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LOCAL BRIEFS

6. Drought Assistance 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.

7. Mon Repos Conservation Park and Turtle Centre

- New Mon Repos Turtle Centre, opened in November 2019, and today welcomes 180 people each night to witness marine turtles
- Gidarjil Development Corporation operates the Gidgee Café
- Mon Repos Turtle Centre has all three levels of ecotourism certification.

REGIONAL BRIEFS

8. COVID-19 – Economic Recovery

- \$723,000 paid to 207 business support and sole trader grant recipients
- \$12.8M to 85 concessional loans, supporting 1,024 local jobs
- \$53.6M for 72 Works for Qld projects supporting 4,752 jobs with 64 projects completes

9. COVID-19 – Tourism Support and Recovery

- \$1.6M in concessional loans for tourism related businesses
- \$240,000 tourism and hospitality hardship grants

10. Health Overview – Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service

- Delivering election commitment – \$15M for a new adult alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation and treatment facility in Bundaberg.
- Detailed business case is progressing for a new Bundaberg Hospital.

11. Policing and Youth Crime – Wide Bay Region

- 21% increase in offences
- 36% decrease in the number of proven offences
- 48% decrease in number of distinct 10-17-year-old offenders

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12. Road and Transport Upgrades – Wide Bay Region

- Kay McDuff Drive/Ring Road Area – Bundaberg Regional Council encouraged to apply for 2022-24 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program
- 20.3M jointly funded upgrade on a 3km section of the Bruce Highway at Apple Tree Creek – completed August 2021
- \$103M new Saltwater Creek Bridge between Maryborough and Torbanlea (Gin Gin) – due to be completed late-2023

13. Schools Overview

- 40 schools in the Bundaberg Regional Council area
- 25 schools have had more than \$38M of major infrastructure work
- 21 schools have almost \$10M of works in progress or being planned
- all schools have air conditioning and solar panels

14. 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.

STATE-WIDE BRIEFS

15. Australian South Sea Islander Council

- *Our story, our future* includes a statement recognising Australian South Sea Islander people's unique history, and the contributions made to the social, cultural, and economic development of Queensland.
- The Government provided funding to the Mackay Regional Council to deliver activities to support the Australian South Sea Islander community – including \$50,000 to establish a representative body
- The Government adopted a formal Recognition Statement of the Australian South Sea Islander community in July 2000 followed by an action plan in 2001.

16. Bruce Highway

- \$13 billion program improving flood resilience, safety and increasing capacity

| REGION PROFILE | WIDE BAY |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| ELECTORATE | SITTING MEMBER |
| 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 | 2021 (Dec) | 2015 (Feb) |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Queensland employment | 5.3% | 0.6% |
| Wide Bay employment (SA4) | 4.2% | -6.9% |
| Unemployment Rate | | |
| Queensland unemployment | 5.5% | 6.5% |
| Wide Bay unemployment (SA4) | 7.5% | 10.6% |
| Queensland youth unemployment | 11.2% | 14.1% |
| Wide Bay youth unemployment (SA4) | 17.4% | 19.2% |

| Employment by industry (2016 census) | Number | Percent |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 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% |

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

| Tourism (Sep 2021) | Tourism Region | Visitors | Expenditure |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 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

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

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

| | | Jobs | Funding |
|---|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Building our Regions (Rounds 1-5) (30 Sep 2021) | | | |
| Wide Bay region | | 435.7 | \$44.256M |
| Works for Queensland (Summary) – Wide Bay region (30 Sep 2021) | | | |
| 2019-21 Rnd | | 1,679.5 | \$38.75M |
| 2020-21 COVID-19 Rnd | | 1,087.2 | \$26.17M |
| 2021-24 Rnd | | 90.5 | \$45.41M |
| Back to Work (Total across all programs) | Employers | Jobs | Funding |
| Initial Back to work (closed 30 Jun 2021) | 2,234 | 4,859 | \$51.4M |
| Revitalised Back to Work (30 Nov 2021) | 26 | 29 | \$132,750 |
| Skilling Queenslanders for Work (31 Dec 2021) | | | |
| Total Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiatives | | 3,019 | \$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 Rachel Chambers |
| 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.

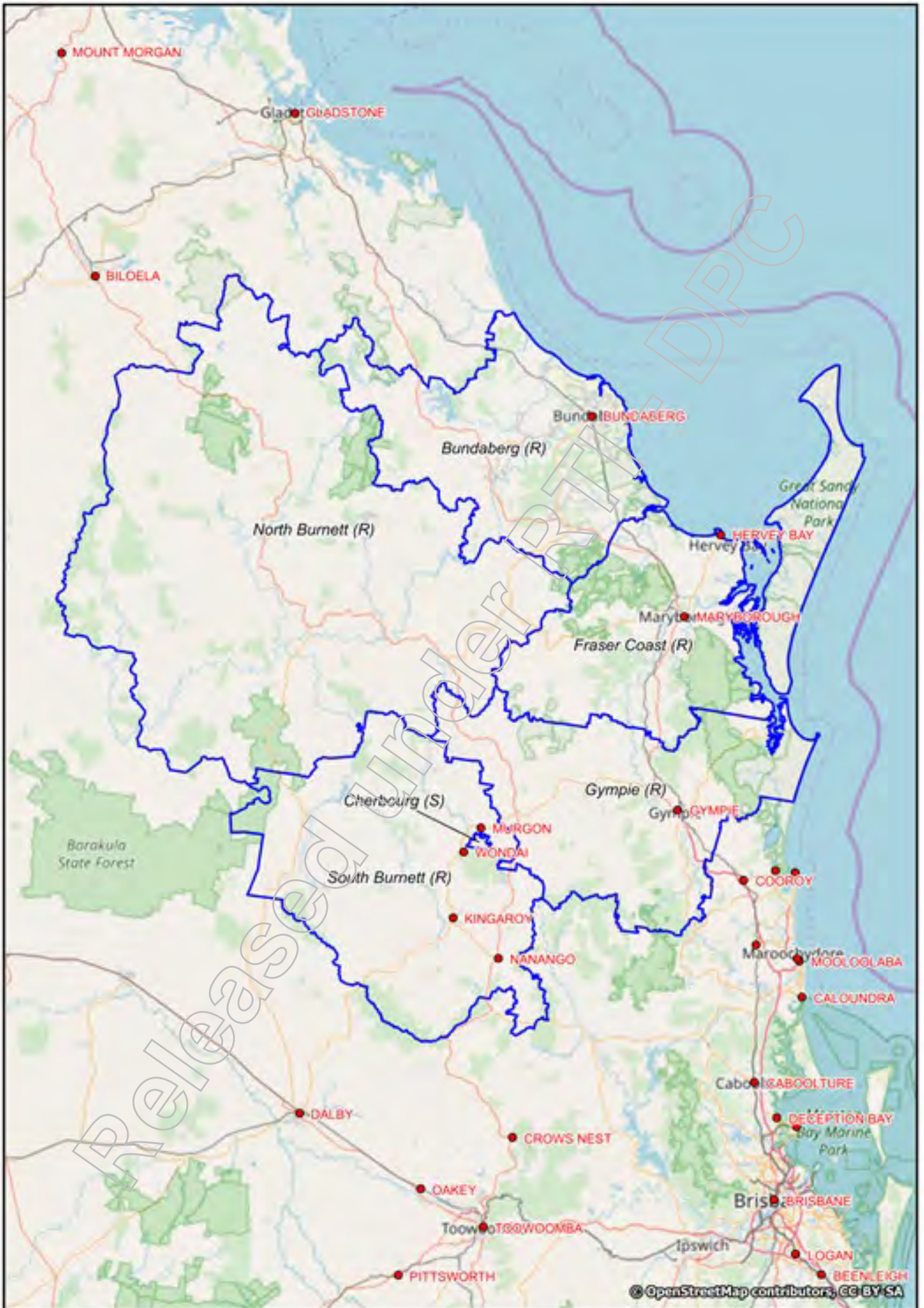
| DATE | LOCATION | PURPOSE |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 10 November 2021 | Cherbourg and Murgon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Promote COVID-19 vaccinations – Attend Murgon State High School |
| 20 October 2021 | Maryborough | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Attend media conference re COVID-19 update and train manufacturing – Meet with local members of Parliament |
| 20 -21 September 2021 | Hervey Bay and Bundaberg | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Cabinet Meeting, including community reception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Attend media conference regarding COVID-19 update and Hervey Bay State High School announcement – Attend Hervey Bay Seniors Expo – Attend media conference regarding COVID-19 update and inspect large aerial tanker, Bundaberg – Meet with local members of Parliament |
| 3-4 November 2020 | Hervey Bay | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend meeting and media conference, Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens <i>Works for Queensland</i> project completion – attend Melbourne Cup funding at Hervey Bay RSL Club – breakfast meeting with Mr Bruce Saunders MP, Member for Maryborough |
| 16 September 2020 | Bundaberg | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meeting and media conference – inspection of new firefighting large air tanker Bundaberg Airport |
| 29 July 2020 | Bundaberg | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meeting and media conference, Bundaberg's planned new hospital – visit Bundaberg Multiplex Sport and Convention Centre |

| DATE | LOCATION | PURPOSE |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 22 July 2020 | Maryborough | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – inspect Works for Queensland projects – meet with local MP – meet with Cr George Seymour, Mayor Fraser Coast Regional Council – meet with General Manager Fraser Coast Tourism and Events – attend meeting and media conference re-waiving of whale watching fees |
| 6 December 2019 | Maryborough | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend Downer Maryborough Service Delivery Centre’s 150th Celebration |
| 4-5 November 2019 | Maryborough | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-site Cabinet Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit Baywood Timber – attend 100th Birthday Tree Planting for Norma Howard – host community afternoon tea – visit Urangan State High School – visit Maryborough RSL Club |
| 2 July 2019 | Hervey Bay and Maryborough | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit Hervey Bay Hospital – meet with Mayor, Fraser Coast Regional Council – meet with Member for Maryborough – visit PL Travers Bank of Stories Museum |
| 22 October 2018 | Hervey Bay | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Sussex tour of Fraser Island |
| 21 July 2018 | Maryborough | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend opening of Fraser Coast Memorial Trail |
| 18 September 2017 | Kingaroy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit Swickers Bacon Facotory – visit Kingaroy Hospital – attend Queensland Country Women’s Association afternoon tea |
| 10-15 September 2017 | Wide Bay | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governing from the Regions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cabinet meeting, Maryborough – meet with the acting Editor of the Fraser Coast Chronicles – attend Maryborough Community Government Reception – host Maryborough town hall meeting – attend the Business Leaders’ Lunch in conjunction with Bundaberg Chamber of Commerce – meet Mayor and councillors of Bundaberg Regional Council – visit the Bundaberg Child Safety Office |

| DATE | LOCATION | PURPOSE |
|------------------|-------------|--|
| 24 November 2016 | Maryborough | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meet and greet at Maryborough Heritage City Markets – meet with editor, Fraser Coast Chronicle – visit Wade Sawmill |
| 6 July 2016 | Bundaberg | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – tour of chilli packing line – meet with Editor, Bundaberg News Mail |
| 6 May 2016 | Maryborough | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend Fraser Coast Training Employment Support Services – attend Maryborough State High School – visit the grave site for Mr Billy Demaine |

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MAP – Wide Bay region



Achievements – Wide Bay

TRANSPORT AND ROADS

- \$6.8M investment in rail infrastructure includes major track upgrades at Maryborough to enable multiple New Generation Rollingstock (NGR) trains to undergo accessibility upgrades – supporting more than 20 construction jobs.
- \$335.7M NGR accessibility upgrades which includes the addition of a second accessible toilet module on all 75 NGR trains with work carried out at Downer's rail plant in Maryborough – sustaining existing jobs at the plant and creating up to 100 jobs at the peak of the work – in April 2021, the first upgraded NGR train began passenger services in South East Queensland with all 75 trains upgraded and back in passenger service by 2024.
- \$300M for a 10-year strategic partnership (Queensland Rail /Downer (Maryborough)) for major projects such as: overhauls of Queensland Rail's electric and diesel Tilt Trains, and mid-life overhauls of the IMU160 and SMU260 fleet for South East Queensland.

HEALTH

- \$12.2M for refurbished Emergency and Specialist Outpatient departments – Maryborough Hospital – projects completed in February 2020 and March 2019 respectively – 36 construction jobs generated over across projects.
- \$39.61M for Fraser Coast Mental Health Services project:
 - a new 22 bed adult acute mental health inpatient unit at Hervey Bay Hospital – creating 39 construction-related jobs and up to 30 ongoing health-related roles;
 - refurbishment of Maryborough Hospital's 10-bed acute mental health inpatient unit; and
 - the whole project is due to be completed by December 2022.
- New Bundaberg Hospital:
 - \$6.7M for Bundaberg Hospital Detailed Business Case – to construct a hospital on a greenfield site; and
 - a further \$15M was allocated in the 2021-22 State Budget to purchase the preferred site for the proposed hospital and associated project costs to enable detailed site planning in preparation for the first stage of the project.

- \$4.98M to replace and upgrade the main switchboard Hervey Bay Hospital – completed in August 2021 – created 15 FTEs.

EDUCATION / TAFE

- \$9.6M Hervey Bay State High School – new performing arts centre with a performance stage, a dance studio, two drama studios, two multi-media learning spaces and associated support spaces – completed January 2021.
- \$5.8M Maryborough State High School – new special education program building – completed February 2021
- \$5.4M Hervey Bay State High School – New two-storey building with six learning spaces expected completed date October 2021.
- \$4.7M Maryborough State High School – refurbished Block J (Stage 1) – completed July 2020
- \$340,000 Pialba State School – refurbish Block J – expected completion date June 2021.
- \$500,000 Maryborough Central State School – refurbished school hall – expected completion May 2021.
- \$280,000 Sandy Strait State School – refurbish Prep playground – April 2021.
- \$542,659 Torbanlea State School – refurbished multi-purpose court and new sports court shade structure – delivered by Jun 2019

TOURISM

- More than \$22.65M to Mon Repos Turtle Centre, a world class attraction, boosting tourism to the region.

JUSTICE AND SAFETY

- \$2.5M for refurbishment of Bundaberg Courthouse – completed February 2020.
- \$18.1M long term funding for a Large Air Tanker (LAT) capability, based at Bundaberg Airport to enable Queensland Fire and Emergency Services' response to bushfires and includes:
 - more than \$15M for a LAT; and
 - \$3.1M ongoing support costs for aerial capabilities across the State.

- \$1.1M to construct and upgrade four-wheel drive tracks at Pine Creek and Givelda as part of the 10 year Bundaberg Action Plan – completed December 2019.
- Around \$3.68M to upgrade Energy Queensland's emergency response capabilities:
 - \$2.18M Hervey Bay depot – completed October 2020; and
 - \$1.5M Maryborough depot – expected to be completed by October 2023.
- \$3.2M for Maryborough Correctional Centre for:
 - \$1.1M – perimeter security system upgrade – completed April 2020;
 - \$1.1M – replaced air conditioner chiller – completed February 2020; and
 - \$1M – replace locking system – completed in September 2019.

UTILITIES

- \$100M Paradise Dam essential works program to lower the primary spillway by 5.8 metres – completed March 2021; and a business case to identify the long term solution for the dam – due by December 2021.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

- \$2.4M Hervey Bay Youth Shelter at Taylor Street, Pialba – replaces the Youthcare Hervey Bay youth shelter which is auspiced by Regional Housing Limited – completed July 2020.
- \$1.5M upgrade of seniors' accommodation – 30 units at Hunter Street, Pialba – external works – in progress.
- \$5.9M housing construction jobs program for new social housing:
 - \$2.5M in 2019-20, contracts awarded for 20 homes
 - \$2.3M in 2018-19, contracts awarded for 10 homes
 - \$1.1M in 2017-18, contracts awarded for 20 homes.

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 | 141 | \$36.18M |
| WFQ 2017-19 | 86 | \$37.69M |
| WFQ 2019-21 | 84 | \$38.75M |
| 2020-21 COVID-19 | 54 | \$26.17M |
| WFQ 2021-24 | 45 | \$45.41M |
| Total | 410 | \$184.20M |

| Funding round | Bundaberg Regional Council | | |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | No of projects | Act Jobs | Funding |
| WFQ 2016-17 | 33 | 1,507.0 | \$10.7M |
| WFQ 2017-19 | 19 | 1,444.0 | \$11.2M |
| WFQ 2019-21 | 16 | 1,103.0 | \$11.6M |
| 2020-21 COVID-19 | 3 | 682.0 | \$7.1M |
| WFQ 2021-24 | 1 | 16.0 | \$13.0M |
| Total | 72 | 4,752.0 | \$53.6M |

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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 |
|---|---|--|--|
| Bruce Highway and other Roads | | | |
| Burnett Callide Gympie Maryborough | A REAL BRUCE PLAN 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 | A REAL BRUCE PLAN 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 | A REAL BRUCE PLAN 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 | A REAL BRUCE PLAN 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 | A REAL BRUCE PLAN 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 | A REAL BRUCE PLAN Task the Bruce Highway Trust to prepare the Safer Bruce 2030 Action Plan | | ✓ |

