

**Toowoomba (Darling Downs region)
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- 58 schools in the Toowoomba Regional Council area
- more than \$81M of major infrastructure work completed at 31 schools
- more than \$68M of works at 12 schools is in progress or being planned

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- \$26.89M to 524 concessional loans, supporting 1,762 local jobs
- \$15.58M for Works for Qld projects supporting more than 85 local jobs.

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- \$840,000 in tourism and hospitality hardship grants to 28 businesses

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- \$42M Toowoomba Hospital Day Surgery – due for completion Dec-2023

10. Policing and Youth Crime – Darling Downs Region

- 3% increase in offences
- 6% increase in the number of proven offences
- 18% decrease in number of distinct 10-17-year-old offenders

11. Road and Transport Upgrades – Toowoomba region

- \$11M State Government funded Rocky Creek Bridge, Murphy's Creek Road – bridge replacement project – expected to be completed by mid 2022
- \$10.7M State Government funded New England Highway (Yarraman – Toowoomba) pavement widening project – due to be completed by mid 2022
- \$1.6 billion Toowoomba Bypass completed September 2019

STATE-WIDE BRIEFS

12. Inland Rail

- \$14.5 billion Federal Government project with 3 associated projects:
 - \$15M Toowoomba to Brisbane Passenger Rail Strategic Business Case
 - \$10M Toowoomba to Gladstone Inland Rail Extension project
 - SEQ Inland Rail Intermodal Terminal Study – DTMR preparing business case in consultation with Federal Government

REGION PROFILE	DARLING DOWNS
ELECTORATE	SITTING MEMBER
Callide	Mr Colin Boyce (LNP)
Condamine	Mr Pat Weir (LNP)
Lockyer	Mr Jim McDonald (LNP)
Nanango	Mrs Deb Frecklington (LNP)
Southern Downs	Mr James Lister (LNP)
Toowoomba North	Mr Trevor Watts (LNP)
Toowoomba South	Mr David Janetzki (LNP)
Warrego	Ms Ann Leahy (LNP)

Queensland Government FTEs		2021	2015
Doctors	Darling Downs HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	481.89	320.56
Nurses		2274.20	1,739.09
Other health professionals		623.89	428.87
Doctors	South West HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	29.10	22.83
Nurses		368.77	309.21
Other health professionals		79.68	56.30
Doctors	West Moreton HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	453.42	292.29
Nurses		1950.56	1,253.10
Other health professionals		547.68	337.26
Ambulance officers	Darling Downs – Maranoa & Toowoomba SA4s <i>source: PSC supplied MOHRI data</i>	330.39	411.47
Police officers		583.38	838.82
Fire officers		159.35	206.20
Teachers		2,982.53	3,584.36
Teacher aides		850.73	877.51

Employment – annual rate change	2021 (Dec)	2015 (Feb)
Queensland employment	3.5%	1.6%
Darling Downs - Maranoa employment (SA4)	-0.3%	-1.3%
Toowoomba employment (SA4)	-2.0%	-10.9%
Unemployment Rate		
Queensland unemployment	4.7%	6.5%
Darling Downs - Maranoa unemployment (SA4)	6.9%	3.5%
Toowoomba unemployment (SA4)	4.4%	4.3%
Queensland youth unemployment	11.2%	14.1%
Darling Downs - Maranoa youth unemployment (SA4)	11.4%	8.3%
Toowoomba youth unemployment (SA4)	9.3%	11.4%

Employment by industry (2016 census)	Number	Percent
Health care and social assistance	15,276	12.6%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	14,057	11.6%
Education and training	12,057	9.9%
Retail trade	11,559	9.5%
Construction	9,955	8.2%

	Queensland	DD Region
Median age (estimated as at 30 June 2020)	37.8 years	39 years
Population (estimated as at 30 June 2020)	5,176,186	288,697
Crime rate (per 100,000 persons) 2020-21	9,154	10,142

Tourism (Sep 2021)	Tourism Region	Visitors	Expenditure
Domestic tourism	Southern Qld	2.1 million	\$752.4M
International tourism	Country	not published	not published

ECONOMIC PROFILE

Budget 2021-22	Darling Downs
Infrastructure	\$763.0M
<u>Community wellbeing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilsonton Neighbourhood Centre 	
<u>Utilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coolmunda Dam improvement project (planning works) • Karara Wind Farm • Kogan Creek Power Station enhancements, overhauls and refurbishment • Kogan North Gas Fields development • Yarranlea substation upgrade – to improve network performance 	
<u>Transport and roads</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cunningham Highway (Ipswich – Warwick), Eight Mile intersection upgrade • Toowoomba Wellcamp Trade Distribution Centre airfreight access for agricultural producers 	
<u>Justice and safety</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dalby police facility upgrade • Warwick police facility upgrade 	
<u>Government services</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycled Water for Warwick Industry • Toowoomba Escarpment Parks Upgrades 	

Budget 2021-22	Darling Downs
<u>Recreation and culture</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bigger Big Rig and Tree Walk • Girraween National Park camping area redevelopment • Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program • Queensland Museum public programs – temporary exhibitions at regional campuses • Wellcamp Entertainment Precinct • West Wanderers Football Club 	
Health	\$1.1B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinchilla Hospital – replacement of generator • Goondiwindi and Warwick Hospitals – upgrades to facilities • Roma Hospital – redevelopment • South West Hospital and Health Service – multiple construction projects • Toowoomba Day Surgery Theatre • Toowoomba Hospital – construction projects to improve facilities 	
Education	\$67.7M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinchilla State High School – new skills and development • Highlands State School – administration building upgrade • Clifford Park Special School – new building and relocate Denise Kable Centre • Grantham State School – upgrade amenities block • Clifton State High School – upgrade skills and training facilities • Tara Shire State College – skills and development • Toowoomba TAFE – Stage 2 of the Rural Centre of Excellence • Toowoomba West Special School – new building and upgrade the administration building • Warwick State High School – new hall facility • Wilsonton State High School – new building and upgrade the administration building 	
Total jobs supported in this region	2,500

	Jobs	Funding	
Building our Regions (Rounds 1-5) (30 Sep 2021)			
Darling Downs region	399.10	\$55.407M	
Works for Queensland (Summary) – Darling Downs region (30 Sep 2021)			
2019-21 Rnd	930.0	\$9.41M	
2020-21 COVID-19 Unite & Recover CSP¹ SEQ Rnd	78.0	\$4.38M	
2020-21 COVID Rnd	381.0	\$14.21M	
2021-24 Rnd	88.0	\$23.3M	
2021-24 CSP¹ SEQ Rnd	17.7	\$23.3M	
Back to Work (Total across all programs)	Employers	Jobs	Funding
<u>Initial</u> Back to work (closed 30 Jun 2021)	618	1,119	\$12.82M
<u>Revitalised</u> Back to Work (31 Jan 2022)	10	10	\$52,875
Skilling Queenslanders for Work (28 Jan 2022)		Jobs	Funding
Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative		2,821	\$30.94M

Notes:

1 Community Stimulus Package

* estimated FTEs

Local Government	Mayor
Balonne Shire Council	Cr Samantha O'Toole
Goondiwindi Regional Council	Cr Lawrence Springborg
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	Cr Tanya Milligan
Maranoa Regional Council	Cr Tyson Golder
Southern Downs Regional Council	Cr Victor Pennisi
Toowoomba Regional Council	Cr Paul Antonio
Western Downs Regional Council	Cr Paul McVeigh

PREVIOUS VISITS

Since 2015, the Government held:

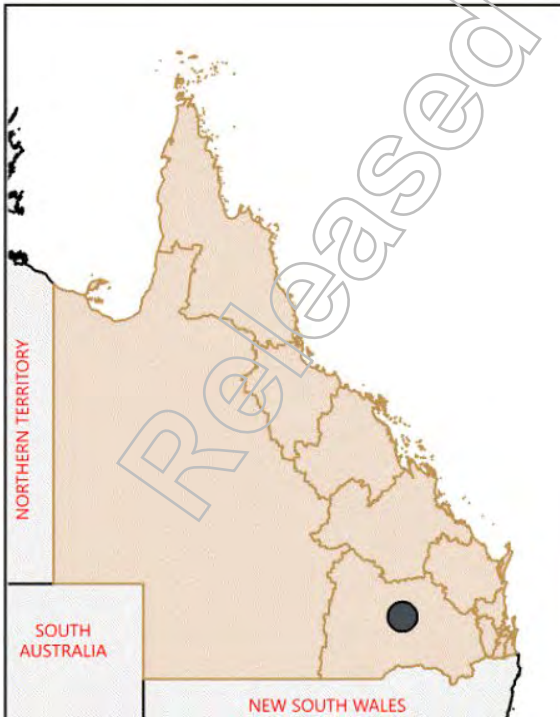
- 1 Governing from the Regions (GFR) in Toowoomba (7 GFR have been held across the State); and
- 1 offsite Cabinet meeting with a reception in Toowoomba (21 off-site Cabinet meetings have been held across the State, of which 6 included community receptions).

DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
1 June 2021	Roma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Official Opening of Santos Roma Office – meet with Cr Tyson Golder, Mayor, Maranoa Regional Council – visit the Roma Hospital
15 April 2021	Stanthorpe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – announced the Southern Downs Resilience Package
29 January 2020	Toowoomba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend Opening of Qantas Group Pilot Academy – meet with Mayor, Toowoomba Regional Council – visit Toowoomba TAFE's Agriculture Rural Centre of Excellence
20 January 2020	Southern Downs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit Toowoomba to Warwick Pipeline potential corridor – visit Storm King Dam – visit Brinx Deli and Café, Stanthorpe – visit Sam's Farm Fresh Fruit and Veg, Stanthorpe
8 October 2019	Roma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Roma Saleyards 50th Anniversary celebrations – visit to Roma Hospital
21 September 2019	Toowoomba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers event – attend Defence Forces Salute
15 August 2019	Stanthorpe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meet with Mayor, Southern Downs Regional Council – inspect Storm King Dam, Stanthorpe
24-26 September 2018	Toowoomba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governing from the Regions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit Laurel Bank Gardens – Premier's Women on Boards Lunch, Toowoomba
26 June 2018	Roma and Wallumbilla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meeting in Wallumbilla
23 January 2018	Roma/ Western Downs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit saleyards and view cattle sales – visit Western Downs Solar Project, Kogan

DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
18 September 2017	Toowoomba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offsite Cabinet meeting
16-17 September 2017	Toowoomba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Garden Party and concert – attend Ergon Energy Food and Wines Festival
16-17 January 2017	Roma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – inspect Roma Airport upgrades funded by Building Our Regions – attend BBQ with Queensland Murray Darling Committee members – visit Roma Sale Yards – visit Roma Hospital – meet with Mayor, Maranoa Regional Council

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MAP – Darling Downs region



Government Achievements – Toowoomba area

ROADS AND TRANSPORT

- \$1.606 billion Toowoomba Bypass is a 41km toll road which opened to traffic on 8 September 2019. The Bypass connects the Warrego Highway at Helidon Spa to the Gore Highway at Athol via Charlton. The project created more than 3,700 local jobs during construction. (*Funding - \$1.137 billion Federal Gov and \$469M State Gov*)
- \$19M Heavy Vehicle Decoupling Facility – funded by the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing project and delivered in two packages with packages completed in November 2020 and March 2021.
- \$2.75M Warrego Highway (Toowoomba – Dalby), Brimblecombe Road, upgrade intersection – completed in December 2021.
- \$64M Toowoomba Range Clearance Upgrade project, completed in February 2020, increased capacity and efficiency for freight haulage in regional Queensland. The project lowered the floors of 11 heritage rail tunnels on the Toowoomba and Little Liverpool Ranges, to enable transport of larger containerised freight by rail from the Darling Downs and South West Queensland regions directly to the Port of Brisbane.
- \$21M Toowoomba Range Slope Stabilisation project, completed in September 2020, improved stability and drainage along the Range and involved excavating and rebuilding sections of the railway embankments at two sites near Spring Bluff, as well as upgrading drainage. The upgrades support the 224 trains that operate on the line each week.

HEALTH

- Toowoomba Hospital projects
 - \$2.4M electrical infrastructure upgrade – completed March 2017;
 - \$2.5M extend clinical capacity of emergency department – completed July 2017;
 - \$8M MRI – completed July 2017;
 - \$1.9M Renal unit mechanical & fire wall upgrade & services – completed November 2019;
 - \$3.3M Renal unit – completed November 2019; and
 - \$843,000 Modular Theatre 8 – a standalone platform and linkway to provide services for Toowoomba Hospital Modular Theatre – completed in September 2020.

EDUCATION / TAFE

- **\$33.7M** Highfields State Secondary College – stages 2, 3 and additional classrooms. Stage 1 of the College was opened in 2015. State 2 was delivered in 2017, stage 3 and the additional classrooms were delivered in 2019.
- **\$9.6M** Toowoomba State High School – upgrade – New Performing Arts Centre – opened in February 2021.
- **\$9.9M** Centenary Heights State High School – performing arts centre and refurbishment of 3 teaching blocks – completed August 2019.
- **\$5.4M** Wilsonton State High School – new hall – completed January 2018.

JUSTICE AND SAFETY

- **\$2.8M** Police facility, Highfields – officially opened in September 2020.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **\$17.8M** Regional Trade Distribution Centre opened at Toowoomba's Wellcamp airport in July 2021. The project supported 170 workers during construction, with more jobs to be created at the facility and throughout the supply chain.

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2020 Election Commitments – Darling Downs region

The implementation status of 50 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
Roads and Transport			
Warrego	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Provide \$200 million towards a \$1 billion jointly funded plan to improve Queensland's Inland Freight route, activating an alternative to the Bruce Highway	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Warrego	A REAL BRUCE PLAN As part of the \$200 million, allocate \$1.2 million to match the Federal Government's \$4.8 million commitment to the Roads of Strategic Importance Townsville to Roma corridor		✓
Toowoomba Nth	GETTING ACTIVE \$880,000 to design Stage 2 of the Highfields to Toowoomba CBD Cycleway		
Education			
Callide Nanango Southern Downs Warrego	\$12 million over four years to expand the remote kindy program to include an extra 20 state schools at least 40km from the nearest approved Kindergarten Program Provider	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE \$1 million for Stage 2 of Toowoomba TAFE's new Rural Centre of Excellence		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions	
Callide	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$1.5 million to replace the existing amenities block at Taroom State School	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓	
Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$100,000 to provide equitable access to amenities for students and staff with a disability at Newtown State School			
Toowoomba Nth Condamine Toowoomba Sth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$11.9 million for additional classrooms at Wilsonton State High School			
Toowoomba Sth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$11.9 million for additional classrooms at Clifford Park Special School			
Condamine Lockyer Southern Downs	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$2.76 million to enclose the existing covered area at Clifton State High School			
Toowoomba Nth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$2.8 million for new classrooms at Toowoomba West Special School			
Southern Downs Condamine	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$200,000 to install a lift in A Block and a ramp at G Block at Allora P-10 State School			
Toowoomba Sth Lockyer Toowoomba Nth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$200,000 to install a lift in F Block at Rangeville State School			

