

THE HOSPITAL RESCUE PLAN

MORE BEDS AND A CREDIBLE PLAN



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The new Queensland Government is ensuring every Queenslander can access health services when they need them.

The *Hospital Rescue Plan* is an investment in the future of our health system, delivering more than 2,600 new beds right across metro, regional and rural Queensland – alongside more investment in a bigger health workforce.

This will be the largest investment in hospital infrastructure Queensland has ever seen. The Queensland Government's delivery plan will build new hospitals, and upgrade and expand existing ones, to deliver the extra beds our communities need.

Right now, too many families are waiting too long to receive the health services they need, and too many healthcare workers are stretched beyond their limits. Our population is growing and ageing, and our health system must keep up.

To get this right, we've delivered a plan for the future, listening to clinicians, empowering local decision-making, and adhering to proper health infrastructure planning and processes.

Queenslanders deserve to have a health system they can rely on, and that's why we're delivering the *Hospital Rescue Plan*.



Hospitals on life support

Failed CEP

Queensland's hospitals are the backbone of the health system, helping our hardworking health workforce to care for more than a million people each year.

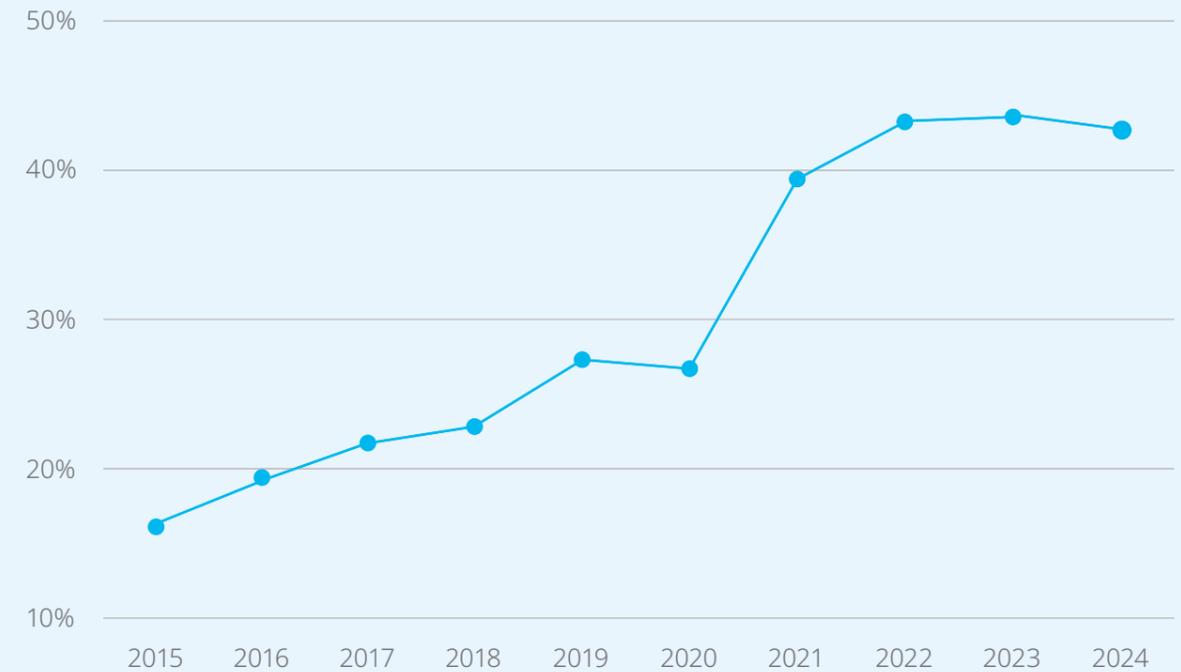
When the Capacity Expansion Program (CEP) was announced in 2022, it followed eight years of underinvestment in health infrastructure in Queensland. As our population grew, our hospitals were struggling to keep up with demand. The health system was in crisis.

Infrastructure suffered, needing \$2 billion in maintenance and repair alone.

Ambulance ramping was the highest it has ever been, and unprecedented numbers of people were left lingering on surgery wait lists.



Ambulance ramping



People waiting for elective surgery



Independent Review of the CEP

The decision to develop the Capacity Expansion Program (CEP) was a hurried attempt to address the state of crisis gripping the health system.

As issues emerged across the CEP, including significant project delays and increased costs, the new Queensland Government announced an independent review in 2024. The Independent Review into the CEP (the Review) found extensive evidence that the planning and execution of the CEP lacked in many critical areas.