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|---|---|---|--|
| Burnett Callide Gympie Maryborough | A REAL BRUCE PLAN 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 | |
| Education | | | |
| Callide | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$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 | | ✓ |
| Burnett | \$207,000 to upgrade the intersection of Bargara Road and Seaview Road at Bargara State School | | |
| Burnett Bundaberg | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$1 million to provide wastewater and water service to the school at Woongarra State School | | |
| Hervey Bay | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$10.7 million for a new multi-purpose hall at Urangan State High School | | |
| Callide | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$2.5 million for additional infrastructure at Gin Gin State High School | | |
| Gympie | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$300,000 to refurbish the administration at Chatsworth State School | | |
| Hervey Bay | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$5.75 million for a new hall at Urangan Point State School | | |
| Hervey Bay Maryborough | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$500,000 to refurbish the administration building at Kawungan State School | | |
| Gympie | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$500,000 to replace fire and water mains at Monkland State School | | |
| Bundaberg | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$700,000 for a school security fence at Norville State School | | |
| Hervey Bay Maryborough | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE Provide \$5.4 million for new classrooms at the Hervey Bay State High School | | |
| Nanango Callide | LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$1.6 million to upgrade agriculture and animal husbandry facilities including new exclusion fencing and sheds at Kingaroy State High School | | |
| Maryborough | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$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 | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$100,000 to provide equitable access to amenities at Woolooga State School | Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet | |
| Bundaberg | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$150,000 to install a covered walkway at Bundaberg South State School | | |
| Bundaberg | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$150,000 to install a covered walkway at Bundaberg Special School | | |
| Burnett Callide Maryborough | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$150,000 to provide equitable access to amenities at Isis District State High School | | |
| Maryborough | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$50,000 for two industrial-sized fans for the school hall at Torbanlea State School | | |
| Bundaberg Burnett | GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$500,000 to install a lift and covered walkway at Kepnock State High School | | |
| Bundaberg | EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE \$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 | EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE \$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 | EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE \$1.2 million for nursing and allied health upgrades to facilities at Hervey Bay TAFE | | |
| Health | | | |
| 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 | PALLIATIVE AND END-OF-LIFE CARE Fund Ambulance Wish Queensland for another 12 months | | ✓ |
| Police / Justice | | | |
| 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 | ✓ |
| Infrastructure | | | |
| 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 | |
| Business and jobs | | | |
| Maryborough | POWERING QUEENSLAND JOBS: RAIL MANUFACTURING \$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 | BACKING QUEENSLAND MARITIME JOBS 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 | POWERING QUEENSLAND JOBS: RAIL MANUFACTURING 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 | POWERING QUEENSLAND JOBS: RAIL MANUFACTURING Continue to fix the overseas bought trains in Maryborough | Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet | ✓ |
| Maryborough | POWERING QUEENSLAND JOBS: RAIL MANUFACTURING \$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 | ✓ |
| Community and Recreation | | | |
| 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 | COUNTRY RACING \$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 | | ✓ |
| Environment | | | |
| 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 | HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY \$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 | HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY \$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 | HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY \$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 | HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY - INVESTING IN NATURE 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 | | ✓ |
| Marine Rescue Services | | | |
| Burnett Hervey Bay Maryborough | BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES 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 | BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES Increase funding for insurance costs and provide for additional operational expenses incurred by Squadrons and Flotillas | | ✓ |
| Burnett Hervey Bay Maryborough | BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES 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 | BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES 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 | ✓ |
| Tourism | | | |
| All | REBUILDING QUEENSLAND TOURISM \$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 | | |
| Works for Queensland | | | |
| All | KEEPING QUEENSLAND WORKING \$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 **Bundaberg Regional Council** has received **\$20.4M** for **6 projects** supporting almost **300 jobs**, and **5 projects** are now **complete**.

| Rd | Projects | Approved Funding | Total Cost | Jobs (Est) | Project Stage |
|----|--|------------------|------------|------------|------------------------|
| 01 | Stage 1A Rubyanna wastewater treatment plant | \$5.0M | \$62.05M | 186.20 | completed May-2019 |
| 01 | Bundaberg region multi-use sports and community centre | \$5.0M | \$14.50M | 43.50 | completed Jan-2017 |
| 02 | Bundaberg sports and community centre - stage 2 | \$5.0M | \$12.26M | 38.00 | completed Jun-2019 |
| 03 | Bundaberg regional aviation and aerospace precinct - stage 3 | \$1.99M | \$3.99M | 12.00 | completed Feb-2021 |
| 03 | Burnett Heads town centre redevelopment | \$3.32M | \$6.64M | 19.90 | completed Apr-2019 |
| 05 | Bundaberg regional art gallery redevelopment business case | \$120,000 | \$160,000 | N/A | exp completed Jun-2021 |

Works for Queensland

- Since 2016, through Works for Queensland, the Wide Bay region has received **\$184.2M** for **410 projects** supporting, to date **8,078 jobs** with **349 projects completed**.
- **Bundaberg Regional Council** has received **\$53.64M** for **72 projects** supporting, to date, **4,752 jobs** with **68 projects completed**.

| 2019-21 Works for Queensland projects | Electorate | Funding | jobs created /supported | | Project Status |
|--|------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| | | | Est | Act | |
| Agnes St / Gavegan St / Fagg St drainage upgrade | Bundaberg | \$580,000 | - | 116.0 | completed 27/11/2020 |
| Back Windermere Rd upgrade - Innes Park Rd to Elliott Heads Rd | Burnett | \$2.3M | - | 71.0 | completed 25/6/2021 |
| Boreham Park Upgrade | Bundaberg | \$1.0M | - | 56.0 | completed 17/6/2021 |
| Branyan Dr / Dittman Rd /Avoca St intersection upgrade (traffic signals) | Bundaberg | \$750,000 | - | 30.0 | completed 18/12/2020 |
| Bunns Rd upgrade (sealing) | Burnett | \$210,000 | - | 31.0 | completed 30/7/2020 |
| Central Park Upgrade | Bundaberg | \$1.0M | 41.0 | 14.0 | exp completion Dec-2021 |
| Elliott Heads Recreation Facilities | Burnett | \$650,000 | 29.0 | 8.0 | exp completion Mar-2022 |
| Frizzells Rd drainage improvements | Burnett | \$165,000 | - | 31.0 | completed 9/6/2020 |
| Gin Gin Recreation Reserve Carpark and Amenities | Callide | \$400,000 | - | 78.0 | completed 15/6/2021 |
| Hamanns Rd / Apple Tree Creek evacuation access | Burnett | \$970,000 | 8.0 | 142.0 | completed 10/8/2021 |
| Hughes Rd extension (new road), Wearing Rd to Watsons Rd | Burnett | \$1.0M | - | 133.0 | completed 30/7/2020 |
| Kirbys Rd upgrade (widening) | Burnett | \$340,000 | - | 66.0 | completed 6/11/2020 |
| Monduran Rd upgrade (safety improvements) | Burnett | \$460,000 | - | 46.0 | completed 18/12/2020 |

| 2019-21 Works for Queensland projects | Electorate | Funding | jobs created /supported | | Project Status |
|---|------------|-----------|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| | | | Est | Act | |
| North Isis Rd upgrade (widening) | Burnett | \$290,000 | - | 72.0 | completed 23/6/2020 |
| Settlement Rd upgrade (sealing) | Callide | \$970,000 | - | 84.0 | completed 18/12/2020 |
| South Head Parkland recreational facilities | Burnett | \$525,000 | 19.0 | 24.0 | completed 30/6/2021 |

| 2020-21 COVID Works for Qld projects | Electorate | Funding | jobs created /supported | | Project Status |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------|-------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| | | | Est | Act | |
| Community facilities program | Bundaberg | \$3.495M | - | 183.0 | completed 30/9/2021 |
| Community parks program | Bundaberg | \$1.475M | 138.0 | 141.0 | exp completion Dec-2021 |
| Pathways program | Bundaberg | \$2.130M | - | 358.0 | completed 31/8/2021 |

| 2021-24 COVID Works for Qld projects | Electorate | Funding | jobs created /supported | | Project Status |
|---|------------|----------|-------------------------|------|----------------------------|
| | | | Est | Act | |
| Bundaberg regional aquatic facility - stage 1 | Bundaberg | \$13.03M | 126.0 | 16.0 | exp completion Jun-2024 |

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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:

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

Wide Bay will also benefit from:

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|---|--|
| Rollingstock Expansion Program | 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. |
| \$600M | |
| Alcohol and Other Drug Community Treatment Program | for new Alcohol and Other Drug rehabilitation services in West Moreton, Wide Bay and North Queensland. |
| \$51M | |
| COVID Works for Queensland | 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. |
| \$26.2M | |

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.

