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

Regional Action Plan
The Gold Coast region is world famous for its long golden beaches and its beautiful hinterland. The region continues to attract growing numbers of international visitors, while the economy is also continuing to diversify in the lead-up to hosting the 2018 Commonwealth Games. We know we have more work to do to foster ongoing growth in the region, and ensure the provision of essential economic infrastructure and services continues to meet the demands of the Gold Coast’s rapidly growing population. Specifically this Budget includes:

- $229.9M in April 2018, the Gold Coast will host the 21st Commonwealth Games, welcoming over 6,000 athletes and hundreds of thousands of spectators to enjoy 11 days of competition in 18 sports, including para-sports events.

SPECIFICALLY THIS BUDGET INCLUDES:

- Tourism: $33.5M in additional funding over four years to increase visitation from Asia and drive tourism jobs growth in regional Queensland.
- Business Attraction: $40M over four years for the Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund to attract business investment from interstate to Queensland, and support local businesses to reinvest or expand.
- Infrastructure: $1B for infrastructure improvements which are estimated to support 3,000 jobs.
- $66.7M for maintenance and capital works projects for schools in 2016-17.

3,000 JOBS estimated to be supported by the infrastructure program

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What the statewide initiatives mean for **GOLD COAST**

**Innovation**

$405M

for initiatives which invest in innovation under the $405 million Advance Queensland package. This includes the $25 million Advance Queensland Acceleration package, which will enhance Advance Queensland through a whole-of-economy approach to innovation, including industry accelerators, regional innovation hubs and the Platform Technology Program.

**Investment**

$10.7B

for initiatives which encourage investment under the $405 million Advance Queensland package. This includes the $40 million Industry Attraction Fund to attract business investment from interstate and support local businesses to reinvest or expand, and the $22.7 million Advancing Small Business Queensland Strategy to make Queensland the place for small business to start, grow and employ locals on the Gold Coast.

**Infrastructure**

$198.2M

for the State capital program in 2016-17 which supports 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.

**Domestic and Family Violence**

$198.2M

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.

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The Queensland Government employs 20,345 people on the Gold Coast who support:

- 34,445 hectares of national and regional parks
- 28 State Heritage sites
- 2 hospitals and health facilities
- 5 customer service centres
- 485 km of roads
- 10 fire stations
- 23 police stations
- 2 courthouses
- 72 schools

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**Gold Coast Light Rail**

Stage 2 of the Gold Coast light rail project, at an indicative cost of $420 million, will extend the network to the Helensvale heavy rail station creating a seamless, single-transfer journey between Queensland’s two most populous urban centres: Brisbane and Gold Coast cities.

The light rail extension will help ease road congestion and deliver new capacity for the transport network to cater for population growth on the Gold Coast and will improve regional connectivity by integrating public transport options and providing customers with easy transfer between light rail, heavy rail and bus.

Major construction activity is expected to commence in the second-half of 2016 and is expected to be fully operational by April 2018. This critical piece of transport infrastructure will be of even higher value to the community as a result of the Government’s Cheaper Fares policy.
Population in the region

*people as at 30 June 2015, growing at an annual average rate of 2.4% over the past 10 years

Top 5 industries in the region by number of workers

- **13.2%** Health care and social assistance
- **11.7%** Retail trade
- **11.0%** Construction
- **8.5%** Accommodation and food services
- **7.9%** Education and training

Agricultural production **$77M** in the region during 2014-15

7,194 residential dwellings approved for construction in the region in the 12 months ending 31 March 2016

20,507 residential dwellings sold in the region in the 12 months ending 31 December 2015

Infrastructure budget for Gold Coast

- 56% Transport and Main Roads
- 14% Energy and Water Supply
- 10% Education and Training
- 9% Queensland Health
- 3% Housing and Public Works
- 8% Other

*Agency spends are only available for capital purchases, the total infrastructure budget includes capital grants.

Apprentice and trainee rebate for payroll tax claimed by **262** businesses in the region to reinvest **$483,000** back into their business in the financial year to April 2016

60,162 businesses in the region in June 2015

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Job-creating innovation, investment and infrastructure for GOLD COAST

The Gold Coast region encompasses the local government areas of Gold Coast and parts of the Scenic Rim. The Queensland Government is investing in the Gold Coast through a diverse range of projects and initiatives. For a full list of Queensland Budget 2016-17 initiatives, visit www.budget.qld.gov.au

Gold Coast Waterways
$6.9 million in 2016-17 to support a public education campaign about the importance of disposing of waste responsibly.

New primary school in Coomera
$6.9 million in 2016-17 out of a $36.4 million total spend to commence construction of a new primary school.

Gold Coast Waterways
$39.9 million total spend for the aquatic centre, in preparation for the Commonwealth Games.

Highland Reserve State School
$6.1 million in 2016-17 out of an $18.7 million total spend for the extension of the specialist school to part of the Domestic and Family Violence ‘You Not Your past’ response.

Southport Special School
$6.3 million in 2016-17 out of a $11.0 million total spend for the construction of additional classrooms.

Gold Coast Light Rail (Stage 2)
$6.1 million in 2016-17 to construct an additional station, in preparation for the Commonwealth Games.

Health

Southport Specialist Court trial
$6.1 million in 2016-17 out of a $13.1 million total spend for the extension of the specialist court trial as part of the Domestic and Family Violence ‘You Not Your past’ response.

Litter — Everyone’s responsibility
$5.2 million in 2016-17 to construct a new primary school.

Homelessness services
$1.3 million in 2016-17 to construct a new primary school.

Justice and safety

Surfside Mermaid Beach Waterfront redevelopment
$6.1 million in 2016-17 to construct a new primary school.

Gold Coast Waterways
$3.9 million total spend to construct additional classrooms.

Social housing
$55.7 million total spend for the construction of additional social housing.

Southport Light Rail (Stage 2)
$6.1 million in 2016-17 to construct a new primary school.

Lute — Everyone’s responsibility
$5.1 million in 2016-17 to construct a new primary school.

Coastal precinct
$6.1 million in 2016-17 out of a $21.4 million total spend for the precinct, in preparation for the Commonwealth Games.

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