Poor planning

- x The CEP was assembled in around six weeks, a process that under regular circumstances would have taken around six months of detailed planning for each project.
- x Business cases were not completed prior to announced budgets.
- x Projects were developed without consulting clinicians and considering local priorities.
- x Critical services were left out of projects due to a lack of consultation and planning.

Low productivity

- x Contractors and subcontractors were required to apply Best Practice Industry Conditions (BPIC) – a major contributor to project cost blowouts and delays.
- x Because of BPIC, Queensland construction sites are less productive than the rest of the country.
- x On just one project, the impact of BPIC is estimated to contribute more than \$130 million in additional costs.

Rushed delivery

- x Rushed contracting without proper planning saw projects blow out by 75% within months, requiring an additional \$1 billion.
- x The plan unrealistically attempted to deliver all major projects in a single stage.

Delays

The Review found that every project in the CEP was underfunded, delayed, did not deliver on critical service needs and was ultimately undeliverable. In some cases, projects had doubled in cost and were delayed from anywhere between six months to more than three years. Without major intervention, none of the projects were able to be delivered in their current form.

Cost blowouts

Because of poor planning, low productivity, rushed delivery, and delays, costs blew out by approximately \$7 billion.

Project	Announced budget	Actual or forecast cost	Blowout
The Prince Charles Hospital Expansion	\$300 million	\$788 million	\$488 million
New Queensland Cancer Centre	\$750 million	\$1.8 billion	\$1.05 billion
Redcliffe Hospital Expansion	\$1.06 billion	\$2.122 billion	\$1.062 billion
New Toowoomba Hospital	\$1.3 billion	\$1.98 billion	\$680 million
New Coomera Hospital	\$1.3 billion	\$2.254 billion	\$954 million
Mackay Hospital Expansion	\$250 million	\$520 million	\$270 million
Townsville University Hospital Expansion	\$530 million	\$1.029 billion	\$499 million
New Bundaberg Hospital	\$1.2 billion	\$2.306 billion	\$1.106 billion
Cairns Hospital Expansion	\$250 million	\$628 million	\$378 million
Hervey Bay Hospital Expansion	\$40 million	\$94 million	\$54 million
Logan Hospital Expansion	\$530 million	\$875 million	\$345 million
Ipswich Hospital Expansion	\$710 million	\$925 million	\$215 million
QEII Hospital Expansion	\$465 million	\$621 million	\$156 million
Princess Alexandra Hospital Expansion	\$350 million	\$761 million	\$411 million



Hospital Rescue Plan

2,600 new beds and a credible plan to deliver them.

The *Hospital Rescue Plan* will deliver more than 2,600 new beds alongside more investment in a bigger health workforce. This plan gives certainty to industry, health professionals, communities and, most importantly, Queenslanders.

We are embarking on the *Hospital Rescue Plan* to deliver modern, world-class facilities across the State and to tackle problems like the record-high levels of ambulance ramping and elective surgery waitlists.

This credible plan gives clinicians the tools and resources they need to do their job, while giving Queenslanders the health services they need by increasing capacity and expanding services at hospitals right across the State.



The Prince Charles Hospital

Located in Brisbane's north, The Prince Charles Hospital is a major tertiary-level cardiac hospital, employing around 3,200 staff and providing specialised care for more than 420,000 Queenslanders each year.

Our expansion project will deliver better services for the people of Brisbane, making sure they can receive healthcare faster and avoid potential complications while left on a waitlist without answers.

The Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver:

- ✓ At least 93 new overnight beds
- ✓ A new, fully developed plan that meets Hospital and Health Service and clinical needs
- ✓ Services including a new emergency department, paediatrics and operating theatres
- ✓ Staged execution to keep the project on track
- ✓ Better use of the site, leveraging nearby facilities and infrastructure
- ✓ A multi-storey car park delivered in 2025.

Failed CEP

- x \$488 million cost blowout
- x Delayed at least 18 months
- x Missing and inadequate planning documents
- x No paediatric emergency department short stay, no expansion space for operating theatres and no full sterilising department
- x Unresolved design issues
- x No plan to reduce costs by partnering with the private hospital on the same site.





New Queensland Cancer Centre
Artist Impression

New Queensland Cancer Centre

Cancer remains one of the leading causes of death and a leading cause of reduced quality of life for Queenslanders of all ages and backgrounds.

Half of all Queenslanders will develop cancer before the age of 85. With a growing and ageing population, cancer diagnoses are only expected to increase. Not all Queenslanders have access to the right cancer support when they need it.

The new Queensland Cancer Centre at the Herston Health Precinct will provide Queenslanders with access to contemporary and world-leading therapies. The centre of excellence will also enable greater 'home-grown' research and its translation into local health solutions. To manage growing cancer service demand, the Queensland Government will take the necessary steps to ensure quality cancer care is accessible to all Queenslanders, no matter where they live.

The Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver:

- ✓ At least 150 beds
- ✓ A statewide cancer centre in Metro North
- ✓ A review of cancer services infrastructure needs for metro, rural and regional Queensland
- ✓ Better planning that meets clinical needs
- ✓ Partnerships with nearby health, research and education facilities.

Failed CEP

- x \$1.05 billion cost blowout
- x Delayed at least 3 years
- x Missing and inadequate planning documents
- x No plan to replace critical electricity substation
- x Site works never commenced
- x Failed to secure promised funds
- x The ongoing cost of proton therapy was never considered.

Redcliffe Hospital Expansion

Redcliffe Hospital is located in the fast-growing Moreton Bay region, home to over half a million Queenslanders.

Our hospital expansion project at Redcliffe is essential for the people of Moreton Bay to ensure they can access care easier, move off surgery wait lists faster, and have a healthcare system they can rely on.

The Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver:

- ✓ At least 210 new overnight beds
- ✓ Services including maternity, endoscopy, and operating theatres
- ✓ A new, fully developed plan that meets Hospital and Health Service and clinical needs
- ✓ A design that ensures the safety of nurses, doctors and healthcare workers
- ✓ Better use of the site to maximise service delivery
- ✓ More car parks.

Failed CEP

- ✗ More than \$1 billion cost blowout
- ✗ Delayed at least 2 years
- ✗ Inadequate planning that ignored clinical advice
- ✗ No paediatric outpatients, no mortuary and no education and training facilities
- ✗ Failed to address major safety concerns for staff
- ✗ Major delays due to planning failures and site risks
- ✗ Failed to resolve cultural heritage issues.





New Toowoomba Hospital

Toowoomba has a growing and ageing population, which is increasing pressure on our hospitals and health services each year.

As more people are choosing to call Toowoomba and the Darling Downs home, our new Toowoomba Hospital will ensure every Queenslanders has access to care, closer to where they live. The new Toowoomba Hospital will be the main referral hospital for the Darling Downs region and will provide a much-needed boost to bed capacity alongside emergency and specialised care.

The Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver:

- ✓ At least 538 total overnight beds, including at least 118 new beds
- ✓ All services and existing beds relocated to the new hospital
- ✓ Services including a cardiac lab, more dialysis and a larger emergency department
- ✓ Staged execution to keep project on track
- ✓ Better planning to meet clinical needs
- ✓ A plan to implement electronic medical records
- ✓ Better use of existing heritage listed buildings at the Baillie Henderson site
- ✓ A multi-storey car park.

Failed CEP

- x \$680 million cost blowout
- x Delayed at least 6 months
- x Inadequate planning that ignored clinical advice
- x Missing a transit lounge, operating theatres, dialysis, geriatric rehab, birthing suites
- x Plan to operate across two separate hospital sites was not supported by clinicians and would have cost up to an extra \$400 million per year
- x Did not budget for maintenance costs to make the old site safe and operational
- x No plan to deploy electronic medical records.

New Coomera Hospital

The Gold Coast is one of the most rapidly growing regions in Queensland, and more beds at the new Coomera Hospital will provide care closer to home while taking pressure off the already busy local health system.

Experts from the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service identified the greatest priority for the region to be increasing capacity and bolstering services at the Coomera site, rather than fragmenting services across different facilities, as was the case under the previous plan. It's why the Queensland Government will deliver an uplift of 50% to deliver 600 more beds at the new Coomera Hospital.

The Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver:

- ✓ At least 600 new overnight beds
- ✓ Services including day surgery, maternity, operating theatres and an ICU
- ✓ Works on site to progress while planning continues
- ✓ A revised masterplan to better connect to public transport
- ✓ A multi-storey car park.

Failed CEP

- x Almost \$1 billion cost blowout
- x Delayed at least 6 months
- x Ignored the need for 600 new beds at Coomera
- x No pharmacy, no pathology and no outpatients department
- x Failed to develop a feasible plan for Robina
- x Failed to consider connection to the train station to improve access for patients and staff.





Mackay Hospital Expansion

Mackay Base Hospital is the major hospital across the Greater Mackay Whitsunday region.

These communities are growing and deserve care closer to home, so we're delivering a major expansion to the hospital. More beds and services at Mackay Base Hospital will make sure locals have access to safe, high-quality care.

The Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver:

- ✓ At least 128 new overnight beds
- ✓ Services including surgical, maternity, neonatal and paediatric
- ✓ A new, fully developed plan that meets Hospital and Health Service and clinical needs
- ✓ A multi-storey car park
- ✓ A new helipad.