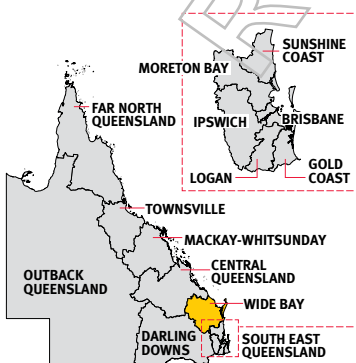
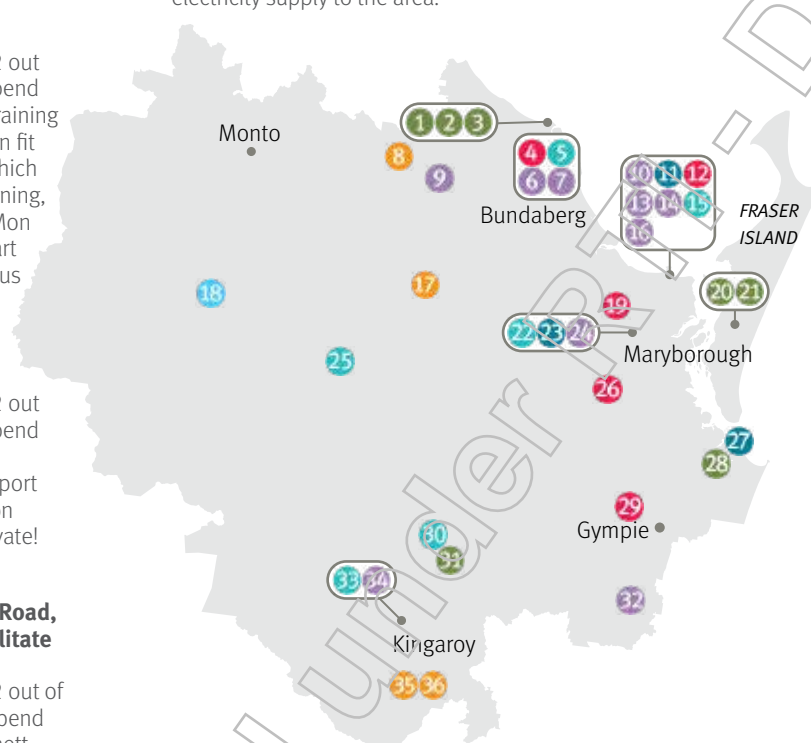
11 Hervey Bay replacement water police facility
 \$1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.8 million total spend to progress the replacement water police facility at Hervey Bay.

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

BUDGET 2021-22 AT A GLANCE

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

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:

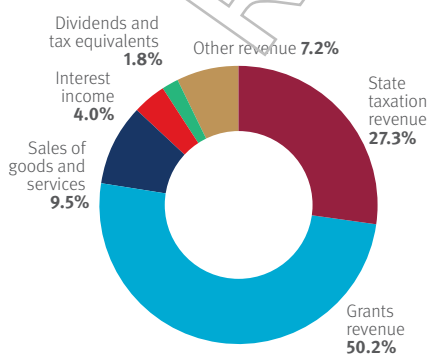
- Record health investment of **\$22.2 billion** will continue to provide a world-class health system, which is also critical to effectively manage the ongoing risks of COVID-19.
- The new **\$3.34 billion** Queensland Jobs Fund focuses on investment attraction and industry development to attract the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

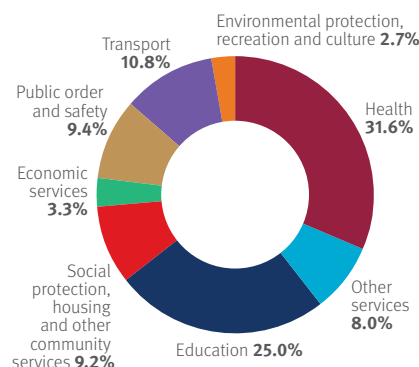
- Drought Assistance and Reform Package - up to \$71.4 million over 4 years from 2021-22 to support drought affected communities across the State and a further \$50 million per year for 4 years for drought preparedness and emergency drought loans
- Pacific Labour Scheme and Seasonal Worker Programme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

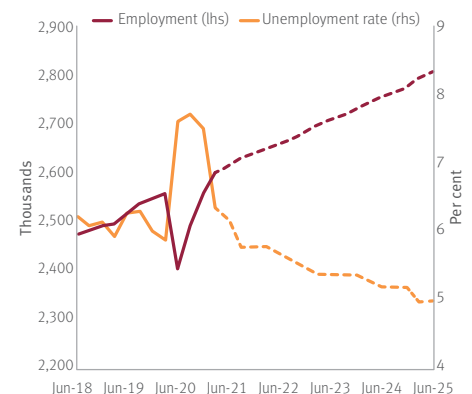
2021-22 revenue



2021-22 expenses



Queensland's labour market forecasts



Drought Assistance 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.
- Over the past three months, the region has received well above average rainfall. Local Drought Committees will meet at the end of the wet season 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.

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.
- An inaugural Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting is being scheduled and I look forward to Bundaberg, North Burnett, South Burnett and Cherbourg council representation in the forum.

Key facts

Drought status and assistance

- Since being drought declared, primary producers in the Wide Bay region have received \$6.483M in assistance from 1,751 claims, under the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS).
- 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.
- Although large rainfall was received in January 2022, it is not considered drought breaking.
- The current forecast is for above median rainfall from February to April 2022 across most of southern Queensland.

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 DBC 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.

Lenthalls Dam

- The Fraser Coast Regional Council's application to amend the Wide Bay Water Supply Scheme Resource Operations Licence was approved on 20 October 2021.
- The amendment changed the Lenthalls Dam daily inflow volume stated in the high flow release strategy from 5,000 megalitres (ML) per day to 8,000 ML per day, improving town water supply security for Hervey Bay during severe dry periods.

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 are 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.
- Psychosocial wellbeing is a key issue. There have been significant mental health challenges faced by producers—particularly in the Bundaberg/Gin Gin area.
- To help address this, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries worked with local grower associations and their extension staff to participate in mental health resilience training. These locations remained very dry throughout 2021, missing much of the rainfall received in other areas of the South East during the same period.
- Most livestock producers had completely destocked due to sustained drought conditions, leaving them with little to no income. Record market prices have compounded the ability for farmers to restock their properties, now that pastures are showing signs of recovery.
- In relation to water allocations, there is an ongoing issue with supply due to the reduced capacity of Paradise Dam. This is causing significant issues for horticulture/tree croppers who are reliant on this supply.

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 DBC 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 DBI 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.

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Mon Repos Conservation Park and Turtle Centre

Recommended response

- The new Mon Repos Turtle Centre, opened in November 2019, and today welcomes 180 people each night to witness marine turtles nest and hatchlings scramble to the ocean.
- This turtle season, Gidarjil Development Corporation (GDC) opened the Gidgee Café and a retail operation within the Centre adding a new cultural dimension to the visitor experience.
- The Mon Repos Turtle Centre is one of only 20 attractions nationally, three in Queensland, to carry all three levels of ecotourism certification.
- My Government is building upon these achievements by installing solar panels, expanding visitor carparking and acquiring 42-hectares of adjoining land towards restoring important wetlands and improving water quality.

Key facts

- The \$750,000 solar enhancement project is at practical completion stage and due for final commissioning this month.
- The purchase of the additional 42ha of land adjacent to Mon Repos Conservation Park is completed and due for addition into the park later in 2022.
- This season's turtle nesting activity has been slightly impacted by floods and storm tides.
- Nightly Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service ranger guided tours have been near fully booked throughout the season demonstrating the Centre's popularity and importance as a regional tourism destination.

Gidji Café

- Inconsistency of service and food offering at the new Gidji Café on the Mon Repos site has impacted tourism sentiment with negative feedback coming through the Visitor Centre.
- Feedback and complaints were received on lack of seating and fresh air in the building – there can be up to 180 people sitting on the floor in the centre with all windows and doors closed to minimise light. This has caused concern about the lack of COVID-Safe practices in place.

Achievements

- The Department of Environment and Science and Gidarjil are entering into formal lease arrangements to deliver café and retail operations and expand the cultural heritage experiences and offerings.
- In November 2021, the centre was awarded by Ecotourism Australia three levels of ecotourism certification:
 - Advanced Ecotourism
 - Respecting our Culture
 - Climate Action Business Certification

Background

- Solar enhancement project to be completed in February 2022.
- Formal lease with Gidarjil signed by the corporation on 3 February.
- 42ha of land adjacent to Mon Repos Conservation Park was purchased in 2021 and is in the process of gazettal to become part of the conservation park this year.
- The Department of Environment and Science provided carparking in a provisional arrangement while the final carpark and associated wetland restoration on the new acquisition is designed and funded.
- Only 20 tourism businesses Australian-wide have achieved all three Ecotourism Australia certifications, and Mon Repos joins the Daintree Discovery Centre and Townsville's Reef HQ Aquarium as the only Queensland attractions on this exclusive list.
- In October 2020, GDC was awarded funding of \$490 000 by Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport for the Mon Repos cultural tourism project specifically to:
 - develop an off-site commercial kitchen and training facility at the GDC Environmental Marine Training Centre at Burnett Heads;
 - develop the Gidji Café and Indigenous art gallery/retail space at the Mon Repos Turtle Centre; and
 - purchase a specialised transportation vehicle to deliver food from the off-site commercial kitchen to the Gidji Café at the Mon Repos Turtle Centre.
- GDC contributed \$213 519 towards the project, bringing the total project cost to funded \$703,549.

