

BUDGET 2019/20

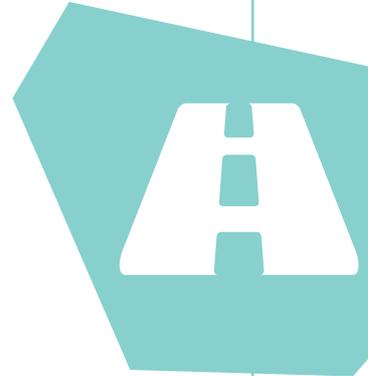
The 2019/20 Queensland Budget is 'a budget for regional Queensland' declared Treasurer Jackie Trad. Regional Queensland stands to benefit with capital spending supporting **25,000 jobs outside of South-East Queensland**.

For 2019/20, the State Government will invest **\$12.9 billion in infrastructure projects** around Queensland. That figure includes \$70 million in the dedicated **Building our Regions program**.

Here is where some of the government capital program funding will be spent:

ROADS

- \$186 million** – Bruce Highway widening between Caloundra Road and Sunshine Motorway
- \$108 million** – construction of bridges and approaches on the Bruce Highway south of Giru between Horseshoe Lagoon and Palm Creek.
- \$68.2 million** – Cairns Southern Access Corridor (Stage 3 (Edmonton to Gordonvale) and Stage 4 (Kate Street to Aumuller Street))
- \$60 million** – Mackay Ring Road (Stage 1)
- \$46.3 million** – Cairns Smithfield By-pass
- \$29.1 million** – Rockhampton Northern Access widening from two to four lanes (Stage 1)

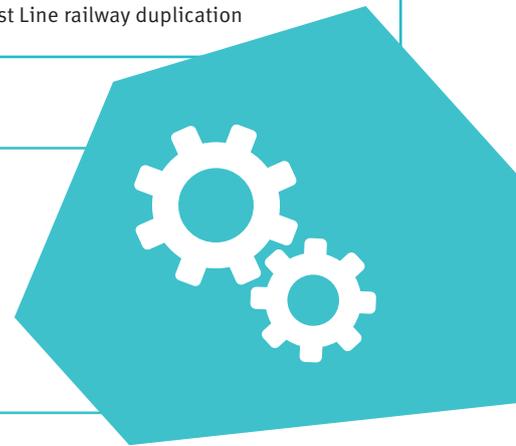


RAIL

- \$1.48 billion** – Cross River Rail
- \$119.9 million** – new statewide public transport ticketing system
- \$50 million** – Beerburrum to Nambour North Coast Line railway duplication

UTILITIES

- \$2.66 billion** – support the ongoing delivery of safe, secure, reliable and cost-effective energy and water supplies
- \$153.6 million** – upgrade dams and water supplies in South East Queensland
- \$30 million** – Port of Townsville upgrades



The Treasurer also spoke about the government's plans to attract new business and establish new industries. The budget provides \$19 million to help establish a hydrogen industry in Queensland and initiative to promote exploration, mining and exports from the north-west minerals province worth approximately \$500 million. In 2019/20 the government will also establish CleanCo, its renewal and low-emissions electric generator.

The government has announced a **\$841 million surplus for 2018/19 and estimates \$189 million surplus for 2019/20**. While expected revenue will cover the predicted expenses over the next four year, the **state's debt is expected to rise to over than \$90 billion**.

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