

2016-17 QLD Budget Review

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TTF'S QUEENSLAND BUDGET AGENDA

FUTURE ECONOMY FUTURE JOBS

In the lead up to the Queensland Budget, TTF released a comprehensive [submission](#) outlining key budgetary and policy recommendations related to tourism, transport and aviation.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Grow Demand for Travel

- Ensure TEQ funding is subject to CPI increases at minimum
- Continue to fund the Attracting Aviation Investment Fund
- Increase funding for Queensland's convention bureaux

2. Boost investment in tourism infrastructure

- Support active tourist precincts
- Invest in eco-tourism in priority destinations
- Grow cruise shipping

3. Improve the visitor transport experience

- Connect transport with the visitor economy
- Improve transport access, including to Brisbane Airport
- Maintain the drivability of the regional road network

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Queensland Palaszczuk Government has made a significant move in public transport, by reallocating \$230 million over four years to compensate for the new public transport fares structure to be implemented in 1 January 2017.

The Government will also provide an additional \$1.45 billion for infrastructure projects that meet with central approval and a range of regional transport infrastructure access and improvement measures, including \$180 million for Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects and \$300 million over five years for the Priority Economic Works and Productivity Program.

From a tourism perspective, the Queensland Government has provided a variety of measures to support the visitor economy, including:

- Extending its commitment to guarantee Tourism and Events Queensland funding at \$400 million over four years

- Allocating a new \$33.5 million over four years for attracting Asian visitors to the State
- An additional \$41.8 million over four years for cultural tourism measures; and
- \$38.3 million for the management of protected areas.

KEY BUDGET FACTS AT A GLANCE

	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Revised	2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Forecast	2018-19 Forecast	2019-20 Forecast
Surplus (deficit) (\$ millions)	542	152	867	1,225	321	741
Real Gross State Product (%)	0.8	3.5	4.0	3.5	n/a	n/a
Unemployment Employment Rate (%)	6.5	6.25	6.25	6.0	n/a	n/a
Net Debt (\$ billions)	43.1	35.7	37.8	38.0	38.4	38.7

VISITOR ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT BUDGET MEASURES

BUDGET MEASURE	ANALYSIS
GROWING DEMAND FOR TRAVEL	
Tourism and Events	<p>Guaranteed \$49.9 million over two years</p> <p>This is an additional guarantee for Tourism and Events Queensland as a measure to continue to restore funding. It is an extension of the funding guarantee announced last year, ensuring \$400 million in guaranteed funding over four years. \$2.69 million of the additional funding will be allocated in 2018-19 and \$47.2 million in 2019-20.</p>
Trade and Investment	<p>\$34 million in 2016-17</p> <p>This is for the Government's global business agency Trade and Investment Queensland, and represents a 14 per cent increase on last year's allocation of \$29.9 million.</p> <p>It includes an additional \$25.3 million over five years to roll out a government-wide strategy to grow the state's international education and training sector, and an extra \$1.5 million over three years for two new trade offices in Chengdu in Sichuan, China as well as in Singapore.</p>
Advance Queensland: Connecting with Asia Strategy	<p>New \$33.5 million over four years</p> <p>This new funding will go towards increasing Queensland's share of the Asian tourism market and growing tourism jobs in regional Queensland. It is a matched-funding grants program.</p>

<p>Cultural tourism</p>	<p>Additional \$41.8 million over four years</p> <p>Over the next four years, \$10.8 million will be allocated to QAGOMA, including an incentive of up to \$2 million to match sponsorship funding raised by the Gallery to secure blockbuster exhibitions.</p> <p>Queensland Museum will deliver unique cultural tourism benefits with up to \$4.5 million over four years of matched funding to upgrade permanent gallery and exhibition spaces across its network.</p> <p>\$3 million has been allocated towards cultural infrastructure including the refurbishment of the Cremorne Theatre at QPAC which will see the redesign of staging and seating areas.</p> <p>In 2016-17, the Government will provide an increase of \$18.8 million for a total of \$191.6 million for operating expenses of the arts portfolio including the state’s arts statutory bodies: the Queensland Museum, Queensland Art Gallery Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA), Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC), Screen Queensland and Queensland Theatre Company.</p>
<p>Climate Change Policy</p>	<p>\$6.8 million over four years</p> <p>This will go towards developing and implementing a Queensland Climate Change Strategy. Funding is in addition to \$15 million provided as part of the 2015-16 Budget for the Local Government Coastal Hazard Climate Adaptation Fund and the Queensland Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.</p>

BOOSTING INVESTMENT IN VISITOR INFRASTRUCTURE

<p>Nature-based tourism</p>	<p>\$89.1 million</p> <p>This includes \$38.3 million for the management of protected areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queensland parks and forest management – \$21.6 million to manage and develop facilities on land which has been acquired due to its high environmental and conservation value. • Publicly owned protected area land – an additional \$5 million for the acquisition of unique and high value conservation areas as part of Queensland’s protected area estate. • NatureAssist Program – \$11.7 million in increased funding for the management of existing Nature Refuge agreements under the NatureAssist Program. <p>Further, the operating budget for the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection has increased by \$23.5 million to enhance and protect the environment.</p>
<p>Townsville Stadium</p>	<p>Additional \$40 million</p> <p>The additional funding brings the total State commitment to \$140 million. \$7.8 million is expected to be spent this year for early works and planning development of the stadium. Commitments will be required from the Australian Government, the National Rugby League and Townsville City Council to deliver the project.</p>

Stadiums Queensland	\$41.8 million This funding will be provided to Stadiums Queensland for operations and maintenance of world-class sporting and events facilities. It includes \$15 million as part of a \$30 million commitment to develop and build a state netball facility at the Queensland Sports and Athletics Centre in Brisbane in partnership with Netball Queensland.
State Infrastructure Fund	\$2 billion over four years Additional \$1.45 billion over four years. Funding is held centrally and allocated as projects are approved.
Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program	Additional \$180 million over three years Funding will be provided on application by departments to infrastructure projects in key regional centres that respond to a community need or create economic opportunities.
Road access to Western Queensland	\$10 million over two years to upgrade road access to tourist and culturally significant sides in Western QLD.

INVESTING IN TRANSPORT

SE QLD Fare Review	\$230 million over four years Reallocating funding internally to cover the costs of new public transport fares structures from 1 January 2017.
Northern Queensland Road Funding	Additional \$96.5 over five years For various projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$19.6 million to seal the Kennedy Development Road • \$76.9 million for the widening the Gregory Development Road and the construction of a new high-level Cape River Bridge
State Infrastructure Plan, Priority Economic Works and Productivity Program	Additional \$300 million over five years For priority transport works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$88.4 million for Ipswich Motorway • \$42.0 million for Pacific Motorway • \$40.0 million for Dawson Highway • \$100 million for North Coast Rail Line
Road Safety	Additional \$89 million over four years For accident prevention measures on sections of state-controlled roads notorious for accidents.
Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme	\$90 million over three years (from 2017-18) Targeted investment in local government transport infrastructure (continued on from 'Building our regions' fund).
Cross River Rail	\$50 million in 2016-17 to establish the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority.