOPD Ready for Care Waitlists showed:
  - the SOPD ready for care waitlist **increased** from 5,596 (as at 1 June 2020) to 7,484 – a growth of 1,888; and
  - the SOPD ready for care long waitlist **increased** from 359 (as at 1 June 2020) to 687 – a growth of 328.

### Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 31 December 2021, 9,216 patients were added to the Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (GIE) Procedures Waitlist.
- As at 1 January 2022, the GIE procedures waitlists showed:
  - the GIE ready for care waitlist **increased** from 927 (as at 1 June 2020) to 943 – a growth of 16; and
  - the GIE ready for care long waitlist **increased** from 156 (as at 1 June 2020) to 237 – a growth of 81.

## **LNP**

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## Policing and Youth Crime

### POLICE NUMBERS

- **Darling Downs Police District has 540 permanent positions, up 111 since 2015.**
- It was fantastic to announce in September 2020, an additional 2,025 police personal across the state.
- **This is a \$624M investment over five years for 2,025 new police personnel.** Of those 1,450 will be deployed to the frontline which means **at least 150 positions will be located per key region** across the state.
- We're also investing in 25 mobile police vans that will take police into the heart of the community.
- 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 body worn cameras, new vehicles and tasers.

### CRIME STATS

- From 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021, the overall rate of **Total Reported Crime** for the Wide Bay Police District **increased by 617 offences or 3 per cent** compared with the same period in the previous year.
- From 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021, compared with the previous year, the rate of:
  - Offences Against the Person **increased by 635 or 53 per cent;**
  - Offences Against Property **increased by 1,434 or 29 per cent;** and
  - Other Offences **decreased by 1,452 offences or 17 per cent.**

### 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

- The Cherbourg Youth Justice Service Centre (YJSC) services the local government area of South Burnett, which includes Kingaroy.
- The Cherbourg YJSC is funded for 17.4 full-time youth justice workers who focus on enhancing community safety and reducing and preventing youth crime.
- For noting, compared to 2019-20, data for 2020-21 indicates increases in the number of proven offences and distinct young people with a proven offence. 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).
- As a result, offending data for 2019-20 appears to be lower than usual, while 2020-21 appears to be higher than usual. To provide a more accurate picture of overall trends over time, 2020-21 data should be compared to 2018-19.
- Based on data provided by the courts, comparing 2020-21 to 2018-19 there was:
  - a **34 per cent decrease** in the **number of proven offences** committed in the South Burnett LGA by 10-17-year-olds.
  - a **32 per cent decrease** in the **number of distinct 10-17-year-old offenders**, with at least one proven offence committed in the South Burnett LGA.
- **For the year ending 30 September 2021, there were 18 restorative justice conferences held in the South Burnett LGA.**

### **LNP**

- In the LNP's Police budget in 2012-13:
  - Townsville Police were told to tighten their belts.
  - Funding for new operational equipment for police fell from \$77.5M to \$53.8M.

- At the time, I am advised Townsville's senior police were warned vital equipment, such as extra cars and computers were not purchased to cater for new recruits.
- The LNP budget for new and upgraded equipment, including vehicles, boats and traffic cameras, was the lowest in 3 years.
- And they planned to sell the Townsville Police Academy where those recruits did their training.
- 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.**

## Background

- The Commissioner of Police has commenced a Service Delivery Redesign Project to look at demand and resource allocation and a review of all Police Districts. Multiple Police Divisions were reallocated from Darling Downs & South West Police Districts to Capricornia Police District. Therefore, the increase in police number for the Darling Downs District from 2015 to 2021 is inflated.

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## Major Road and Transport Upgrades – Kingaroy

### Recommended response

- Queensland's economic recovery plan is about building the infrastructure we need to create jobs.
- **That's why we have committed to \$52.2 billion over 4 years towards job creating infrastructure across the state.**
- That plan includes a jointly-funded \$13 billion for the Bruce Highway.
- My Government is delivering **\$1.495 billion** to upgrade Wide Bay roads and transport.