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions
Toowoomba Nth Condamine	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$3 million for a new or extension to the administration building at Highfields State School	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Condamine Nanango Warrego	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$300,000 to replace the septic system at Quinalow Prep-10 State School		
Lockyer Toowoomba Nth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$300,000 to replace the septic system at Withcott State School		
Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$300,000 to upgrade the car park at Harristown State School		
Condamine Nanango	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$5.75 million for a new multi-purpose hall at Oakey State High School		
Southern Downs	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$5.8 million for a new multipurpose hall and a disability access project to upgrade school amenities at Warwick State High School		
Callide Warrego	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$50,000 to install a ramp to music and art classrooms at Bell State School		
Condamine Toowoomba Nth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$500,000 for an outdoor learning area at D Block at Gowrie State School		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions
Lockyer	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$550,000 for stormwater mitigation on the oval at Lockyer District State High School	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Condamine Southern Downs	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$6.25 million for a new multi-purpose hall at Pittsworth State High School		
Condamine Nanango	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$600,000 to refurbish hospitality at Oakey State High School		
Lockyer	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$70,000 to provide equitable access at Grantham State School		
Toowoomba Sth Condamine Toowoomba Nth	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$700,000 for a security fence at Harristown State High School		
Condamine Nanango	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$750,000 to refurbish industrial technology and design at Oakey State High School		
Condamine Lockyer Southern Downs	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$1.4 million for upgrades to the horse stables and facilities at Clifton State High		
Warrego	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$1.5 million in improved infrastructure for animal husbandry studies at Roma State College		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions
Warrego	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$2 million for engineering annexes to support training opportunities in the mining, gas and electrical industries at Tara Shire State College	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Warrego Callide Condamine Nanango Southern Downs	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$2.5 million for upgrades to the rural and industrial manufacturing training facilities at Dalby State High School		
Callide Warrego	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$2.8 million for an engineering annex to support training opportunities in the mining, gas and electrical industries at Chinchilla State High School		
Warrego	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$3 million in upgrades to agriculture and animal husbandry studies, and Industrial Design and Technology facilities at St George State High School		
Warrego	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$5.75 million to enclose the existing covered area at St George State High School		
Health			
Callide Nanango Southern Downs Warrego	\$490,000 over four years to extend the HIV self-testing project for people living in regional Queensland	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Toowoomba Nh Toowoomba Sth	\$6.2 million to the McGrath Foundation to allow them to employ 13 more breast care nurses including two additional breast care nurses in Cairns		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions
Toowoomba Sth	PALLIATIVE AND END-OF-LIFE CARE Fund Ambulance Wish Queensland for another 12 months	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	Permanently establish a new office for rural and remote health, which will be based in Townsville with locations in Cairns, Toowoomba and the Western Corridor and a presence in Brisbane to complement existing units in Cairns and the Darling Downs. The Office will be guided by an Advisory Group that will have membership from within Queensland Health and external agencies		✓
Condamine Lockyer Nanango Southern Downs Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	SATELLITE HOSPITALS: BETTER CARE, CLOSER TO HOME \$265 million to build seven satellite hospitals in South East Queensland. The final location and health services provided will be determined by the local Health and Hospital Service in consultation with the community		✓
Police / Justice			
Southern Downs	As part of the \$300 million Police Infrastructure Pipeline, establish new police facilities in Warwick	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Condamine Nanango Southern Downs Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	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		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions
Business and jobs			
Callide Nanango Southern Downs Warrego	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	
Callide Nanango Southern Downs Warrego	Promote and support businesses in regional Queensland providing side-by-side vehicle recreation opportunities on private land		✓
Callide Condamine Nanango Southern Downs Warrego Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	Provide \$4 million in Rural Agricultural Development Grants to fund more cluster fencing and other measures to help grow the sheep industry in Western and Southern Queensland		
Community and Recreation			
Callide Nanango Southern Downs Warrego	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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Callide Nanango Southern Downs Warrego	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		✓
Callide Lockyer Nanango Southern Downs Warrego	Work with the LGAQ on finalising an agreed Bush Councils Compact		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions
Tourism			
Condamine Lockyer Nanango Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	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	✓
Works for Queensland			
Condamine Lockyer Nanango Toowoomba Nth Toowoomba Sth	KEEPING QUEENSLAND WORKING \$200 million over six years for a SEQ Community Stimulus Package funding 12 South East Queensland local governments over two rounds	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Callide Nanango Southern Downs Warrego	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		✓

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Building our Regions and Works for Queensland

Building our Regions

- As at 30 June 2021, under Rounds 1-5, the Darling Downs (including Toowoomba) region received \$55.407M for 30 projects with a total project cost of \$128M.
- The Toowoomba Regional Council has received **\$25.8M for 8 projects supporting 174 jobs, to date 6 projects are now complete.**
- In the latest round (round 5) Toowoomba Regional Council received \$2.8M to support 18.49.3 jobs.

Rd	Project – Toowoomba Regional Council area	Approved Funding	Total Cost	Jobs (Est)	Project Stage
01	Steger Road infrastructure enabling project - Toowoomba Enterprise Hub	\$2,889,850	\$6,779,700	20.3	completed 31/10/2018
02	Toowoomba Railway Goods Shed repair	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000	31.0	completed 23/04/2019
02	Pittsworth Industrial Precinct enabling project	\$4,865,541	\$9,770,000	30.3	completed 18/03/2019
02	Toowoomba Enterprise Hub stimulus project	\$4,532,676	\$9,950,000	30.8	completed 28/06/2019
03	Cathro Park Railway Parklands Linkage Project	\$987,500	\$1,975,000	5.9	completed 25/06/2019
03	Toowoomba Enterprise Hub - Wellcamp Water Reservoir Project	\$2,005,000	\$4,300,000	12.9	completed 13/12/2019
04	Toowoomba Escarpment Parks Upgrades	\$2,717,044	\$7,401,544	24.4	exp completion 2022-23
05	Queens Park Revitalisation Project - Toowoomba	\$2,793,717	\$5,587,434	18.4	exp completion 2022-23

Works for Queensland

- Since 2016, through Works for Queensland, the Darling Downs-Maranoa – Toowoomba region has received **\$69.8M** for **192 projects** supporting, to date **2,543 jobs** with **141 projects completed**.
- **Toowoomba Regional Council** became eligible to received Works for Queensland fundings since 2020 and has received **\$15.6M** for **9 projects** supporting, to date, **85 jobs** with **no projects completed**.

Toowoomba Regional Council area	Project Budget	jobs created /supported		Project Status
		Est	Act	
\$50M COVID-19 2020-21 Unite & Recover CSP SEQ Round*				
Regional towns community infrastructure upgrade project– <i>(an application project)</i>	\$1.60M	55.0	49.0	exp completion Mar-2022
Jondaryan upgrade reservoir 300kL	\$800,000	12.0	5.0	exp completion Jan-2022
Meringandan West trunk water mains	\$1.20M	10.0	10.0	exp completion Oct-2021
2020-21 COVID Works for Queensland Projects				
Highfields trunk water infrastructure	\$2.87M	27.0	7.0	exp completion Apr-2022
2021-24 SEQ CSP Round*				
Russell St East streetscape refresh (stage 2) – <i>(an application project)</i>	\$2.00M	33.0	2.0	exp completion Nov-2022
Yarraman waste management facility – <i>(an application project)</i>	\$2.00M	13.0	3.0	exp completion Sep-2022
Clifton wastewater treatment plant	\$2.00M	49.0	2.0	exp completion Jul-2023
Gowrie Creek trunk sewer upgrade	\$2.00M	35.0	5.0	exp completion Jul-2023
Newman Rd culvert replacement	\$1.11M	18.0	2.0	exp completion Jul-2023

* CSP – Community Stimulus Program

REGIONAL ACTION PLAN



Darling Downs

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

Infrastructure	for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around
\$763M	2,500 jobs in this region.
Health	for the Darling Downs and South West Hospital and Health Services.
\$1.1B	
Education	to maintain, improve and upgrade schools on the Darling Downs.
\$67.7M	

Darling Downs will also benefit from:

Works for Queensland	from 2021 to 2024 for regional councils to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects on the Darling Downs.
\$9.8M	
Social housing	in 2021-22 to expand and improve social housing on the Darling Downs.
\$20.8M	
South West Hospital and Health Service	for the construction of projects at multiple sites.
\$13.2M	

Delivering for the Darling Downs region



Advance Queensland
\$33.6 million of grants awarded to 358 applicants to drive innovation, build on our natural advantages, and help raise Darling Downs's profile as an attractive investment destination. Part of the \$755 million Advance Queensland initiative.
(July 2015 to March 2021)



Drought Relief Assistance Scheme Funding
\$34.3 million in financial assistance provided to 2,173 Darling Downs farms to help manage the impacts of drought.
(March 2015 to April 2021)



Payroll tax relief
579 employers on the Darling Downs received \$19 million in payroll tax refunds, holidays or waivers to alleviate the impact of COVID-19 on businesses.
(As at 12 May 2021)



Building our Regions
\$55.4 million allocated to 30 critical infrastructure projects on the Darling Downs, supporting economic development and supporting 399 jobs.
(March 2015 to June 2021)

Restoring frontline services on the Darling Downs

Growth from March 2015 to March 2021



258 extra teachers
up 9.2%



513 extra nurses
up 29.3%



152 extra doctors
up 45.9%



57 extra firefighters
up 56.3%

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Darling Downs

1 Roma Hospital
 \$466,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$116.6 million total spend to redevelop the facility to support contemporary models of care including expanded outpatient capacity and integration of primary and Telehealth services.

2 The Bigger Big Rig and Tree Walk
 \$2.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$4.1 million total spend for the installation of an observation tower, deck and Tree Walk (with audio-visual elements) from the Big Rig to the existing Oil Patch Museum. Delivered in partnership with the Maranoa Regional Council.