Failed CEP

- ✗ \$270 million cost blowout, more than double the announced budget
- ✗ Delayed more than a year
- ✗ No rooftop helipad and no backup electricity
- ✗ No agreement on clinical needs
- ✗ No parent accommodation in the paediatric service
- ✗ Late identification of asbestos and cultural heritage artefacts
- ✗ Major design flaws not rectified.

Townsville University Hospital Expansion

Townsville University Hospital is the only tertiary referral centre in North Queensland, treating patients from as far north as Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands and west to Mount Isa and the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Each year, it treats hundreds of thousands of Queenslanders in acute, outpatient, community, and aged care settings with focus on quality, safety, and compassion. Our expansion project at Townsville will deliver more services for locals closer to home, making sure they get the care they deserve, when they need it.

The Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver:

- ✓ At least 165 new overnight beds
- ✓ Services including day surgery, operating theatres and a rehab therapy unit
- ✓ A new, fully developed plan that meets Hospital and Health Service and clinical needs
- ✓ A staged approach to keep the project on track
- ✓ A fast-tracked multi-storey car park with opportunities for local builders.

Failed CEP

- x \$500 million cost blowout
- x Delayed at least 2 years
- x Ignored advice and included only 70% of clinical requirements
- x No pharmacy, no sterilising department and no link bridge to existing hospital
- x Increased costs due to asbestos and underlying ground conditions.





New Bundaberg Hospital
Artist Impression

New Bundaberg Hospital

Bundaberg Hospital is one of the busiest hospitals in Wide Bay.

With a growing and ageing population, the new Bundaberg Hospital is an essential project to make sure Queenslanders living in our regions have easier access to specialised health services. Increasing bed capacity and improving access to healthcare in Bundaberg will ensure community needs continue to be met, now and in the future.

The Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver:

- ✓ More than 410 total beds and bed alternatives
- ✓ At least 139 new overnight beds
- ✓ Level 5 services including emergency and maternity
- ✓ A new design that transfers all services and beds to the new site
- ✓ Better planning and consultation to meet clinical needs
- ✓ Mitigation of flooding risk by moving to new site
- ✓ A multi-storey car park.

Failed CEP

- ✗ More than \$1 billion cost blowout
- ✗ Delayed at least 18 months
- ✗ Plan to operate across two separate hospital sites was not supported by clinicians and would have cost up to an extra \$200 million per year
- ✗ Did not adequately consider maintenance costs to keep the old site safe and operational
- ✗ Failed to consider flooding risks at old site
- ✗ No plan for roads, potable water, sewer, stormwater, electrical supply and telecommunications.

Cairns Hospital Expansion

Cairns Hospital is the only major referral hospital in Far North Queensland. The people of Cairns deserve a world-class health system and services closer to home.

The hospital expansion will deliver the much-needed bed capacity and surgical services at Cairns Hospital, making it easier for Queenslanders to get the care they need.

The Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver:

- ✓ 64 new overnight beds by 2027
- ✓ At least 40 new overnight beds at the surgical centre
- ✓ Services including orthopaedics, ophthalmology, and plastic and reconstructive surgery
- ✓ Collaboration with local tertiary education providers for a future health and innovation precinct
- ✓ Funding to find a new and safe location for the Cairns Hospital helipad
- ✓ A multi-storey car park.

Failed CEP

- ✗ \$378 million cost blowout
- ✗ No plan to deliver the surgical centre
- ✗ No funding or site for a car park
- ✗ Costs increased so significantly that only the refurbishment elements could be delivered
- ✗ The Hospital and Health Service was not adequately consulted on the surgical centre
- ✗ The project did not address the helipad relocating from the esplanade which is one of the highest clinical and safety priorities.





Hervey Bay Hospital Expansion

Hervey Bay Hospital is a major hospital in the Wide Bay region, providing services such as surgical, maternity and mental health close to home.

We're expanding the Hervey Bay Hospital so Queenslanders can access healthcare faster and spend less time on waiting lists.

The Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver:

- ✓ An expansion by 2026
- ✓ 35 overnight beds
- ✓ Services including an inpatient unit, and ICU
- ✓ An at-grade car park.



Hervey Bay Hospital Expansion
Artist Impression

Failed CEP

- ✗ \$54 million cost blowout
- ✗ Delayed at least 2 years
- ✗ No funding for multi-storey car park.

Logan Hospital Expansion

Logan is a fast-growing city, so it is critical that bed capacity and health services can keep up with the community's needs.

The Logan Hospital expansion project is one of the largest in Queensland, delivering much needed upgrades and enhancements to buildings and services to make it easier for the people of Logan to access healthcare faster, and closer to home.

The Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver:

- ✓ An expansion by 2027
- ✓ 112 new overnight beds
- ✓ Services including endoscopy, operating theatres and cardiac lab
- ✓ Solutions to address residual risks
- ✓ A multi-storey car park.



Failed CEP

- x \$345 million cost blowout
- x Delayed at least 6 months
- x Inadequate planning
- x No main entry, no sterilising department, no pharmacy, no loading dock and no administration space.

Ipswich Hospital Expansion

West Moreton is a fast-growing region, and it's vital that health services continue to expand so that the community has a local health system they can rely on.

Ipswich Hospital is the largest hospital in West Moreton and provides specialised services for the people of Ipswich and beyond. Work is well underway to expand the Ipswich Hospital making it easier for the growing West Moreton community to get the healthcare they need, closer to home.

The Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver:

- ✓ An expansion by 2028
- ✓ 200 new overnight beds
- ✓ Services including a new emergency department, operating theatres and an expanded coronary care unit
- ✓ A multi-storey car park.



Failed CEP

- x \$215 million cost blowout
- x Delayed at least 6 months.

QEII Hospital Expansion

The Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital cares for adults across medical, surgery and intensive care in Brisbane's south.

This much needed expansion project is critical for ensuring the hospital can continue to meet the healthcare needs of the growing region. The upgrades will modernise the hospital and provide easier access to health services for Queenslanders.

The Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver:

- ✓ An expansion by 2028
- ✓ 112 new overnight beds
- ✓ An expanded ICU, medical day unit and more operating theatres
- ✓ Solutions and funding to address the energy supply risk.



Failed CEP

- x \$156 million cost blowout
- x Delayed at least 12 months
- x No medical records and maintenance areas, no medical imaging and no expanded outpatient areas
- x Failed to plan or budget to switch the entire site to high-voltage supply
- x Risks related to the integration of technology and safety systems.

Princess Alexandra Hospital Expansion

The Princess Alexandra Hospital is one of Queensland's major metro hospitals, providing specialised services to residents from across the State.

As one of the busiest hospitals in Brisbane, the essential upgrade and expansion of the Princess Alexandra Hospital will make it easier for the community to access health services, and provide critical capacity to meet ongoing needs.

The Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver:

- ✓ An expansion by 2028
- ✓ 249 new overnight beds
- ✓ Services including cancer care as well as medical and surgical beds
- ✓ More car parking.



Failed CEP

- x \$411 million cost blowout
- x Delayed at least 2 years
- x Failed to consider the challenges of delivering the project above the existing emergency department
- x Risks related to the integration of technology and safety systems.

Rockhampton

Rockhampton is the heart of Central Queensland and the Rockhampton Hospital is in crisis. Its emergency department is overrun with rising demand, outdated infrastructure, limited primary care access, and a significant backlog of patients awaiting aged-care or disability accommodations.

The Queensland Government is committed to investing in the regions because we believe every Queenslanders should have access to a health system they can rely on, no matter where they live. That's why we are delivering new, expanded and upgraded infrastructure for Rockhampton to ensure the provision of safe, high-quality healthcare, closer to home.

Rockhampton Hospital

- ✓ Masterplanning is underway for the redevelopment of the Rockhampton Hospital. We will do the full and proper work to secure the future of this essential health service.
- ✓ Work is progressing for a new Cardiac Hybrid Theatre at Rockhampton Hospital to provide more services closer to home and attract a sustainable cardiac health practice to the region.
- ✓ Delivering expanded hospital support facilities at the vacated Central Queensland University City Campus site on Canning Street, Rockhampton.

Mental Health

- ✓ More beds for Rockhampton through a nine-bed expansion of the adult mental health unit.
- ✓ A new six bed youth *Step Up Step Down* facility will provide 24/7 care to young people experiencing, or at increased risk of experiencing, acute mental illness episodes, to either step down from hospital treatment or step up into the service.

Future workforce

- ✓ Our next generation of healthcare workers will benefit from a new \$95 million Queensland Academy of Health Sciences in Rockhampton to fast-track high school students into health careers. The academy in Rockhampton will be delivered in partnership with the Federal Government and is the first of its kind outside of South East Queensland.



Right across Queensland, we're delivering easier access to health services.

From Coolangatta to the Cape, and Brisbane to Bedourie and beyond, we're investing in better healthcare closer to home, delivering more beds and staff accommodation, upgraded facilities and enhanced services for Queenslanders.

PROJECTS

● New and upgraded facilities

Ripley Satellite Health Centre Sub-Acute Expansion Project (90 new beds)

Ripley Satellite Health Centre car park

Gold Coast University Hospital Sub-Acute Expansion Project (70 new beds)

Cooktown Multi-Purpose Health Service Expansion (8 new beds)

Maryborough Hospital Essential Services Upgrade

Cow Bay Health Centre Replacement

Millmerran Multipurpose Health Centre Replacement

Normanton Hospital Replacement

Pormpuraaw Primary Healthcare Centre Replacement

Moura Multipurpose Health Service - Aged Care Expansion

Biloela Hospital Theatre Refurbishment

Charleville Sterilising and Operating Theatre Refurbishment

Yarrabah Hospital Parking Upgrade and Relocated Helipad

Bamaga Primary Healthcare Centre Replacement

Doomadgee Hospital Replacement

Laura Primary Healthcare Centre Replacement

Boigu Primary Healthcare Centre Replacement

Badu Island Primary Healthcare Centre Replacement

Lockhart River Primary Healthcare Centre Replacement

Horn Island Primary Healthcare Centre Replacement

Hughenden Multipurpose Health Centre Replacement

Richmond Multipurpose Health Centre Replacement

Home Hill Health Service Replacement

Chinchilla Hospital Replacement

Biloela Hospital Partial Replacement

Laidley Hospital Partial Replacement

Boonah Hospital Partial Replacement

Murgon Hospital Partial Replacement

Childers Multipurpose Health Centre Partial Replacement

Proserpine Hospital Upgrade

Jandowae Multipurpose Health Centre Upgrade

● Staff accommodation

Longreach - Staff Accommodation Replacement

Collinsville - Staff Accommodation Replacement

Biloela - Staff Accommodation Replacement

Torres and Cape - Staff Accommodation Replacement

Dajarra - Staff Accommodation

Camooweal - Staff Accommodation

Winton - Staff Accommodation

Mt Isa - Staff Accommodation

St George - Staff Accommodation

Charleville - Staff Accommodation

Charters Towers - Staff Accommodation

Tara - Staff Accommodation

● Masterplanning for future needs

Rockhampton Hospital redevelopment masterplanning

Gympie Hospital redevelopment masterplanning

Gladstone Hospital redevelopment masterplanning

● New and upgraded medical equipment

Charleville CT scanner

Ingham CT scanner

Ayr CT scanner

● New and upgraded ambulance stations

Beenleigh Central Ambulance Station

Southport East Ambulance Station

Pimpama Ambulance Station Replacement

Glenwood Ambulance Station Business Case

● New and expanded mental health facilities

Redland Hospital Expansion (20 new beds)

Cairns Adolescent Acute Mental Health Project (8 new beds)

Perinatal Mental Health Beds (30 new beds across the State)

Rockhampton Adult Mental Health Unit Expansion (9 new beds)

Two youth *Step Up Step Down* Facilities, with the first one in Rockhampton (6 beds per facility)