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:
 - **\$2.7M in Small Business support and adaption grants** supporting 1,190 businesses in the Bundaberg area; and
 - **\$12.8M from our \$1 billion Jobs Support Loan scheme** to 85 businesses in Bundaberg area supporting 1,024 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>Bundaberg Regional Council (BRC) and Wide Bay SA4 area (Wide Bay SA4)</i> | | | | |
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| 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants | • As at 4 February 2022: | | | | |
| | Council area | No of grants paid | | | Funding |
| | | Businesses support | Birder zone hardship | Sole trader | |
| | Statewide | 30,785 | 391 | 4,268 | \$320.84M |
| BRC | 201 | N/A | 6 | \$723,000 | |
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| <p>\$200M for <u>Small Business Adaption grants</u> of up to \$10,000 (Rnds 1 & 2)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final payments October 2021: <table border="1" data-bbox="486 398 1460 689"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th></th> <th>No of Grants Paid</th> <th colspan="2">Funding</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Rnd 1</td> <td>QLD</td> <td>9,161</td> <td colspan="2">\$81.8M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BRC</td> <td>87</td> <td colspan="2">\$767,756</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Rnd 2</td> <td>QLD</td> <td>11,337</td> <td colspan="2">\$100.5M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BRC</td> <td>224</td> <td colspan="2">\$1.9M</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | | | | | | No of Grants Paid | Funding | | Rnd 1 | QLD | 9,161 | \$81.8M | | BRC | 87 | \$767,756 | | Rnd 2 | QLD | 11,337 | \$100.5M | | BRC | 224 | \$1.9M | |
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| <p><u>Household resilience grants</u> for households in cyclone affected areas</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jointly funded with Federal Government As at December 2021: <table border="1" data-bbox="486 1182 1460 1523"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th></th> <th>No of Projects</th> <th>Grants Funding</th> <th>Total Work Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Rnd 1</td> <td>QLD</td> <td>1,748</td> <td>\$18.2M</td> <td>\$29.7M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BRC</td> <td>159</td> <td>\$1.6M</td> <td>\$2.5M</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Rnd 2</td> <td>QLD</td> <td>1,783</td> <td>\$18.7M</td> <td>\$31.3M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BRC</td> <td>332</td> <td>3.5M</td> <td>\$5.3M</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | | | | | | No of Projects | Grants Funding | Total Work Value | Rnd 1 | QLD | 1,748 | \$18.2M | \$29.7M | BRC | 159 | \$1.6M | \$2.5M | Rnd 2 | QLD | 1,783 | \$18.7M | \$31.3M | BRC | 332 | 3.5M | \$5.3M |
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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 **Bundaberg Regional Council** received **\$1.6M supporting 140 local jobs**.
- Through our \$50M Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund we have provided more than **\$2M to support projects** such as Macadamias Austral Enterprises develop a Farm to Fork experience and Splitters Farm to develop a range of camp sites and improved day trip facilities.
- These projects are **supporting around 75 jobs** during construction and 25 ongoing operational jobs.

Key facts

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

- Macadamias Austral Enterprises P/L – \$936,450 to develop a Farm to Fork experience – completed July 2021 and supported 15 jobs during construction and 4 ongoing operational jobs.
- Splitters Farm – \$1.1M for 40 x powered camp sites, 20 x non powered camp sites, 8 x 5-star luxury eco-safari tents and improved day trip facilities incl. rotunda and jetty – completed July 2021 and supported 60 jobs during construction and 5 ongoing operational jobs.

\$7M Growing Indigenous Tourism

- The successful project within Bundaberg Regional Council area:

- \$490,000 for Gidarjil Development Corporation (GDC) Ltd for its Mon Repos Cultural Tourism project – which opened in November 2021. GDC also contributed \$213,519 to the project which included:
 - developing an off-site commercial kitchen and training facility at the GDC Environmental Marine Training Centre at Burnett Heads
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Tourism industry sentiment

- The Bundaberg region experienced a busy festive season however, bookings were impacted by cancellations resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Forward accommodation bookings for February/March are light.
- While there is general positivity from industry, there is a 'batten down the hatches' type of attitude as tourism operators and accommodation providers wait to see what the continued Covid-19 Omicron threat brings.
- There is concern about consumers spending cautiously on dining, retail and tourism attraction/entertainment in comparison to Summer 2021.
- Ongoing workforce challenges are impacting the region – hospitality and cleaning staff are the biggest shortages.
- Affordable housing shortages for skilled workforce in specialist roles wanting to move into the area is also an inhibitor.
- The Mon Repos Turtle Centre visitation has been trading well. The season began fully booked, however, COVID-19 cancellations have greatly impacted numbers. A substantial waitlist/stand-by list has helped with backfilling vacancies but mid-week availability across the rest of the season remains.
- Inconsistency of service and food offering at the new Gidji Café on the Mon Repos site has impacted sentiment with negative feedback coming through the Visitor Centre. Concerns focus on the perceived lack of COVID-Safe practices in place.

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 – Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service

- All data as at 6 February 2022.

Covid-19 cases

- Across **Queensland**, **457,559 recorded cases** of Covid-19, of which **47,876** were **active cases** and **296 people had died**.
- Across the **Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service (HHS)**, there were **6,219 recorded cases** of Covid-19, of which there were **820 active cases**. There have been **4 deaths** recorded in the Wide Bay HHS area.
- Wide Bay HHS was managing:
 - 33 in-patients with Covid-19 – no patients in ICU; and
 - 158 people with Covid-19 at home.
- There have been 2,334 recorded cases of Covid-19 within the Bundaberg Regional Council area, of which 2,313 cases were recorded since 13 December 2021.

Vaccinations – Percentage of Queensland population vaccinated

| | At least 1 dose | 2 doses | booster |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| 16 yrs & over | 92.18% | 89.94% | 58.37% |
| 12-15 yrs | 91.2% | 88.63% | |
| 5-11 yrs | 39.19% | 0.16% | |

- Wide Bay HHS **administered a total of 170,046 vaccine doses**.
- Within the Bundaberg Regional Council area, a total of 65,688 cumulative doses administered including 1,306 paediatric doses

Staff impacts

- Wide Bay HHS had:
 - 56 staff registered as being Covid-19 positive;
 - 54 staff were quarantined; and
 - no staff were in the workplace under Critically Essential Worker Provision.

Infrastructure

- The Government is delivering on its election commitment – *\$15M for a new adult alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation and treatment facility in Bundaberg.*
- In addition, the detailed business case is progressing for a new Bundaberg Hospital.

Key facts

- The 2021-22 Wide Bay HHS budget is **\$724M in operational funding.**
- In addition, we've committed millions of dollars in upgrades to Wide Bay health infrastructure.
- There are more than **3,400 staff in the Wide Bay HHS making it one of the largest employers in the region.**
- Since 2015, in the Wide Bay region, my Government has hired:
 - 97 more doctors; and
 - 311 more nurses and midwives.

Infrastructure

- \$24.65M Wide Bay Hospital detailed business case and land acquisition – (new Bundaberg Hospital):
 - \$3M preliminary business case was completed in 2019;
 - \$6.65M detailed business case for the new hospital on a new site in Bundaberg, build is nearing completion;
 - \$15M, in the 2021-22 Budget, is 'for the purchase of the preferred site for the proposed new hospital and associated project costs to enable detailed site planning in preparation for the first stage of the project'; and
 - the preferred site is State-owned land to the west of Kay McDuff Drive and adjacent to the Bundaberg Ring Road, as announced in July 2020 by the Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier.
- Bundaberg Alcohol and Other Drug Facility
 - 2020 election commitment – *\$15M 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*

- project is part of the \$51M Alcohol and Other Drug Community Treatment Program for three facilities to be built – other sites are Cairns and Ipswich;
 - the Bundaberg proposal project is for a 28-bed residential rehabilitation service for adults – eight withdrawal management beds and 20 residential treatment beds;
 - the proposed site, in Thabeban, received broad support from the community consultation undertaken in August 2021; and
 - the project is in the conceptual design phase and the whole project is expected to be completed by late-October 2023.
- \$39.61M Fraser Coast Inpatient Mental Health Service Enhancement project to improve mental health facilities:
 - Stage1 – a 22-bed acute inpatient unit at Hervey Bay Hospital – construction commenced in November 2020;
 - Stage 2 – refurbish the Maryborough Hospital inpatient unit into a 10-bed specialist sub-acute unit, which focuses on older people's mental health care;
 - the whole project is expected to be completed in June 2023 however Wide Bay HHS has received several extensions of time requests from the contractor and is working with the contractor to resolve matters.
- \$2.14M Bundaberg Oral Health Rectification Works
 - will rectify ongoing operational issues associated with the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system installed in the new Bundaberg Oral Health building; and
 - projects is expected to be completed by end of February 2022 and support 6 jobs during construction.
- \$1.58M (estimated budget) Bundaberg Hospital Mental Health Unit Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) upgrade
 - project is expected to commence at the end of March 2022 and be completed by December 2022 and support 5 jobs.