3 Chinchilla Hospital
 \$350,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$441,359 total spend for the replacement of the existing generator with a new generator with remote access capability.

4 Chinchilla State High School
 \$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.8 million total spend to provide new skills development and training facilities.

5 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
 \$480,000 in 2021-22 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Bunya Mountains.

6 Kogan Creek Power Station enhancements, overhauls and refurbishment
 \$16.5 million in 2021-22 for enhancement and refurbishment to ensure the plant's long-term reliability and safety.

7 Hopeland (Linc Energy) mine site
 \$3.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$28 million total spend to continue managing the disclaimed Linc Energy mine site.

8 Kogan Creek Mine developments and refurbishment
 \$2.4 million in 2021-22 for mine enhancements and refurbishments.

9 Kogan North Gas Fields development
 \$24.6 million in 2021-22 to develop and maintain new gas assets.

10 Dalby police facility upgrade
 \$3.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$11.5 million total spend to progress the upgrade of the police facility at Dalby.

11 Tara Shire State College
 \$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend to provide new skills development and training facilities.

12 Highfields State School
 \$3 million in 2021-22 to upgrade the administration building.

13 Toowoomba Day Surgery Theatre
 \$5.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$42 million total spend for the construction of a two-theatre day surgery unit at the Baillie Henderson Hospital Campus.

14 Wilsonton Neighbourhood Centre
 \$635,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$3.8 million total spend to design and construct a neighbourhood centre to support the Wilsonton community.

15 Upgrade and refurbishment of Toowoomba facilities
 \$954,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$13.6 million total spend to upgrade and refurbish existing Leslie Research Facilities and Tor Street Operational Complex to maintain connections with primary industries, universities and funding organisations.

16 Wilsonton State High School
 \$15 million in 2021-22 out of a \$16.5 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.

17 Toowoomba West Special School
 \$6.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$7.1 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces and upgrade the administration building.

18 Stage 2 of the Rural Centre of Excellence at Toowoomba TAFE
 \$925,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend for Stage 2 of Toowoomba TAFE's new Rural Centre of Excellence.

19 Anuha Cardboard Recycling Project
 \$35,185 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.3 million total spend for the transport of recovered paper and cardboard from the Locker Valley and Somerset Regions to South East Queensland for recycling.

20 Queensland Museum public programs
 \$1 million in 2021-22 to deliver temporary exhibitions, programming and learning activities at regional campuses.

21 Clifford Park Special School
 \$11.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$13.9 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces and to relocate the Denise Kable Centre.

22 Toowoomba Wellcamp Trade Distribution Centre
 \$3.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$10 million total spend to support the development of a facility which will provide rapid airfreight access for agricultural producers in the Toowoomba and Darling Downs region.

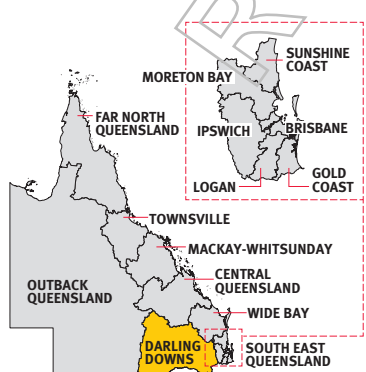
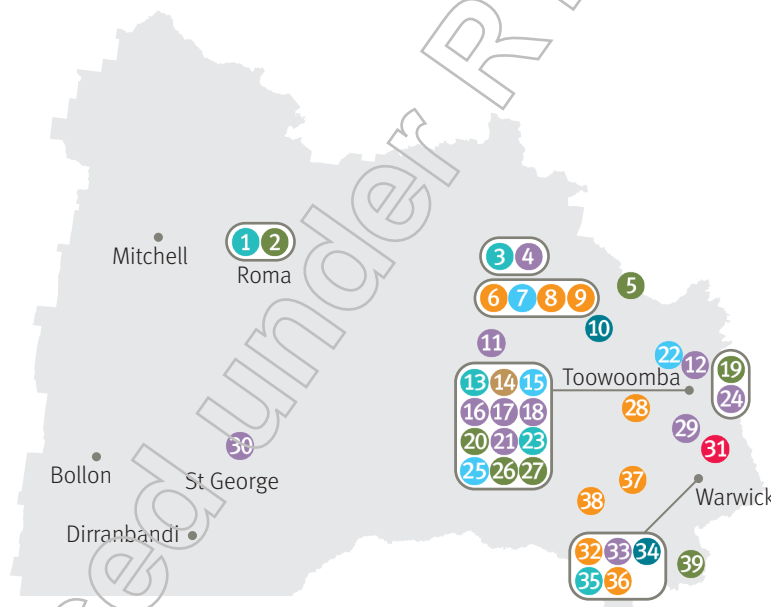
23 Toowoomba Hospital
 \$4.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$14 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Toowoomba Hospital site, including electrical infrastructure upgrades of essential power integration.

24 Grantham State School
 \$1.3 million in 2021-22 to upgrade an existing amenities block.

25 Toowoomba escarpment parks upgrades
 \$270,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.7 million total spend to deliver new tourism infrastructure that capitalises on Toowoomba's Great Dividing Range escarpment parks to unlock nature-based and sports opportunities.

26 West Wanderers Football Club
 \$779,567 in 2021-22 out of a \$794,125 total spend to construct a new amenities block including change rooms and referee room to support female participation in football at Nell E. Robinson Park, Kearneys Spring. Part of the Activate! Queensland program.

27 Wellcamp Entertainment Precinct
 The Government continues to work with proponents on the Wellcamp Entertainment Precinct proposal, subject to Australian Government funding and other conditions.



Southern Downs Drought Resilience Package

The Queensland Government is investing \$19.34 million in a drought resilience package to keep the taps flowing in the Southern Downs. While recent rain has provided much needed relief in the region, this investment provides long-term water security for the local communities and immediate funding to construct new groundwater bores, upgrade critical infrastructure and unlock new water sources to extend the existing supply. The funding includes \$8.1 million for Seqwater to lay the groundwork for the Toowoomba to Warwick pipeline.

Investment in water security continues to be a high priority for the government and this funding package supports the delivery of Queensland's plan for economic recovery, which includes building our regional water infrastructure. Since 2015, the Queensland Government has committed \$1.9 billion to water infrastructure across the State.



Leslie Dam

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Darling Downs wind farm powering jobs

The Queensland Government's \$250 million investment in the 103 megawatt Karara Wind Farm will underpin regional jobs and growth, and support the state's 50 per cent Queensland Renewable Energy Target by 2030.

The Karara Wind Farm, to be owned and operated by the Queensland Government's low-emission energy generator CleanCo, will form part of the 1,026-megawatt \$1.96 billion MacIntyre Wind Farm Precinct being developed in the Darling Downs by ACCIONA Australia.

The precinct will provide up to 400 jobs during construction, with an additional 240 jobs for the construction of the 64 kilometre transmission line, and 14 full-time jobs once in operation. The local spend during construction is expected to exceed \$500 million. Early works are expected to start in the second half of 2021 with the precinct fully operational by 2024.

- 28 Yarranlea substation upgrade**
\$2.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$11.6 million total spend to carry out substation refurbishment work to improve network performance.
- 29 Clifton State High School**
\$871,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$4.2 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities and to upgrade the existing hall facility.
- 30 St George State High School**
\$1.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$8.8 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities and the existing hall facility.
- 31 Cunningham Highway (Ipswich - Warwick), Eight Mile intersection upgrade**
\$15 million in 2021-22 out of a \$25 million total spend to upgrade the intersection of the Cunningham Highway and New England Highway, to the north of Warwick. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 32 Recycled Water for Warwick Industry**
\$995,962 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.5 million total spend to deliver a new water reservoir at the Warwick wastewater sewage treatment plant to supply industry with Class A recycled water.
- 33 Warwick State High School**
\$280,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to deliver a new hall facility.
- 34 Warwick police facility upgrade**
\$500,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$15 million total spend to progress the upgrade of the police facility at Warwick.
- 35 Goondiwindi and Warwick Hospitals**
\$76,289 in 2021-22 out of a \$3.8 million to undertake upgrades and improvements to existing facilities.
- 36 Southern Downs Drought Resilience Package**
\$11.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$19.3 million total spend for critical infrastructure to address immediate water security in the Southern Downs region, and continue preparatory work for the Toowoomba to Warwick pipeline.