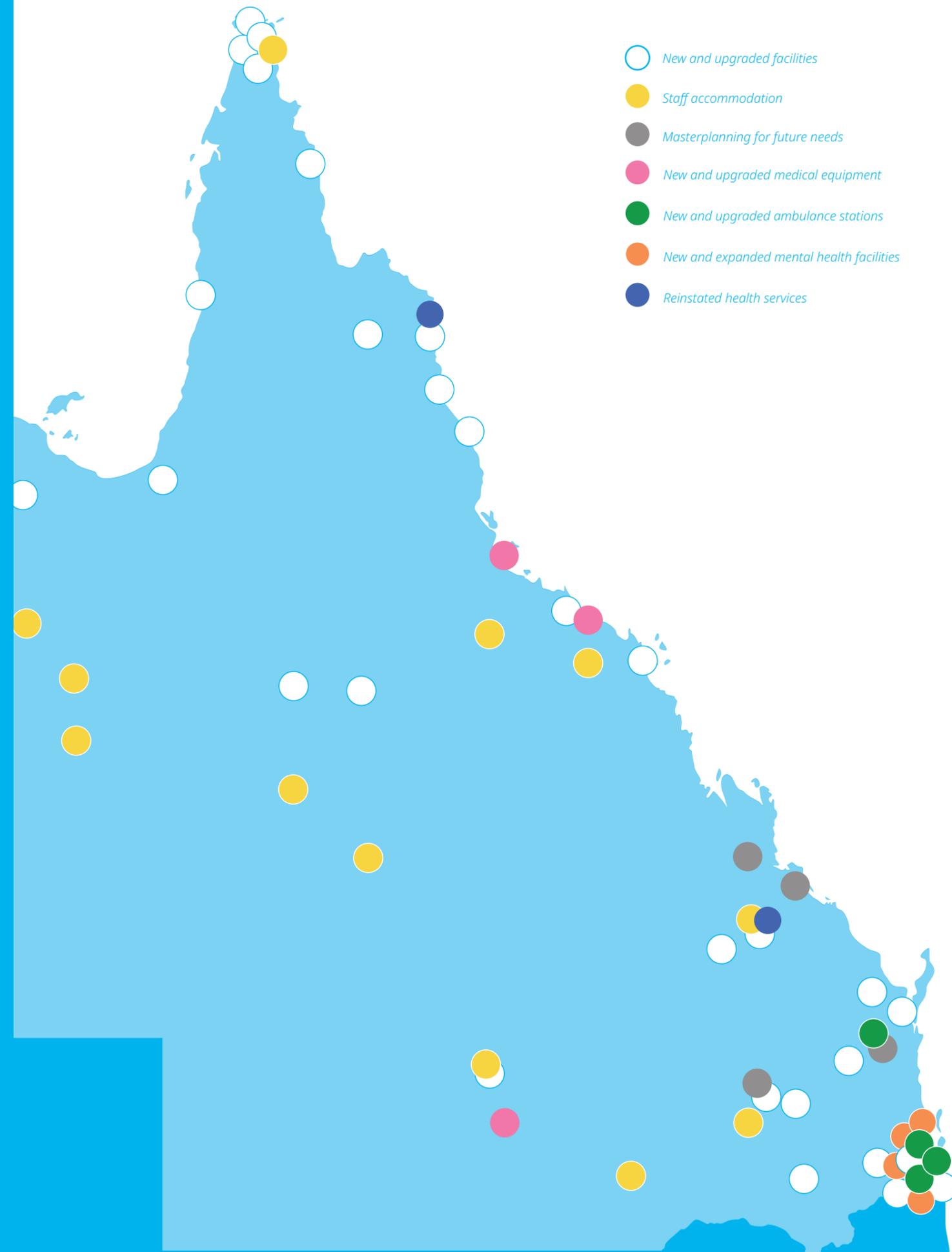
Sunshine Coast Short-Term Accommodation for Mental Health Treatment and Support

● Reinstated health services

Cooktown reinstatement of birthing services

Biloela reinstatement of birthing services

- New and upgraded facilities
- Staff accommodation
- Masterplanning for future needs
- New and upgraded medical equipment
- New and upgraded ambulance stations
- New and expanded mental health facilities
- Reinstated health services





Real-time health data

In a first for Queensland, real-time data is available on critical hospital performance and wait times across the State's 25 major emergency departments and seven satellite health centres. Data on critical information, such as median patient wait times and the number of patients who have been triaged and awaiting treatment to start, is updated every 15 to 30 minutes.

Ensuring increased transparency across the health system is a priority for the new Queensland Government. To see for yourself, visit openhospitals.health.qld.gov.au.

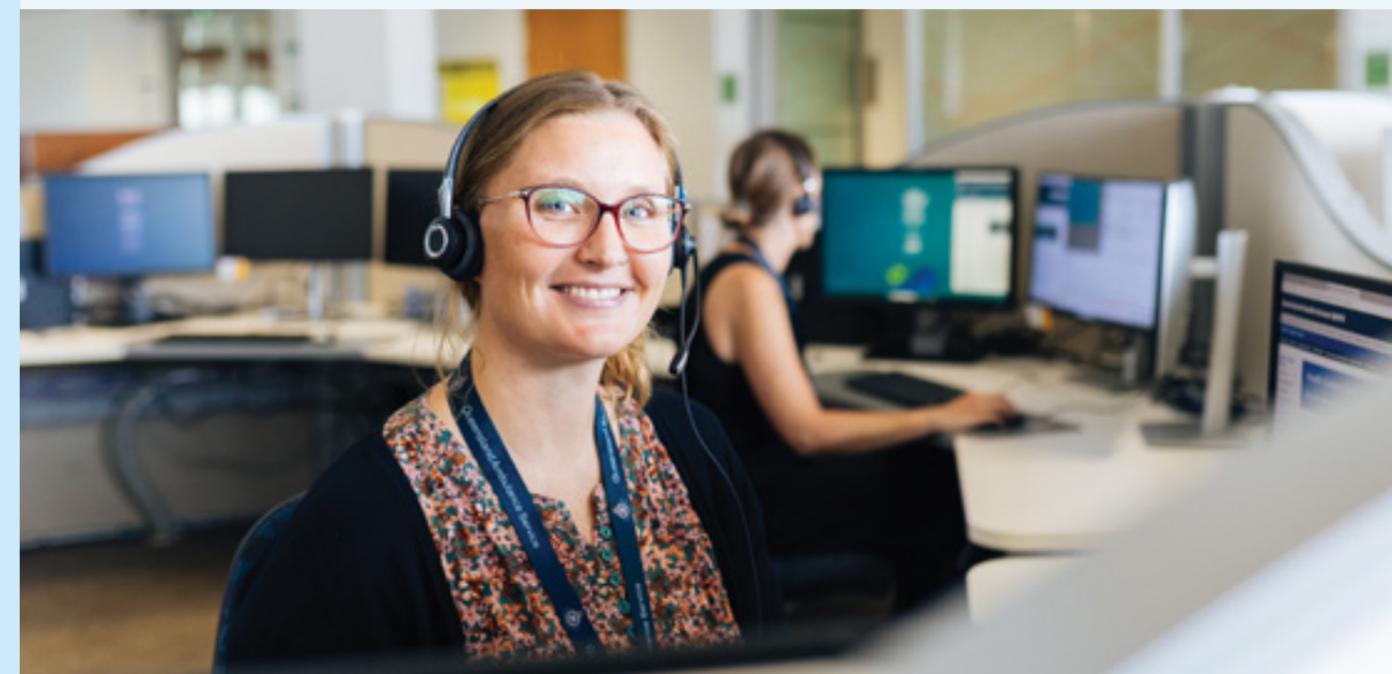
"This is such an achievement in pulling meaningful data from a number of systems to ensure transparency for the public.