Waiting Lists

Elective Surgery Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 31 December 2021, 11,399 patients were added to the Elective Surgery Waitlist.
- As at 1 January 2022, the Elective Surgery – Ready for Surgery Waitlists showed:
 - ready for surgery waitlist **decreased** from 1,696 (as at 1 June 2020) to 1,646 – a reduction of 50; and
 - ready for surgery long waitlist **decreased** from 7 (as at 1 June 2020) to 6 – a reduction of 1.

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 procedures waitlist **increased** from 707 (as at 1 June 2020) to 865 – a growth of 158; and
 - the GIE procedures long waitlist **increased** from 96 (as at 1 June 2020) to 111 – a growth of 15.

LNP

- The LNP when last in Government cut 398 frontline health jobs across Townsville, including 156 nurses.

Background

Renal Services

- **As part of phase 1 the renal unit** decanted 17 chairs in November 2019.
- The additional chairs were opened in early 2020 taking the total number of chairs to 30.
- The unit treats approximately **48 - 50 patients each day**.

Policing and Youth Crime

POLICE NUMBERS

- **Wide Bay Police District has 495 permanent positions, up 20 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 2,947 offences or 21 per cent** compared with previous year.
- From 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021, compared with the previous year, the rate of:
 - Offences Against the Person **increased by 558 or 43 per cent;**
 - Offences Against Property **increased by 1,277 or 30 per cent;** and
 - Other Offences **increased by 662 offences or 10 per cent.**

INFRASTRUCTURE

- \$3.8M Hervey Bay water police facility replacement which is expected to support 12.54 jobs during construction.
- \$4.0M Maryborough police facility upgrade which is expected to support 13.2 jobs during construction.

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

- As at 3 February 2022, Hervey Bay youth justice service centre and the Bundaberg output service provide supervision to 25 young people.
- 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 provide by the courts, comparing 2020-21 to 2018-19 there was:
 - a **36 per cent decrease** in the **number of proven offences** committed in Bundaberg by 10-17-year-olds.
 - a **48 per cent decrease** in the **number of distinct 10-17-year-old offenders**, with at least one proven offence committed in Bundaberg.
- **In 2020-21, there were 31 restorative justice conferences held in Bundaberg.**

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.**

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Major Road and Transport Upgrades – Bundaberg

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

Funding assistance for the infrastructure services at the Bundaberg Industrial Estate on Kay McDuff Drive

- Grants Bundaberg Regional Council could apply for funding to provide necessary infrastructure to service the Bundaberg Industrial Estate on Kay McDuff Drive/Ring Road area.
- Through the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning there are several relevant grant programs that provide funding to local governments to deliver capital infrastructure – such as Works for Queensland (WfQ) and the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP).
- 2021-24 WfQ funding round projects are underway. However, under the LGGSP, councils can apply for project funding to deliver priority infrastructure, including sewerage and water infrastructure, and essential services that meet the identified needs of their communities.
- The next round (2022-24) of this competitive funding program has been launched. Applications for funding close on 4 March 2022 and Bundaberg Regional Council should review the program guidelines to confirm project eligibility and application requirements.

General road and transport upgrades

- Recent projects completed include:
 - **\$6.3M** Bundaberg – Gin Gin Road – safety upgrades – supported 42 jobs – completed November 2020;

- **\$3.5M** Bundaberg – Bargara Road – upgrades between Whittred St and Hillrose Ct intersections – completed in mid-2021;
- **\$20.3M** jointly funded upgrade on a 3km section of the Bruce Highway at Apple Tree Creek – supported around 50 jobs – completed August 2021;
- **\$5M** Isis Highway – between Bundaberg and Childers – constructed a westbound overtaking lane – completed June-2021; and
- **\$18M** Burnett Highway - Three Moon Creek Bridge replacement – completed August 2021.
- Projects underway right now include:
 - **\$600,000** Kennedy Bridge rehabilitation – expected to be completed late-2022;
 - **\$25M** John Petersen Bridge reconstruction – expected to be completed in early-2023;
 - **\$103M** new Saltwater Creek Bridge between Maryborough and Torbanlea (Gin Gin) – expected to support 286 jobs – due to be completed late-2023;
 - **\$3.665M** Bundaberg Bus Facility, Takalavan Street – work expected to commence in April 2021; and
 - **estimated \$80,000** for removal of the Innes Park Boat Ramp – expected to be completed by March 2022.
- Projects in the planning phase include:
 - **\$815,000** Bundaberg Integrated Transport Strategy – community consultation expected to commence February 2022 with the strategy expected to be finalised mid-to-late-2022;
 - **\$44.1M** Maryborough - Hervey Bay Road and Pialba - Burrum Heads Road intersection upgrade – detailed design expected to be completed late-2022;
 - **\$1.354M** Bundaberg - Port Road, Bundaberg - Bargara Road to Port of Bundaberg – planning in progress and expected to be completed in 2023; and
 - **\$41.82M** Isis Highway – various locations between Bundaberg to Childers to improve safety – all works expected to be completed by mid-2024.

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

- The Bundaberg Industrial Estate is located at Kay McDuff Drive Bundaberg and was developed by Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) over several stages. The estate comprises 23 serviced high impact zoned industrial lots with a total area of approximately
- 18.7 hectares. EDQ funded the construction of these lots and the infrastructure to service them, in accordance with Bundaberg Regional Council's (BRC) development conditions.
- In January 2022, Cr Jack Dempsey, Mayor, BRC wrote to the Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Olympics requesting a special infrastructure funding arrangement for BRC.
- Mayor Dempsey is seeking what financial support (grants) might be available to BRC to develop the necessary infrastructure to support the pipeline of projects in the Bundaberg Industrial Estate.
- Mayor Dempsey advised water infrastructure was mostly dealt with – as proponents were paying for that infrastructure, but funding was needed for sewerage, roads and telecommunications infrastructure.

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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 **40 schools in the Bundaberg Regional Council area:**
 - major infrastructure work has been carried out and completed at **25 schools totalling more than \$38M;**
 - **almost \$10M worth of works at 21 schools** is in progress or being planned, including 6 election commitments;
 - all schools have air conditioning – **58 schools received air conditioning through the Cooler Cleaner Schools Program (CCSP) or as part of being a new school;** and
 - **all schools have solar panels – 29 schools installed solar panels** through the Advancing Clean Energy Schools (ACES) program.

Key facts

New Schools

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

Major infrastructure

- More than **\$38M** worth of major infrastructure work completed at 25 schools since 2017.

| School | Electorate | Cost | Project |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------|--|
| Bargara State School | Burnett | \$1.2M | new Prep building – completed by Nov-2021 |
| | | \$348,483 | refurbish Block A – completed by Jun-2019 |
| | | \$159,074 | playground upgrades – completed by Jun-2018 |
| Branyan Road State School | Bundaberg | \$2.1M | new multi-storey learning centre – completed 31 October 2019 |
| Bundaberg Central State School | Bundaberg | \$146,693 | refurbish Block E & Library – completed by Jun-2018 |
| Bundaberg East State School | Bundaberg | \$312,088 | covered sports courts – completed by Jun-2018 |
| Bundaberg North State High School | Bundaberg | \$330,980 | 2x refurbish OLAs – completed by Jun-2019 |
| | | \$334,477 | refurbish Block C – completed by Jun-2019 |
| | | \$100,000 | replace & tint windows – completed by Jun2021 |
| Bundaberg South State School | Bundaberg | \$311,277 | refurbish Block E – completed by Jun-2020 |
| Bundaberg Special School | Bundaberg | \$381,513 | refurbish amenities & playgrounds – completed by Jun-2021 |
| | | \$126,079 | <i>install a covered walkway* – completed by Jun-2020</i> |
| Bundaberg State High School | Bundaberg | \$1.7M | refurbish Block Q & new covered link – completed Jan-2020 |
| | | \$3.0M | extend & refurbish sports centre – completed Jun-2020 |
| | | \$7.8M | new 3 storey building – completed by Nov-2021 |
| | | \$1.4M | extend & refurbish Block U – completed Nov-2021 |
| Bundaberg West State School | Bundaberg | \$746,245 | refurbish Block E – all projects completed by Jun-2020 |
| Burnett Heads State School | Burnett | \$553,543 | refurbish Block B & OLA – Jun-2021 |
| Childers State School | Burnett | \$1.3M | refurbish Blocks 1, 2 C – all projects completed by Jun-2021 |
| Elliott Heads State School | Burnett | \$176,019 | multi-purpose hall (stage 1) – completed by Jun-2021 |