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

37 Karara Wind Farm development
\$144.9 million in 2021-22 for CleanCo to build, own, and operate the new Karara Wind Farm near Warwick.

38 Coolmunda Dam improvement project - planning
\$3.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$6.1 million total spend to continue planning works for dam improvements to comply with safety standards for extreme weather events.

39 Girraween National Park visitor facilities upgrade
\$1.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.2 million total spend for redevelopment of Bald Rock Creek and Castle Rock camping areas at Girraween National Park near Stanthorpe.

40 South West Hospital and Health Service
\$8.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$13.2 million total spend for the construction projects at multiple South West Hospital and Health Service sites.

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 420 employers in Darling Downs will also benefit in 2021-22 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

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

2021-22 Budget highlights include:

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

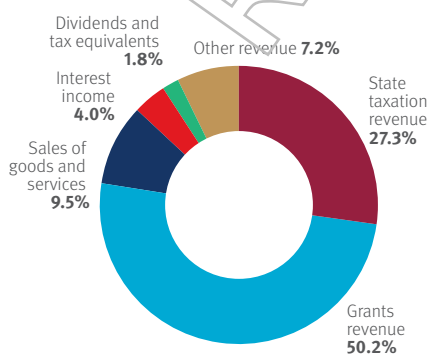
\$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund

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

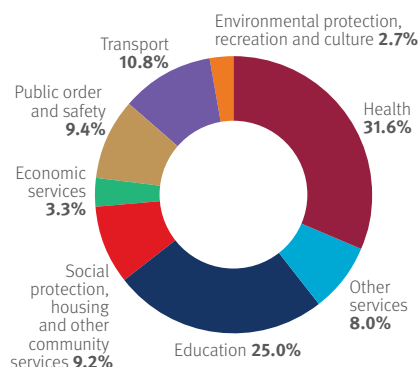
The Fund will increase investment by government-owned corporations in commercial renewable energy and hydrogen projects, along with supporting infrastructure, including in partnership with the private sector.

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

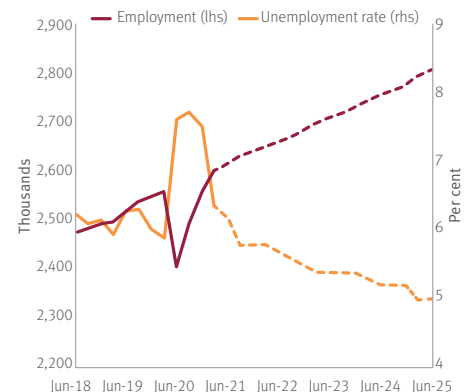
2021-22 revenue



2021-22 expenses



Queensland's labour market forecasts



Schools – Overview

Recommended response

- In **2021-22 \$35M is being invested** in schools to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in the Darling Downs 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 58 schools in the Toowoomba Regional Council area:
 - more than \$81M worth of major infrastructure work carried out and completed at 31 schools;
 - more than \$68M worth of works at 12 schools is in progress or being planned and includes \$12M for multi-purpose halls at Oakey and Pittsworth state high schools;
 - all schools have air conditioning – 45 schools air conditioned through the Cooler Cleaner Schools Program (CCSP); and
 - all schools have solar panels – 38 schools received solar panels through the Advancing Clean Energy Schools (ACES) program.

Key facts

- A new primary school is planned for the region post 2023.

Major infrastructure work

- More than \$81M worth of major infrastructure work completed at 31 schools since 2016-17.

Schools	Cost	Notes
Bowenville State School	\$199,983	disability toilet – completed by Jun-2020

Schools	Cost	Notes
Bunker's Hill State School	\$956,483	relocate building – completed by Jun-2019
Cambooya State School	\$868,546	prefabricated teaching and amenities blocks – completed by Jun-2020
Centenary Heights State High School	\$9.9M	performing arts centre and refurbish 3 blocks – completed Aug-2019
Clifton State High School	\$770,000	refurbish Blocks B and F – completed in 2020-21
Clifton State School	\$53,415	special needs playground – completed by Jun-2018
	\$198,276	refurbish Block C – completed by Jun-2019
Crow's nest State School	\$398,761	disability access upgrade – completed by Jun-2020
Drayton State School	\$499,480	refurbish Block B – completed by Jun-2019
Gabbinbar State School	\$366,622	refurbish Block C – completed by Jun-2018
Goombungee State School	\$195,737	refurbish Blocks A, C and R – completed by Jun-2019
Gowrie State School	\$488,251	school and community centre – completed in 2020-21
Harristown State High School	\$13.6M	new multi-storey building – completed Jul-2019
	\$700,000	<i>security fence* – completed in 2020-21</i>
Highfields State School	\$319,512	refurbish Block J's GLA's – completed in 2016-17
Highfields State Secondary College	\$9.5M	stage 2 – completed in 2016-17
	\$1.9M	stage 3A – teaching block with 6 GLAs – completed in 2017-18
	\$7.0M	stage 3B – sports hall and 8 GLAs – in 2018-19
Kulpi State School	\$430,879	new amenities block – completed in 2020-21

Schools	Cost	Notes
Meringandan State School	\$284,392	refurbish Clock C – completed by Jun-2021
Millmerran State School	\$900,000	refurbish Block E – completed by Nov-2021
Middle Ridge State School	\$558,987	refurbish Block A – completed in 2016-17
Mount Tyson State School	\$429,175	replace amenities block – completed in 2016-17
Newtown State School	\$772,675	prefabricated building – completed by Jun-2021
	\$660,000	repurpose teacher resource block to admin – completed by Nov-2021
	\$121,436	<i>provide equitable access to amenities*</i> – completed by Nov-2021
Nobby State School	\$533,622	relocated building – completed by Jun-2019
	\$187,856	learning and community centre – completed by Jun-2019
Oakey State High School	\$571,691	disability modifications, lift and disability toilet – completed by Jun-2019
	\$200,000	youth flexispace – completed by Nov-2021
Oakey State School	\$397,010	refurbish Block A – completed by Jun-2019
Pittsworth State High School	\$599,778	refurbish Block C home economics kitchen – completed in 2016-17
	\$514,131	refurbish Block C – completed by Jun-2021
Quinalow Prep-10 State School	\$175,917	refurbish admin area- completed by Jun-2019
Rangeville State School	\$714,411	refurbish pool amenities – completed in 2020-21
	\$122,014	<i>install a lift in F Block*</i> – completed in 2020-21
Toowoomba East State School	\$1.5M	replace amenities facilities – completed in 2019-20

Schools	Cost	Notes
Toowoomba State High School	\$9.4M	performing arts centre and oval restoration – opened Feb-2021
	\$1.4M	refurbish 3 blocks – completed by Jun-2021
Wilsonton State High School	\$5.4M	new hall – completed by Jun-2018
	\$780,293	refurbish auditoriums to GLAs, canteen, and amenities block – completed by Jun-2021
Wyreema State School	\$6.3M	new building with 5 GLAs – completed in 2020-21
Yarraman State School	\$277,241	refurbish Prep space – completed by Jun-2019

Notes:

* 2020 Election Commitments

GLAs – general learning areas

- More than **\$68M** of major infrastructure work to be completed at 12 schools including 2020 election commitments.

Schools	Cost	Notes
Brookstead State School	\$1.3M	upgrade amenities –
Clifford Park Special School	\$7.3M	relocate Denise Kable Centre
	\$11.9M	<i>additional classrooms*</i>
Clifton State High School	\$2.76M	<i>enclose the existing covered area*</i>
	\$1.4M	<i>upgrades to the horse stables and facilities*</i>
	\$2.5M	upgrade hall facility
Crow's Nest State School	\$250,000	refurbish multipurpose hall resurface
	\$150,000	equitable access to various sites –
Gowrie State School	\$500,000	<i>outdoor learning area at D Block*</i>
Highfields State School	\$3.0M	<i>new or extension to the administration building*</i>
Newtown State School	\$300,000	<i>upgrade the car park*</i>
	\$5.75M	<i>new multi-purpose hall*</i>

Schools	Cost	Notes
Oakey State High School	\$750,000	<i>refurbish industrial technology and design*</i>
	\$600,000	<i>refurbish hospitality facility*</i>
Pittsworth State High School	\$6.25M	<i>new multi-purpose hall*</i>
	\$350,000	<i>refurbish administration area</i>
Quinalow Prep-10 State School	\$300,000	<i>replace the septic system*</i>
Toowoomba West Special School	\$3.1M	<i>new classrooms*</i>
	\$4.0M	<i>admin upgrades</i>
Wilsonton State High School	\$15.6M	<i>additional classrooms*</i>

Notes:

* 2020 Election Commitments

GLAs – general learning areas

Air conditioning and solar panels

- Within Toowoomba Regional Council area:
 - all schools have air conditioning – **45 schools received air-conditioning through CCSP**; and
 - all schools have solar panels – **38 schools received solar panels** through ACES program.
- On 27 February 2020, the Government announced CCSP which is providing more than \$477M over 4 years to air condition state schools and expand the existing ACES program.
- 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.