### Key facts

#### Kingaroy Transformation Project

- The Queensland Government is supporting the development of the Kingaroy Transformation Project, with a **\$1.69M** joint Australian and Queensland government contribution to improve pedestrian facilities on the D'Aguilar Highway in the central business district of Kingaroy.
- The transformation project, led by South Burnett Regional Council, will transform the town centre into a vibrant, modern community space that supports local and regional business and community objectives.

#### General road and transport upgrades (all fully funded by Queensland Government)

- Recent projects completed include:
  - **\$4.8M** Bunya Highway (Kingaroy – Goomeri), Tingoorra – rehabilitate pavement – completed in September 2021; and
  - **\$200,000** Memerambi - Gordonbrook Road, re-sheet unsealed road – completed February 2022.
- Projects underway right now include:
  - **\$18M** D'Aguilar Highway (Yarraman – Kingaroy), Alexander Lane to Bunya Highway – various locations – widen and improved safety – expected to generate 15 jobs – to be completed by end of June 2024, weather permitting; and
  - **\$1M** Bye Road – (widen and overlay) – expected to be completed April 2022, weather permitting.

- Projects in the planning phase include:
  - **\$380,000** for Tanduringie Creek upgrade, Kingaroy – Cooyar Road – planning expected to be finalised mid 2022; and
  - **\$6.5M** D'Aguilar Highway, (Yarraman – Kingaroy), Bushnell Road to Homley Road, widen and strengthen pavement, priority sections - planning in progress and expected to be completed in 2023.

## 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.

## Background

### Kingaroy Transformation Project

- The Kingaroy Transformation Project is one of South Burnett Regional Council's (SBRC) highest priorities and includes:
  - renewal of all footpath and pedestrian accesses to reconstruct and achieve compliant access and mobility throughout the CBD for all people
  - renewal of road pavements to remove damaged areas, address failures and to restore the lifecycle of road assets
  - installation of low-cost, council-owned data and electrical networks that support future network expansions without the future large cost of excavations
  - targeted replacement of infrastructure that is damaged and/or past its life expectancy, for example, existing asbestos watermains, communications pits and stormwater system
  - replacement of traffic signals, street lighting and communication infrastructure that supports improvements in pedestrian safety and vehicular movements
  - enhanced sustainability with the installation of energy efficient lighting and the installation of irrigation using recycled water for all gardens
  - considered approach to recycling/repurposing redundant building materials excavated from the existing road pavement or footpaths.
- It is understood that SBRC considers this \$1.5 million project sufficient contribution to the project and does not expect any further funding.

### D'Aguilar Highway intersection upgrades

- The D'Aguilar Highway is a strategic link in Queensland's state controlled road network, linking the Bruce Highway to South Burnett.
- Key intersections along a 24-kilometre stretch of the highway will be upgraded to improve safety and traffic flow and decrease the likelihood and severity of crashes.
- The works for the project include vegetation clearing, shoulder and lane widening, wide centre line treatments, audio tactile linemarking and intersection upgrades including dedicated right-turn and left-turn lanes.

## Schools – Overview

### Recommended response

- In **2021-22 \$35M is being invested** in schools to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in the Wide Bay region:
- We are investing **\$1.4 billion in 2021-22 to build, maintain and improve schools across the state.**
- Since coming to Government in 2015, we have opened **29 new schools including 3 new schools in 2022.**
- We are planning for a new school in Brisbane's inner west over the coming years and substantially expanding 13 existing schools during 2021-22.
- My Government is also investing \$20M for planning and land acquisitions for a further 16 new schools beyond 2023.
- Queensland is a growing state and we are delivering the infrastructure and educational facilities needed to support this growth.
- Of the **22 schools in the South Burnett Regional Council area:**
  - major infrastructure work has been carried out and completed at **12 schools totalling almost \$22M;**
  - **\$1.6M worth of works at 1 school** is in progress, an election commitment;
  - all schools have air conditioning; and
  - **all schools have solar panels.**

### Key facts

#### New Schools

- No new schools have opened recently or are planned for this area.