| School | Electorate | Cost | Project |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|---|
| | | \$1.0M | prefabricated building – completed by Nov-2021 |
| Gin Gin State High School | Callide | \$242,577 | refurbish OLA, Block C & replace fixed furniture – all projects completed by Jun-2020 |
| Gooburrum State School | Burnett | \$3.1M | new multi-storey learning centre – completed Mar-2020 |
| Goodwood State School | Burnett | \$107,015 | refurbish Block A – completed by Jun-2018 |
| Isis District State High School | Burnett | \$1.1M | annexe repurposed to ag learning area – completed Dec-2019 |
| | | \$166,824 | equitable access to amenities – completed by Jun-2021 |
| | | \$1.5M | refurbish various blocks – all projects completed by Nov-2021 |
| Kalkie State School | Bundaberg | \$197,309 | Block A equitable access – completed by \$197,309 |
| | | \$100,000 | funding towards playground upgrade – completed by Jun-2021 |
| | | \$161,188 | relocate & refurbish OLA – completed by Jun-2018 |
| Kepnock State High School | Bundaberg | \$4.5M | new multi-purpose hall – completed by Jun-2020 |
| | | \$1.4M | refurbish & extend administration area – completed by Jun-2019 |
| Kolan South State School | Burnett | \$161,770 | refurbish Blocks A & B – completed by Jun-2018 |
| Sharon State School | Burnett | \$376,402 | refurbish OLA & Blocks A & A3 – all projects completed by Jun-2020 |
| Walkervale State School | Bundaberg | \$749,312 | refurbish 3 OLAs – all projects completed by Jun-2021 |
| Wallaville State School | Callide | \$193,589 | refurbish OLA & entry to Block A & enclose covered sports courts – all projects completed by Jun-2019 |
| Woongarra State School | Burnett | \$415,264 | refurbish OLA & amenities block – all projects completed by Jun-2021 |
| Yandaran State School | Burnett | \$232,451 | replace shade structure – completed by Jun-2018 |

Notes:

GLA – general learning areas

OLA – open learning area

* 2020 Election Commitment

- **Going forward, we're also investing almost \$10M** worth of works (including commitments announced in the 2020 Election) in 21 schools.

| School | Electorate | Budget | Project |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------|---|
| Avoca State School | Bundaberg | \$100,000 | upgrade playground – |
| | | \$350,000 | refurbish Blocks A & B – |
| Bargara State School | Burnett | \$350,000 | refurbish Block B – |
| | | \$110,000 | covered walkway – |
| Booyal Central State School | Burnett | \$270,000 | equitable access & a covered walkway – |
| Bullyard State School | Callide | \$158,092 | sports courts shade structure – |
| Bundaberg East State School | Bundaberg | \$100,000 | covered walkways – |
| | | \$110,000 | covered access to hall & court – |
| | | \$250,000 | refurbish Block A – |
| Bundaberg North State High School | Bundaberg | \$556,009 | refurbish Block B's OLA – |
| Bundaberg North State School | Bundaberg | \$350,000 | refurbish Block A – |
| Bundaberg South State School | Bundaberg | \$440,000 | school fence – |
| | | \$150,000 | <i>install a covered walkway*</i> – |
| Bundaberg State High School | Bundaberg | \$150,000 | equitable walkway – |
| Bundaberg West State School | Bundaberg | \$300,000 | covered walkway – |
| Gin Gin State High School | Callide | \$2.3M | <i>additional infrastructure - admin area, covered walkway & refurbish Block B*</i> – |
| Gin Gin State School | Callide | \$192,414 | upgrade covered learning area – |
| Isis District State High School | Bundaberg | \$150,000 | <i>provide equitable access to amenities*</i> – |
| Isis District State High School | Burnett | \$200,000 | youth flexispace – |
| Kalkie State School | Bundaberg | \$175,000 | covered walkway – |
| Kolan South State School | Burnett | \$500,000 | <i>install a lift and covered walkway*</i> – |
| | | \$100,000 | refurbish Block A - |
| Norville State School | Bundaberg | \$700,000 | <i>school security fence*</i> – |
| Oakwood State School | Burnett | \$200,000 | refurbish Blocks H & G |
| Thabeban State School | Bundaberg | \$150,000 | refurbish Prep area – |

| School | Electorate | Budget | Project |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|--|
| Walkervale State School | Bundaberg | \$350,000 | refurbish Block A – |
| Woongarra State School | Burnett | \$1.0M | <i>provide wastewater and water service* –</i> |

Notes:

GLA – general learning areas

OLA – open learning area

* 2020 Election Commitment

Air conditioning and solar panels

- In February 2020, the Government announced the CCSP which is providing more than \$477M over 4 years to air condition state schools and expand the existing 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.

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Air Conditioning and Solar Panels in Schools – Bundaberg Regional Council area

| Electorate | Facility Name | Air Conditioning (CCSP) | Solar Panels (ACES program) |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Milestone | Milestone |
| Bundaberg | Avoca State School | completed | completed phase 2 – 104 panels |
| Bundaberg | Branyan Road State School | completed | completed phase 2 – 104 panels |
| Bundaberg | Bundaberg Central State School | completed | completed phase 1 – |
| Bundaberg | Bundaberg East State School | completed | completed phase 1 – |
| Bundaberg | Bundaberg North State High School | completed | completed phase 1 – |
| Bundaberg | Bundaberg North State School | already installed | completed phase 1 – 103 panels |
| Bundaberg | Bundaberg South State School | completed | completed phase 1 – 84 panels |
| Bundaberg | Bundaberg Special School | completed | completed phase 1 – 300 panels |
| Bundaberg | Bundaberg State High School | completed | completed phase 1 – |
| Bundaberg | Bundaberg West State School | completed | completed phase 1 – |
| Bundaberg | Kalkie State School | completed | completed phase 1 – |
| Bundaberg | Kepnock State High School | completed | completed phase 2 – 570 panels |
| Bundaberg | Norville State School | completed | completed phase 1 – |
| Bundaberg | Thabeban State School | completed | completed phase 2 – 96 panels |
| Bundaberg | Walkervale State School | completed | completed phase 1 – |
| Burnett | Alloway State School | already installed | already installed |
| Burnett | Avondale State School | already installed | already installed |
| Burnett | Bargara State School | completed | completed phase 1 – |
| Burnett | Booyal Central State School | already installed | already installed |
| Burnett | Burnett Heads State School | completed | completed phase 1 – |
| Burnett | Childers State School | already installed | completed phase 2 – 81 panels |
| Burnett | Cordalba State School | already installed | already installed |
| Burnett | Elliott Heads State School | already installed | completed phase 2 – 90 panels |
| Burnett | Givelda State School | already installed | already installed |
| Burnett | Gooburrum State School | completed | completed phase 2 – 98 panels |
| Burnett | Goodwood State School | completed | already installed |
| Burnett | Isis District State High School | completed | completed phase 2 – 196 panels |

| Electorate | Facility Name | Air Conditioning (CCSP) | Solar Panels (ACES program) |
|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Milestone | Milestone |
| Burnett | Kolan South State School | completed | completed phase 2 – 102 panels |
| Burnett | Moore Park Beach State School | already installed | completed phase 2 – 98 panels |
| Burnett | Oakwood State School | completed | completed phase 2 – 98 panels |
| Burnett | Sharon State School | completed | completed phase 2 – 88 panels |
| Burnett | Winfield State School | already installed | already installed |
| Burnett | Woongarra State School | completed | completed phase 1 – 300 panels |
| Burnett | Yandaran State School | completed | already installed |
| Callide | Bullyard State School | completed | already installed |
| Callide | Gin Gin State High School | completed | completed phase 2 – 270 panels |
| Callide | Gin Gin State School | completed | completed phase 2 – 104 panels |
| Callide | Maroondan State School | already installed | already installed |
| Callide | Mcllwraith State School | already installed | already installed |
| Callide | Wallaville State School | completed | already installed |

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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.

Australian South Sea Islander Community

Recommended response

- My Government is identifying opportunities to strengthen support and recognition of Australian South Sea Islander peoples.
- The Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council (MQAC) provides the mechanism for the Hon Leanne Linard MP, Minister for Children, Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Minister for Multicultural Affairs) to hear advice and recommendations on the needs, aspirations and contributions of people from diverse backgrounds.
- Along with the work of the Queensland United Australian South Sea Islander Council (QUASSIC), MQAC provides the best way for the Australian South Sea Islander community to raise their issues with Government.

Key Facts

- Queensland's current Multicultural Policy *Our story, our future* includes a specific statement recognising Australian South Sea Islander people's unique history, and the contributions made to the social, cultural, and economic development of Queensland.
- The Government provided the Mackay Regional Council funding of over \$800,000 between 2009-10 and 2021 under the Community Action for a Multicultural Society (CAMS) program to deliver activities that support the Australian South Sea Islander community – including \$50,000 in 2018 to support the Australian South Sea Islander community to establish a representative body.
- The Government adopted a formal Recognition Statement of the Australian South Sea Islander community in July 2000 followed by an action plan in 2001.
- Australian South Sea Islander Community Foundation was established to provide scholarships for undergraduate students.

Background

Consideration of a formal statewide apology for abhorrent historical practices and reconciliation.

- On 9 April 2021, Mr Stephen Andrew MP, Member for Mirani, wrote to the Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Olympics and all Ministers regarding Queensland's Australian South Sea Islander community and a proposed Private Member's Bill he termed the 'Kanaka Bill'.

