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

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

- $823.2M for infrastructure improvements which are estimated to support 2,500 jobs.
- $19.1M for maintenance and capital works projects for schools.
- $531.5M for the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service.
- $77.9M over five years to assist rural producers and communities across the State affected by debt and drought.
- $12M over two years for disaster mitigation and to build community resilience to natural disasters.
- $4.8M over four years to implement the Technology Commercialisation Fund to help develop the New Agricultural Economy.

Employer support payments of up to $10,000 to hire and keep a regional Queenslander employed for 12 months or more, including disadvantaged jobseekers such as mature aged workers, young people, members of drought affected farm households and other priority job seekers. Payments increase to $15,000 for hiring long-term unemployed regional Queenslanders.

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

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

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

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What the statewide initiatives mean for **FITZROY**

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<td>over four years to implement the Technology Commercialisation Fund, a pilot program under the New Agricultural Economy, which aims to attract private sector capital into government agriculture and food-based research and development, with the aim of increasing the commercialisation of intellectual property.</td>
<td>including the $40 million Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund to attract business investment from interstate and support local businesses to reinvest, and the $22.7 million Advancing Small Business Queensland Strategy to assist small businesses to start, grow and employ locals in Fitzroy. These initiatives further support the $405 million Advance Queensland package.</td>
<td>for the State capital program in 2016-17 which will support 31,000 jobs. The Government is committed to providing critical infrastructure that improves employment, economic and social outcomes through the State Infrastructure Plan. New and innovative approaches to infrastructure planning, financing and delivery will continue to be an important focus in the constrained fiscal environment.</td>
<td>over five years to continue implementing the Government’s response to the Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland report. The Government is committed to reducing the devastating effects of domestic and family violence in Queensland.</td>
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The Queensland Government employs 11,595 people in Fitzroy who support:

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

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**Rockhampton Hospital Expansion**

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

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

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

2015: 235,784*
2036: 325,000

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

Top 5 industries in the region by number of workers

- **Health care and social assistance**: 11.1%
- **Retail trade**: 9.5%
- **Education and training**: 9.1%
- **Construction**: 8.7%
- **Agriculture, forestry and fishing**: 8.3%

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

696 residential dwellings approved for construction in the region in the 12 months ending 31 March 2016

2,922 residential dwellings sold in the region in the 12 months ending 31 December 2015

Apprentice and trainee rebate for payroll tax claimed by 122 businesses in the region to reinvest $219,000 back into their business in the financial year to April 2016

17,560 businesses in the region in June 2015

Infrastructure budget for Fitzroy

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

Total infrastructure budget: $823.2M*

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

Calare and Calare Substation systems replacement
$4.8 million in 2016-17 out of a
$8.2 million total spend to replace
and renovate systems.

CQUniversity Rockhampton priority development infrastructure
$4.9 million in 2016-17 out of a
$8.6 million total spend to construct a
four-way signalised intersection and
fronting of Main Street at Varsity Road
Brisbane Highway to catalyse development
of CQUniversity Priority Development Area. This initiative is funded by the Queensland Government and CQUniversity.

Distribution feeder augmentation works
$7.8 million in 2016-17 out of a
$17 million total spend to deliver
a package of productivity enhancements
at various sections of the highway, due
to completion in July 2016.

Gladstone Hospital chilled water system upgrade
$5.5 million in 2016-17 out of the
upgrade of the chilled water systems to
improve energy efficiency and performance
through a primary/secondary pumping
system.

Gladstone State High School
Upgrades in 2016-17 out of a
$3.6 million total spend to
commence construction of additional
classrooms.

Gregory Highway intersection upgrades – Emerald to Clermont
$5.9 million in 2016-17 out of a
$9.7 million total spend to upgrade
intersections to cater for Type 2 road
trains at Montrose Road, Cotterstone
Road and Metcalfe Road, due
to completion in April 2017. This project
is in partnership with the Australian
Government.

Gregory Highway productivity enhancement works – Emerald to Clermont
$4.4 million in 2016-17 out of a
$7.1 million total spend to deliver
a package of productivity enhancements
at various sections of the highway, due
to completion in July 2017. This project
is in partnership with the Australian
Government.

Great Barrier Reef tourism and recreation use
$1.5 million in 2016-17 out of a
$1.9 million total spend in support
of improved tourism infrastructure,
due to completion in June 2018.

Gladstone, Rockhampton and Yeppoon

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Moor's park

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