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

Electorate	School Facility	Air Conditioning (CCSP)	Solar Panels (ACES)
		Milestone	Milestone
Condamine	Back Plains State School	completed	already installed
Condamine	Biddeston State School	completed	already installed
Condamine	Bowenville State School	already installed	already installed
Condamine	Brookstead State School	completed	already installed
Condamine	Bunker's Hill State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Condamine	Cambooya State School	already installed	completed Phase 2 – 54 panels
Southern Downs	Cecil Plains State School	completed	already installed
Toowoomba Sth	Centenary Heights State High School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 303 panels
Toowoomba Sth	Clifford Park Special School	completed	completed Phase 2 – 268 panels
Condamine	Clifton State High School	completed	completed Phase 2 – 108 panels
Condamine	Clifton State School	already installed	completed Phase 2 – 98 panels
Nanango	Cooyar State School	completed	already installed
Condamine	Crow's Nest State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Toowoomba Sth	Darling Heights State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Condamine	Drayton State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Condamine	Emu Creek State School	completed	already installed
Toowoomba Nth	Fairview Heights State School	already installed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Toowoomba Sth	Gabbinbar State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Condamine	Geham State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Toowoomba Sth	Glenvale State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 128 panels
Condamine	Goombungee State School	already installed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Condamine	Gowrie State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Condamine	Greenmount State School	completed	already installed
Condamine	Haden State School	already installed	already installed
Toowoomba Nth	Harlaxton State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Toowoomba Sth	Harristown State High School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 606 panels

Electorate	School Facility	Air Conditioning (CCSP)	Solar Panels (ACES)
		Milestone	Milestone
Toowoomba Sth	Harristown State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Toowoomba Nth	Highfields State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Toowoomba Nth	Highfields State Secondary College	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Condamine	Jondaryan State School	already installed	already installed
Condamine	Kingsthorpe State School	completed	completed Phase 2 – 108 panels
Condamine	Kulpi State School	completed	already installed
Condamine	Meringandan State School	already installed	completed Phase 1 – 66 panels
Toowoomba Sth	Middle Ridge State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Southern Downs	Millmerran State School	completed	completed Phase 2 – 108 panels
Condamine	Mount Tyson State School	completed	already installed
Toowoomba Nth	Newtown State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 93 panels
Condamine	Nobby State School	already installed	already installed
Condamine	Oakey State High School	completed	completed Phase 2 – 270 panels
Condamine	Oakey State School	completed	completed Phase 2 – 108 panels
Condamine	Pilton State School	already installed	already installed
Condamine	Pittsworth State High School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 128 panels
Condamine	Pittsworth State School	completed	completed Phase 2 – 108 panels
Condamine	Quinalow Prep-10 State School	completed	already installed
Condamine	Ramsay State School	already installed	already installed
Toowoomba Sth	Rangeville State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Toowoomba Nth	Rockville State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Condamine	Southbrook Central State School	completed	already installed
Toowoomba Nth	Toowoomba East State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 128 panels
Toowoomba Nth	Toowoomba North State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Toowoomba Nth	Toowoomba State High School	completed	completed Phase 2 – 588 panels
Toowoomba Nth	Toowoomba West Special School	completed	already installed
Condamine	Vale View State School	already installed	already installed

Electorate	School Facility	Air Conditioning (CCSP)	Solar Panels (ACES)
		Milestone	Milestone
Condamine	Wellcamp State School	already installed	already installed
Toowoomba Nth	Wilsonton State High School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 128 panels
Toowoomba Nth	Wilsonton State School	completed	completed Phase 1 – 128 panels
Condamine	Wyreema State School	completed	completed Phase 2 – 108 panels
Nanango	Yarraman State School	completed	completed Phase 2 – 108 panels

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COVID-19 – Economic 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 Toowoomba area, we have assisted businesses with more than:
 - **\$4.68M in Small Business support and adaption grants supporting 524 businesses** in the Toowoomba area;
 - **\$26.89M from our \$1 billion Jobs Support Loan scheme** to 192 businesses in Toowoomba area supporting 1,762 jobs locally;
 - **\$10.9M in Payroll Tax Relief** to 323 businesses in Toowoomba SA4 area; and
 - **\$15.58M with our Works for Qld** projects supporting more than 85 local jobs.
- 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>Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) and Toowoomba SA4 area (Twba SA4)</i>				
2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications closed in November 2021 • As at 25 January 2022: 				
	Council area	No of grants paid			Funding
		Businesses support	Birder zone hardship	Sole trader	
	Statewide	30,785	391	4,268	\$320.84M
	TRC	242	N/A	27	\$2.49M

Government commitment	Progress <i>Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) and Toowoomba SA4 area (Twba SA4)</i>																		
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1 Community Stimulus Program

COVID-19 – Tourism Support and Recovery

Recommended response

- The tourism industry was one of the first industries to be directly and significantly impacted by COVID-19 with devastating impacts.
- 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 the **Toowoomba Regional Council area received \$4.7M supporting 293 local jobs.**
- \$840,000 provided to 28 businesses in the Toowoomba Regional Council area through the tourism and hospitality sector hardship grants.

Key facts

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\$7M Growing Indigenous Tourism

- The successful project in the area is \$542,826 for the Bunya People's Aboriginal Corporation to establish the Bonye Biar Bush University - 'In-Country' learning places and a commissionable Aboriginal tour package. The project has two sites (learning places):
 - the Gummingurru ceremonial stones, located at Gowrie Junction within TRC area; and
 - Russell Park, located at Bunya Mountains within Western Downs Regional Council area.
- The project is expected to support 4 jobs and is expected to commence tours early 2022.

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers – Funding

- In September 2020, Tourism and Events Queensland and TRC announced the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers festival had been secured for another five years – Australia's longest-running floral event.
- Since its inception in 1949, the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers has attracted thousands of visitors each year to the region. It is an integral part of Toowoomba's cultural and economic identity and is an important element in the city's morale and cultural fabric.

CTPI - Sch 4, Part 3, factors 2 (business affairs) and 17 (competitive commercial activities)

Tourism industry sentiment

- In the September quarter 2021:
 - visitation to the Southern Queensland Tourism region was down by 22.0% compared with 2019 and over-night stays down 8.0%.
 - Intrastate visitation was down 10.4%.
- In the year ending September 2021:
 - domestic overnight expenditure increased 3.1% compared with 2019 to \$752.4M despite total visitation decreasing 7.3% to 2.1 million;
 - holiday visitation grew by 12.9% compared to 2019 to a record 689,000 – however, this was offset by a 22.6% decrease in visits to friends and relatives to 727,000 and a 10.7% decrease in business visitation to 477,000;
 - intrastate visitation increased by 1.0% compared to 2019 to 1.8 million;
 - interstate visitation decreased by 41.3% to 256,000; and
 - overnight expenditure grew 33.4%, visitation grew 18.9%.

LNP

- If the Leader of the Opposition and the LNP had their way, Qld borders would have opened at the worst possible time, exposing Queenslanders to the health risks of community transmission of COVID-19 and wreaking havoc on the economy.
- I will always listen to the health advice. The Leader of the Opposition has displayed a lack of judgement in this emergency and just blows with the political wind.
- The last LNP Government
 - took their eye off tourism and conceded market share to the southern states.
 - attracted only six new or increased airline services bringing in just 557,000 seats; (since 2015, my Government has assisted 29 new or additional services bringing in 3.3 million seats)

- cut \$188M from the tourism industry funding support and severely limited Tourism and Events Queensland's (TEQ) ability to plan for the long term with no funding certainty to enter into multi-year event partnerships or to secure long-term marketing contracts.
- The LNP's short-sighted vision for tourism put thousands of Queensland jobs at risk.