Major infrastructure

- **\$21.7M** worth of major infrastructure work completed at 12 schools since 2017.

School	Electorate	Cost	Project
Blackbutt State School	Nanango	\$224,991	refurbish Block E's general learning area – completed by Jun-2019
Coolabunia State School	Nanango	\$177,208	water quality works – delivered by Jun-2017
		\$120,672	tennis courts shade structure – delivered by Jun-2020
Crawford State School	Nanango	\$141,390	courts shade structure enclosed – delivered by Jun-2018
		\$106,779	refurbish Block F – delivered by Jun-2020
Kingaroy State High School	Nanango	\$4.4M	new multi-purpose hall – completed by Jun-2019
		\$32,641	install long jump pit – completed by Jun-2020
		\$475,250	retractable seating – completed by Jun-2019
		\$196,837	youth flexispace – completed by Jun-2017
Kingaroy State School	Nanango	\$354,790	refurbish Block J, stage 1 – completed by Jul-2020
Kumbia State School	Nanango	\$225,795	lift to Block A – completed by Jun-2017
Murgon State High School	Nanango	\$389,084	new building for girls academy (Barambah) – Opened in Jan-2019
		\$1.3M	community hub in Murgon – completed late 2021
		\$4.5M	new administration building – completed Oct-2021
		\$6.0M	new multi-purpose sports hall completed Oct-2021
		\$400,000	access lift to Resource Centre – completed Feb-2022
Murgon State School	Nanango	\$518,326	refurbish Block B general learning areas – completed by Jun-2019
		\$68,479	upgrade sports facility flooring – completed by Jun-2018
Nanango State High School	Nanango	\$663,758	refurbish Block J – completed by Jun-2021



School	Electorate	Cost	Project
Nanango State School	Nanango	\$663,758	refurbish Block D – completed by Jun-2020
Taabinga State School	Nanango	\$120,426	refurbish Block I – completed by Jun-2017
		\$424,460	refurbish admin block – completed by Jun-2021
Wondai State School	Nanango	\$173,829	replace library – Completed by Jun-2017

- **Going forward, we're also investing \$1.6M** worth of works at Kingaroy State High School to upgrade skills development and training facilities (2020 election commitment).

### Air conditioning and solar panels

- In February 2020, the Government announced the Cooler Cleaner Schools Program (CCSP) which is providing more than \$477M over 4 years to air condition state schools and expand the existing Advancing Clean Energy Schools (ACES) program.
- All schools will have air conditioning by June 2022.
- 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.
- The ACES program is reducing energy costs at more than 800 state schools through the installation of solar systems and other energy efficiency measures.
- The combined investment of \$168.1M for the ACES program will deliver a contribution of approximately 61.4 megawatts of solar to the Queensland Government's 50% renewable energy goal by 2030 to reduce emissions, address climate change, create new jobs and diversify the economy.
- The ACES program is also supporting local businesses and subcontractors to create jobs and assist local economies.

