

State Budget 2021-22



Queensland councils stand ready to partner with the State Government to drive long-term economic recovery for local communities.

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Funding secured



Waste Levy Advance Payments for councils confirmed for 2021-22.



\$70 million **Building our Regions Round 6** to fund water security infrastructure for councils.



\$100 million in 2021-22 to continue the highly successful **Works for Queensland** program.



\$70 million for the **Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme**.



\$30 million **Indigenous Councils Critical Infrastructure Program**.

Yes, but...

BUT

...there's no commitment to continue these payments to ensure the Premier keeps her promise to Queenslanders that no household will be financially worse off from the waste levy.

BUT

...with a pipe bursting every 80 minutes in Queensland's rural towns, councils welcome this funding and want to see ongoing funding to address the critical water infrastructure cliff.

BUT

...Works for Queensland funding substantially declines in future years, meaning councils can no longer support the 26,000+ jobs for rural and regional Queenslanders as it has in the past.

BUT

...this funding has not increased since 2015. Without more funding councils cannot deliver expected project outputs or continue to support 400 regional jobs.

BUT

...funding for this program decreases to \$22 million after this budget. First Nations councils need this funding to continue so they can deliver infrastructure that will ensure safe drinking water and effective waste management in their communities.

MISSED



Funding boost to help councils to manage local SES needs.

Despite the LGAQ's request, the budget contains no funding support for councils to ensure the State Emergency Service (SES) can effectively service our communities in emergency and disaster situations, without negatively impacting the financial sustainability of councils.

The LGAQ calls on the State Government to urgently address the funding partnership imbalance to ensure local SES services can continue to keep our communities safe.

WELCOMED



Skilling Queenslanders for Work.

The LGAQ welcomes \$6 million from **Skilling Queenslanders for Work** to support local government trainees and apprenticeships.

Protecting the Great Barrier Reef.

The LGAQ welcomes \$330 million to protect the Great Barrier Reef including the continuation of the **Reef Water Quality Improvement Program**, the **Land Restoration Fund** and the new **Natural Capital Fund**.

Housing and Homelessness Action Plan.

The LGAQ welcomes the \$1.9 billion Housing and Homelessness Action Plan.