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Health Overview – Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service

- All data as at 13 February 2022.

Covid-19 cases

- Across **Queensland**, **495,923 recorded cases** of Covid-19, of which **34,864** were **active cases** and **377 people had died**.
- Across the **Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (HHS)**, there have been **10,944 recorded cases** of Covid-19, of which **530 were active cases**. There have been **14 deaths** recorded in the Darling Downs HHS area.
- Darling Downs HHS was managing:
 - 13 in-patients with Covid-19 – no patients in ICU; and
 - 54 people with Covid-19 at home.
- There have been 4,695 recorded cases of Covid-19 within the Toowoomba Regional Council area, of which 4,636 cases were recorded since 13 December 2021.

Quarantine

- Within the Darling Downs HHS area, a total of 39 people were subject to quarantine with 37 people in Government accommodation.
- 10 rooms in the Darling Downs area are occupied by people required to quarantine in government provided accommodation.

Vaccinations – Percentage of Queensland population vaccinated

	At least 1 dose	2 doses	booster
16 yrs & over	92.34%	90.28%	61.15%
12-15 yrs	91.38%	89.00%	
5-11 yrs	40.93%	0.31%	

- Darling Downs HHS administered a total of **147,736 vaccine doses**.

Staff impacts

- Darling Downs HHS had:
 - 37 staff registered as being Covid-19 positive;
 - 36 staff were quarantined; and
 - no staff were in the workplace under Critically Essential Worker Provision.

Infrastructure

- The detailed business case is progressing for the Toowoomba Hospital redevelopment.

Key facts

- The 2021-22 Darling Downs HHS budget is **\$1.1 billion in operational funding**.
- In addition, we've committed millions of dollars in upgrades to Darling Downs health infrastructure.
- There are more than **4,870 staff in the Darling Downs HHS making it one of the largest employers in the region**.
- Since 2015, in the Darling Downs region, my Government has hired:
 - 160 more doctors; and
 - 53 more nurses and midwives.

Infrastructure

- The Government's investment in **Darling Downs HHS infrastructure projects** includes:

Toowoomba Hospital projects:

- **\$843,000 Toowoomba Hospital Modular Theatre 8** – a standalone platform and linkway to provide services for Toowoomba Hospital Modular Theatre – construction completed in September 2020 and supported 3 jobs during construction.
- **\$42M Toowoomba Day Surgery** – a 2-theatre day surgery facility as the first stage of the Toowoomba Hospital redevelopment project – construction expected to commence July 2022 and be completed in December 2023;
- **\$17.65M Toowoomba Hospital emergency department expansion and modular COVID-19 Ward** – an interim expansion of the emergency department to provide additional capacity until the Toowoomba Hospital Redevelopment project is completed – expected to support 51 jobs with the modular off-site construction expected to commence early-to-mid-2022 in parallel with a streamlined business case;
- **\$6.96M Toowoomba Hospital Electrical Infrastructure** upgrade project to install additional generation plant to put acute departments on 100 per cent essential power supply – construction

commenced October 2021 and expected to be completed August 2022 and support 20 jobs during construction; and

- **\$10M Toowoomba Hospital redevelopment** – detailed business case (DBC) – including master planning for the Ballie Henderson Hospital campus and the DBC for a potential new hospital development on the Ballie Henderson Hospital campus – with the project awaiting capital funding.

Kingaroy Hospital

- **\$92.5M Kingaroy Hospital Redevelopment** – will increase the number of patient treatment spaces from 46 to 66 – began in August 2019 with stage 1 completed in November 2020 and stage 2 completed in November 2021 and supported 275 jobs during construction.

Darling Downs HHS

- **\$7.32M Darling Downs HHS Cardiac and Body Protect Compliance** project commenced November 2019 and is expected to be completed March 2022.

Waiting Lists

Elective Surgery Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 31 December 2021, 14,845 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 2,826 (as at 1 June 2020) to 2,676 – a reduction of 214; and
 - ready for surgery long waitlist **decreased** from 283 (as at 1 June 2020) to 69 – a reduction of 214.

Specialist Outpatient Department (SOPD) Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 30 October 2021, 37,700 patients were added to the SOPD Waitlist.
- As at 1 November 2021, the SOPD Ready for Care Waitlists showed:
 - the SOPD ready for care waitlist **increased** from 7,635 (as at 1 June 2020) to 10,002 – a growth of 2,367; and
 - the SOPD ready for care long waitlist **increased** from 1,018 (as at 1 June 2020) to 1,735 – a growth of 717.

Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 31 December 2021, 10,839 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 927 (as at 1 June 2020) to 931 – a growth of 4; and
 - the GIE procedures long waitlist **increased** from 156 (as at 1 June 2020) to 214 – a growth of 58.

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Policing and Youth Crime

POLICE NUMBERS

- **The Darling Downs Police District has 540 permanent positions, up 111 since 2015.**
- It was fantastic to announce in September 2020, an additional 2,025 police personal across the state.
- **This is a \$624M investment over five years for 2,025 new police personnel.** Of those 1,450 will be deployed to the frontline which means **at least 150 positions will be located per key region** across the state.
- We're also investing in 25 mobile police vans that will take police into the heart of the community.
- There are more than 12,000 police officers in Queensland – a record number. **Under Labor, there are more police in Queensland than ever before with more on the way.**
- **And we back police 100% in what they do best – keeping communities safe,** providing them with the necessary equipment, like body worn cameras, new vehicles and tasers.

CRIME STATS

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

INFRASTRUCTURE

- \$15M Warwick police facility upgrade Kirwan replacement police facility which is in the design phase and the project is expected to support 49.5 FTEs.

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; and
 - empowering local communities in the war on crime with \$2M for community-based organisations for local solutions.

Youth crime facts

- As at 31 December 2021, Toowoomba region youth justice service centre provides supervision to 94 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, in the 12 months to 30 September 2021, there was:
 - a **6 per cent increase** in the **number of proven offences** committed in Toowoomba by 10-17-year-olds.
 - an **18 per cent decrease** in the **number of distinct 10-17-year-old offenders**, with at least one proven offence committed in Toowoomba.

Recent youth programs

- In the 12 months to 30 September 2021, 58 restorative justice conferences were held.
- Catholic Care Toowoomba manages the bail support service in the area and provides early-intervention and diversion services to young people subjected to bail. From July to December 2021 the service supported 189 young people.

- There are 22 active referrals through the Goolburri Aboriginal Health Advancement Company Limited who are funded to provide the Family-Led Decision-Making Service.

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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Road and Transport Upgrades – Toowoomba region

Recommended response

- **\$665M** is being invested by all levels of governments in road projects in the Darling Downs region.
- The Government has committed to provide **\$200M** towards a \$1 billion jointly funded plan with the Federal Government to improve Queensland's Inland Freight Route – the 2nd Bruce (2020 election commitment).

Key facts

Construction complete:

- **\$1.6 billion** Toowoomba Second Range Crossing (Toowoomba Bypass) delivered through a Public Private Partnership arrangement with Nexus Infrastructure and completed in September 2019.
- **\$19.5M** safety improvements on the New England Highway between Warwick and Wallangarra) and completed in December 2021.
- **\$19M** Heavy Vehicle Decoupling Facility – funded by the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing project and delivered in two packages with packages completed in November 2020 and March 2021.
- **\$2.75M** Warrego Highway (Toowoomba – Dalby), Brimblecombe Road, upgrade intersection – completed in December 2021.

In construction:

- **\$10.7M** State Government funded New England Highway (Yarraman – Toowoomba) widen pavement project – which is expected to support 34 jobs and be completed by mid-2022.
- **\$11M** State Government funded Rocky Creek Bridge, Murphy's Creek Road – bridge replacement project which is expected to support 18 jobs and be completed by mid-2022.
- **\$25M** Cunningham Highway – Eight Mile intersection upgrade, between Ipswich and Warwick, which is expected to support 50 jobs and be completed by mid-2022.
- **\$17M** Gore Highway (Pittsworth – Millmerran), various locations, rehabilitate pavement with construction being delivered in stages and expected to support 55 jobs, with all work expected to be completed mid-2023.

Planning – Warrego Highway

- \$45.5M Gore Highway (Toowoomba – Goondiwindi), various locations, upgrade roads – is expected to begin in 2022-23, however a construction schedule has not yet been determined.
- \$11.5M New England Highway (Toowoomba – Warwick), high risk roads, improve safety – project began detailed design in September 2021 and construction is planned for 2022-23.