### ***Air Conditioning and Solar Panels in Schools – South Burnett Regional Council area***

Electorate	Facility Name	Air Conditioning (CCSP)	Solar Panels (ACES program)
		Milestone	Milestone
Nanango	Benarkin State School	completed	already installed
Nanango	Blackbutt State School	already installed	completed phase 2: 38kW, 102 panels
Nanango	Cloyna State School	already installed	already installed
Nanango	Coolabunia State School	already installed	completed phase 2 – 26kW, 70 panels
Nanango	Crawford State School	already installed	already installed
Nanango	Durong South State School	already installed	already installed
Nanango	Kingaroy State High School	completed	completed phase 2 -
Nanango	Kingaroy State School	completed	completed phase 2 – 99kW, 300 panels
Nanango	Kumbia State School	completed	already installed
Nanango	Moffatdale State School	already installed	already installed
Nanango	Murgon State High School	completed	completed phase 2 – 100kW, 270 panels
Nanango	Murgon State School	completed	completed phase 2 – 40kW, 108 panels
Nanango	Nanango State High School	completed	completed phase 2 – 96kW, 259 panels
Nanango	Nanango State School	completed	completed, phase 2 – 40kW, 108 panels
Nanango	Proston State School	completed	completed phase 2 – 40kW, 108 panels
Nanango	Taabinga State School	completed	completed phase 2 – 40kW, 108 panels
Nanango	Tanduringie State School	completed	already installed
Nanango	Tingoora State School	already installed	already installed
Nanango	Wheatlands State School	completed	already installed
Nanango	Winderera State School	completed	already installed
Nanango	Wondai State School	completed	completed phase 2 – 40kW, 108 panels
Nanango	Wooroolin State School	completed	already installed

## Southern Great Barrier Reef – Protection Regulations

### Recommended response

- We applaud producers that have invested effort into improving practices to reduce sediment and nutrient run-off to the Great Barrier Reef (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 commercial cropping activities on more than five hectares of land. This requirement excludes existing cropping land.
- Permits condition farm design standards to minimise nutrient and sediment run-off from the development of land for cropping.
- **From 1 December 2022**, minimum practice standards for grazing, sugar cane and bananas are due to commence in the Burnett-Mary region. They align with industry accepted practices that have been shown to maintain or improve productivity and profitability.

### Key facts

- On 1 December 2019, strengthened Reef regulations commenced and roll out over three years as part of a mix of tools to improve Reef water quality.
- The Queensland Government allocated a further \$270.1M over five years to continue the successful Reef Water Quality Improvement program from the Far North to Wide Bay.

### 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.

### Background

- A 2017 Deloitte Access Economics report found the Great Barrier Reef added \$3.9 billion to the state's 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 2025 reduction targets of 60% for dissolved inorganic nitrogen loads and 25% for sediment loads.
- The strengthened Reef regulations are expected to achieve an estimated dissolved inorganic nitrogen load reduction of 48.9% towards the 2025 target (i.e. expected to achieve approximately 80% of the target reduction with full compliance) and an estimated fine sediment reduction of 4.2% towards the 2025 target (i.e. expected to achieve approximately 16.8% of the target reduction with full compliance).
- The Reef regulations are based on industry best practices, know-how and expertise as well as 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.
- Under the regulated minimum practice standards, the requirement to keep records of fertilisers and chemicals applied commenced immediately for graziers, sugar cane and banana growers.
- In the Burnett-Mary region from 1 December 2022:
  - requirements to keep grazing land in at least fair condition take effect; and
  - sugarcane producers will have to comply with minimum practice standards about fertiliser application rates and managing erosion risks, and have a nitrogen and phosphorus budget.
- During consultation on the new cropping permit arrangements, agricultural peak bodies publicly re-iterated their position to not support the regulatory approach to improving water quality, but AgForce publicly acknowledged the positive consultation process which resulted in changes to the proposed standard and requirements for new cropping.
- 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.
- The Burnett-Mary region is a lower priority for water quality improvement when compared to other areas and it has received less government investment for improved practice adoption than other regions. However, the available information indicates this catchment still releases nutrient and sediment to waters that drain to the Reef and basin scale water quality improvement targets have been set for the region.
- The Mary River catchment is a moderate priority for nutrient reduction and a high priority for sediment reduction.
- 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 off-shore.
- New standards also commenced on 1 June 2021 for industrial and resource environmentally relevant activities such as mines, aquaculture, and sewage treatment that may result in nutrient or sediment emissions in Reef catchments.
- In future, new industrial and resource development will need to take an avoid, mitigate and offset approach to ensure there are no residual impacts from the activity to the Reef. This is to prevent new development worsening the Reef water quality problem or undoing the good progress on Reef water quality improvement made to date.