- The proposed Bill seeks to form the basis of addressing disadvantage experienced by Australian South Sea Islander peoples, including through restitution being provided to the Australian South Sea Islander community through a program of special measures which had financial implications.
- The Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs (DCYJMA) and DPC prepared a draft Government response: declining the request for the Government support for the proposed Bill; noting the Government's ongoing commitment to Australian South Sea Islander peoples; and indicating the Premier has asked the Minister for Multicultural Affairs to identify possible actions that may support better outcomes for the Australian South Sea Islander community.
- On 30 July 2021, during Vanuatu Independence Day celebrations, Cr Jack Dempsey, Mayor Bundaberg Regional Council, issued an apology for past injustices against people from Pacific Islands. Cr Dempsey wrote to the Premier on 10 August 2021 to request consideration of a Queensland Government formal apology.
- On 14 September 2021, Minister for Multicultural Affairs met with the Member for Mirani and the president of the QUASSIC where the Minister indicated although the government would not be supporting the Kanaka Bill, it was considering several actions to support the needs of the Australian South Sea Islander people.

Recognition and promotion of Australian South Sea Islander culture and heritage

- In a meeting on 3 June 2021 with Minister for Multicultural Affairs, QUASSIC indicated specific interest in issues such as health, the need for culturally appropriate engagement with communities, and increased data collection by agencies.
- In October 2021, options were provided to DPC. All options would require further stakeholder engagement and work to establish more robust demographic data, service use and service need among Australian South Sea Islander peoples.

QUASSIC

- On 21 September 2017, the Hon Grace Grace MP, the then Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs hosted an Australian South Sea Islander community meeting where the community raised the need to establish a community-led state representative body.
- The Mackay Regional Council received funding of \$812,149 under the CAMS program since 2009/10 – 31 December 2021 to support social connectedness for Australian South Sea Islander people across Queensland as well as to assist in the establishment of a community-led state representative body.
- On 27 June 2019, a state representative body was registered as QUASSIC with its purpose to 'Develop an inclusive, respectful and unified statewide community entity for the advancement of Australian South Sea Islander organisations and their community members in Queensland.'
- In December 2021, Minister Linard wrote to Mr Clacy Fatnowna, President of QUASSIC, confirming QUASSIC's funding application was successful.
- DCYJMA has been working with QUASSIC to finalise the twelve-month contract for \$70,000.

Bruce Highway

Recommended response

- Queensland's economic recovery plan is about building the infrastructure we need to create jobs.
- That plan includes a **jointly-funded \$13 billion for the Bruce Highway** to improve flood resilience and safety and increase capacity.
- The Bruce is Queensland's backbone and upgrades are underway or about to start in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Gympie and the Sunshine Coast, supporting thousands of jobs.
- **This government has also established a Bruce Highway Trust** to take the politics out of the Bruce and lock in a long-term pipeline of jobs and infrastructure upgrades, with members from peak Queensland industry and business bodies.
- **In September 2021**, the Government also appointed **six regional members to the Trust**, to make sure the funding was going to where it's needed most.
- **Locally:**
 - **\$103M new Saltwater Creek Bridge between Maryborough and Torbanlea (Gin Gin) – expected to support 286 jobs – due to be completed late-2023;**
 - **\$20.3M Maryborough to Apple Tree Creek (Gin Gin) – safety upgrades – supporting 50 jobs – completed August 2021; and**
 - **\$43.4M Gin Gin to Benaraby – safety improvements – due to be completed December 2022;**

LNP Cuts

- Under Newman and Frecklington the LNP cut \$1.6 billion out of the road and transport budget and made a virtue out of it.
- Sacked 20 per cent of Main Roads staff, including 700 road builders.
- LNP cannot be trusted when it comes to committing funds to regional roads.

Background

- Currently \$13 billion in joint-funding locked in for the Bruce Highway helping to build major job creating, congestion busting projects like:
 - \$163.3M Deception Bay Road Interchange – construction due to be completed early-2023;

- \$662.5M Caboolture to Steve Irwin Way upgrade – 664 jobs (for the entire project) – construction due to be completed late-2023;
- \$932M Caloundra Road to the Sunshine Motorway – 680 jobs – completed in July 2021;
- \$1 billion Cooroy to Curra Section D (Gympie Bypass) – 576 jobs – construction due to be completed mid-2024;
- \$14M Wide Bay Highway intersection (Gympie) upgrade – between Meadows Lane and the Wide Bay Highway – completed September 2021;
- \$336M Tiaro Bypass (Gympie to Maryborough) – improve flood immunity – project is in the planning phase;
- **\$103M new Saltwater Creek Bridge between Maryborough and Torbanlea (Gin Gin) – expected to support 286 jobs – due to be completed late-2023;**
- **\$20.3M Maryborough to Apple Tree Creek (Gin Gin) – safety upgrades – supporting 50 jobs – completed August 2021;**
- **\$43.4M Gin Gin to Benaraby – safety improvements – due to be completed December 2022;**
- \$21M Calliope River to Mount Larcom – intersection and safety upgrades – 55 jobs – completed May-2021;
- \$26.66M Gentle Annie Road, Ambrose to St Arnauds Creek, Raglan – safety upgrades – 71 jobs – completed August 2021;
- \$194M Rockhampton Northern Access Upgrade – 261 jobs – completed August 2021;
- \$32.25M Neilsen Avenue, Rockhampton to Plentiful Creek, St Lawrence – safety upgrades – 24 jobs – due to be completed October 2021;
- \$10.93M Plentiful Creek, St Lawrence – overtaking lanes – 24 jobs – completed January 2021;
- \$497.3M Mackay Ring Road – supported 534 jobs – opened to traffic in September 2020;
- \$120.35M Mackay Northern Access Upgrade project (from the Ron Camm Bridge to Bald Hill Road) – supporting 154 jobs – due to be completed August 2022;
- \$39.13M The Leap to Careys Creek (between Mackay and Proserpine) – safety upgrades – supporting 94 jobs – completed January 2022;
- \$44.07M Ten Mile Creek to Yeats Creek (between Proserpine and Bowen) – safety upgrades – due to be completed December-2023;
- \$38.82M Emu Creek to Drays Road (between Proserpine and Bowen) – safety upgrades – due to be completed December-2022;
- \$8.03M Bowen Connection Road (Bowen) – intersection safety upgrade – due to be completed late-2022;
- \$514.3M Haughton River Floodplain (Giru) upgrade – supported 544 jobs – completed October-2021 with ancillary works expected to continue till late-2022;
- \$44.14M Mailman Road to Mackenzie Creek (south of Townsville) – safety upgrades – 89 jobs – completed November 2020;
- \$230M Townsville Ring Road Stage 5 – between Vickers Bridge and Shaw Road – expected to support 398 jobs – due to be completed early-2023;
- \$24.9M Bluewater – widening, intersection upgrades and overtaking lanes – supported 63 jobs – completed August-2020;

- \$107.65M Townsville Northern Access Intersection upgrade (Bruce Highway) at Black River – supporting 178 jobs – construction expected to be completed by early-2023;
 - \$29.17M Hechts Road to Easter Creek (Bambaroo, north of Townsville) – safety upgrades – supporting almost 50 jobs – completed November-2021;
 - \$11M Dallachy Road, near Tully – improve flood immunity – project is in the planning phase;
 - \$481M Cairns Southern Access Stage 3 – from Gordonvale to Edmonton – 466 jobs – due to be completed late 2023;
 - \$123.7M Cairns Southern Access Stage 4 – between Kate and Aumuller streets – 130 jobs – completed July 2021; and
 - \$225M Cairns Southern Access Stage 5 – Foster Road intersection upgrade (Cairns) – project is in the planning phase.
- Based on 80:20 funding arrangements, the rolling five-year action plans will identify upgrades to the Bruce Highway which are most important to Queenslanders, for future federal and state government funding consideration.
 - There are also some Bruce Highway upgrade projects the Federal Government is funding 100 per cent.
 - **Membership of the Bruce Highway Trust Advisory Council:**
 - Chair – Peter Garske, Director Queensland Transport and Logistics Council and former CEO of the Queensland Trucking Association
 - Deputy Chair – Barbara Madden, company director, Smithfield Group
 - Local Government Association of Queensland – CEO, Greg Hallam AM, PSM
 - Royal Automobile Club of Queensland – Chief Communication Officer, Paul Turner
 - Queensland Trucking Association – CEO, Gary Mahon
 - Queensland Farmers' Federation – CEO, Dr Georgina Davis
 - Queensland Tourism Industry Council – CEO, Daniel Gschwind
 - Transport Workers' Union – Branch secretary, Peter Biagini
 - Ellie Pearson – civil/environmental engineer with roads and transport experience
 - Anita Mumford – civil engineer with highway planning and design experience
 - Julie Boyd – local government, regional development and road safety knowledge
 - Robert Dorgelo – roads and highways engineer
 - Tania Dennis – architect and urban design with strong regional development experience
 - Brian Hughes – experienced former Road Safety Advisor.