Planning – roads within Toowoomba Regional Council area

- \$2.02M Toowoomba North South Transport Corridor – planning is underway and will support the Western Trade Gateway and the Toowoomba Enterprise Hub.

Inland Freight Route

- The Inland Freight Route (IFR) is a 1,184 km nationally-accredited freight road corridor from Mungindi on the New South Wales border to Charters Towers in the State's north.
- The State and Federal governments jointly committed \$500M to identify and deliver projects to upgrade this corridor to encourage more trucks to move freight inland via the Carnarvon, Dawson and Gregory highways.
- The IFR forms part of the Townsville to Roma Roads of Significant Importance (ROSI) corridor for which \$175M (on an 80:20 basis) is allocated over 10-years for this corridor and key feeder routes.
- The Government also committed to improve freight access from the Warrego Highway from Roma to Toowoomba. The Government continues to identify plans for heavy vehicle safety and efficiency improvements for the Warrego Highway.

Call to upgrade lower order roads for road trains

- The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) is meeting with the heavy vehicle industry this month to hear their concerns about the heavy vehicle road network and will consider the feedback in future planning activities.
- B-double and road train access is restricted on several lower-order roads, so operators must use alternate vehicle configurations or routes, to access farm gates.

- \$150,000 has been assigned to identify low-cost, high-benefit upgrades to the road network to improve heavy vehicle efficiency, however there is no funding allocated to construction at this time.
- Some alternate routes used include local government roads that are not designed to accommodate heavy vehicles.
- DTMR places restrictions on access to some state-controlled roads for the safety of all road users as they have design deficiencies or are in poor condition.

Achievements

- In 2020, the State Government completed construction on 20 projects funded under the Warrego Highway Upgrade Program (WHUP) between Toowoomba and Charleville.
- The projects were funded on an 80:20 basis with the Federal Government contributing \$508M and the State Government \$127M.
- WHUP was principally developed to ensure the route was safe, efficient and resilient for the current as-of-right vehicle fleet.

Background

- Inland Freight Route consists of:
 - Carnarvon Highway, from the NSW Border to Rolleston
 - Dawson Highway, from Rolleston to Springsure
 - Gregory Highway, from Springsure to Clermont
 - Gregory Developmental Road, from Clermont to Charters Towers.
- Key issues for the route include:
 - increased growth and development impacting traffic demand of differing vehicle combinations (particularly heavy vehicles)
 - capacity and access constraints (road and structures), potentially impacting freight productivity
 - ageing and narrow pavements and structures, potentially impacting efficiency and safety
 - limited flood immunity, potentially impacting network resilience.
- The heavy vehicle industry is wanting to increase B-double and road train access from Dalby to Cooyar, going through Kaimkillenbun and Maclagan to support access to major feedlots in the area. An interview with industry leaders featured on Seven News on 28 January 2022.
- Toowoomba Regional Council is calling on the Government to upgrade the roads around Pittsworth and Felton to support access to local poultry farms. Cr Paul Antonio, Mayor, Toowoomba Regional Council was interviewed on ABC Southern Queensland on 8 February 2022 calling for major funding for the entire road network in the Darling Downs to better support the heavy vehicles accessing local farms. The interview was covered on industry publications Fully Loaded and Big Rigs.

- The heavy vehicle industry consistently calls on the Government to upgrade the New England Highway from the New South Wales border to Stanthorpe to support heavy vehicles larger than a road train.

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Inland Rail

Recommended response

- The Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail project is a fully funded Federal Government initiative, being delivered by Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC).
- The State Government recognises the economic importance of the Inland Rail project and continues to work collaboratively with ARTC to progress the necessary planning approvals and land acquisitions for the delivery of the project.
- The Inland Rail Bilateral Agreement, signed in 2019 between the Federal and State governments includes protections to ensure the needs of Queensland communities along the proposed railway are addressed.
- The Inland Rail Bilateral Agreement identifies other studies to be jointly led by the Federal and State governments, including the Toowoomba to Brisbane Passenger Rail Strategic Business Case and the South-East Queensland (SEQ) Inland Rail Intermodal Terminal Study.
- The Federal Government also recently committed to planning for the extension of Inland Rail from Toowoomba to the Port of Gladstone.

Key facts

Inland Rail

- The Inland Rail is a 1,700km freight rail line that will connect Melbourne and Brisbane via regional Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.
- The Queensland section of Inland Rail is approximately 400km long with the proposed alignment passing through the Darling Downs region and includes a large tunnel through the Toowoomba Range.
- The **2020-21 Federal Budget commits up to \$14.5 billion in equity** for ARTC to build the project. The State Government has not dedicated any capital funding to the delivery of the project.
- ARTC states the project will create 21,500 direct and indirect jobs nationally.
- The Queensland Development Deed is being finalised between the State Government and ARTC and outlines the terms and conditions for the delivery of the Inland Rail project in Queensland.

- Construction estimates are for commencement in late-2023/early-2024 with completion in 2026-27.

Toowoomba to Brisbane Passenger Rail Strategic Business Case

- The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) and the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (DITRDC) are developing a strategic business case (SBC) to determine the merits and timing for improved passenger service connections in the Toowoomba to Brisbane corridor.
- The SBC is a Federal Government funded project, with the State Government providing an in-kind contribution through DTMR. **The Federal Government committed \$15M toward the study.**
- The findings of the SBC phase are being finalised for consideration by both governments and will inform the next steps for the project.

Toowoomba to Gladstone Inland Rail Extension project

- In late 2021, the **Federal Government announced \$10M to deliver planning** for the Toowoomba to Gladstone Inland Rail Extension project.
- The Hon Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads committed to working with the Federal Government to deliver the project, which will determine the viability of extending Inland Rail from near Toowoomba to the Port of Gladstone.
- The Federal Government is aiming for completion of the study by mid-2023.
- Local governments, including Toowoomba Regional Council, will be engaged during the study.

South East Queensland Inland Rail Intermodal Terminal Study

- The Federal and State governments are working together to identify a suitable location for the SEQ Inland Rail Intermodal Terminal to support development of the Inland Rail.
- DTMR is preparing a business case in consultation with DITRDC, to identify and assess site options for a new intermodal terminal. The business case is due for completion in mid-2022.
- Private sector intermodal terminals proposed for Wellcamp and Charlton are expected to complement the anchor Inland Rail

intermodal terminal with products like containerised export cotton and grains from the Darling Downs.

- DTMR will provide opportunities for the local community and stakeholders to learn more about the study and participate in the consultation process for the SEQ Inland Rail Intermodal Terminal.

Background

Inland Rail

- Inland Rail is divided into 13 projects with five in Queensland. The five Queensland projects are:
 - Queensland/New South Wales border to Gowrie (B2G) (216km);
 - Gowrie to Helidon (G2H) (28km);
 - Helidon to Calvert (H2C) (47km); and
 - Calvert to Kagaru (C2K) (53km).
 - Kagaru to Acacia Ridge and Bromelton (K2ARB).
- The first four rail sections are declared coordinated projects and undergoing various stages of the Coordinator-General's coordinated project assessment process.
- The Coordinator-General announced K2ARB will not be declared a coordinated project.

Toowoomba to Brisbane Passenger Rail Strategic Business Case

- The Strategic Business Case aims to leverage the opportunity provided by the Inland Rail project which is required to accommodate passenger rail services in the section of corridor preserved by the State Government between Gowrie and Grandchester.
- A key driver is the limited passenger transport services available west of the terminus of the electrified Citytrain network at Rosewood.
- The current rail service provided by Queensland Rail's Westlander operates two services per week with a 4.5 hour journey time between Toowoomba and Brisbane.
- There are also limited public transport options linking the Lockyer Valley and Toowoomba, with a heavy reliance on private vehicle use. Public transport is primarily met by coach buses with daily services, seven days a week, with a two-hour travel time.

Toowoomba to Gladstone Inland Rail Extension project

- The purpose Toowoomba to Gladstone Inland Rail Extension project is to determine the viability of extending Inland Rail from near Toowoomba to the Port of Gladstone.
- This future freight rail corridor will support the movement of freight between Melbourne and Gladstone and could create opportunities for the freight industry and people and businesses.
- It will support regional growth and economic development as it transports agricultural bulk commodities from the Inland Rail corridor catchment and supports the development of the thermal coal, hydrogen, alumina and other emerging commodities and markets.