It will have benefits for our General Practitioners as well when needing to refer patients from primary care into the hospital emergency department or minor illness and injury clinics.

The 25 sites are a great first step and include regional sites and we look forward to seeing more sites included over time and eventually all Queensland Health Emergency Departments included in the data."

Dr Danielle Allan

President of the Rural Doctors Association of Queensland



Abolishing the patients' tax

We've stopped the patients' tax because we recognise the need to provide ongoing cost of living relief, particularly when it comes to paying for healthcare. Abolishing this tax will save Queenslanders from paying more when seeing their doctor and ease pressure on our already stretched emergency departments.

"This will come as a big relief for practice owners, GPs and our patients who value the relationship they have with their GP highly – there is no substitute for the quality care you get from a specialist GP."

Dr Cath Hester
Chair of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Queensland

Supporting regional GPs with access to specialist advice

We're reducing referral to specialist waitlists with an expanded eConsultant service, helping regional and rural GPs access specialist advice on complex patient issues.

"The Queensland Government's commitment to fund the Queensland eConsultant Partnership Program allows more rural and remote patients to access timely specialist advice, supporting the care provided by their local medical practitioner."

Emeritus Professor David McIntyre
Clinical Lead Queensland eConsultant Partnership Program, Mater Research



Dialysis closer to home

We've delivered vital uplifts to services and infrastructure in rural Queensland, like the Longreach dialysis chairs, and are committed to delivering even more in Emerald.

The new Central West Renal Unit at Longreach Hospital is improving access to quality healthcare for local residents.

It means so much to people like 51-year-old Darren Amiguët, originally from Ilfracombe, who relocated to Rockhampton in June 2016 after a failed kidney transplant left him reliant on dialysis that wasn't then readily available in the Central West. Darren and his wife Tamara plan to move back to Ilfracombe and commute the 27 kilometres to Longreach for Darren's three-weekly dialysis sessions.

"I have my mum and dad, sister and an auntie in Ilfracombe and it will be good to be close to family again," Mr Amiguët said.

"It's been a long time coming and the reality is still to hit me if I'm honest."

"I think that will happen only once I have my bum in the seat at Longreach and doing dialysis."

Better diagnosis, sooner

We're delivering an extra nine computed tomography (CT) scanners and six magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines across Queensland, to free-up hospital beds and bolster Satellite Health Centres and hospital services.



Investing in our workforce

We're investing in the largest expansion of Queensland Health's workforce with 46,000 additional health workers by 2032. This includes 34,200 extra clinicians, including additional paramedics and 18,700 nurses and midwives.

The new Queensland Government is delivering a home-grown health workforce strategy to train and hire the clinicians needed for the next decade. This means making it easier for students to study, train and work in Queensland, especially in regional and rural areas.

We are supporting aspiring doctors by providing sustainable home-grown pathways in regional Queensland. We know that if doctors are given access to training and life in a regional area early in their careers, they are far more likely to remain in the regions.





Reducing elective surgery wait time

“Providing patients with timely access to diagnoses and treatments is a great outcome.”

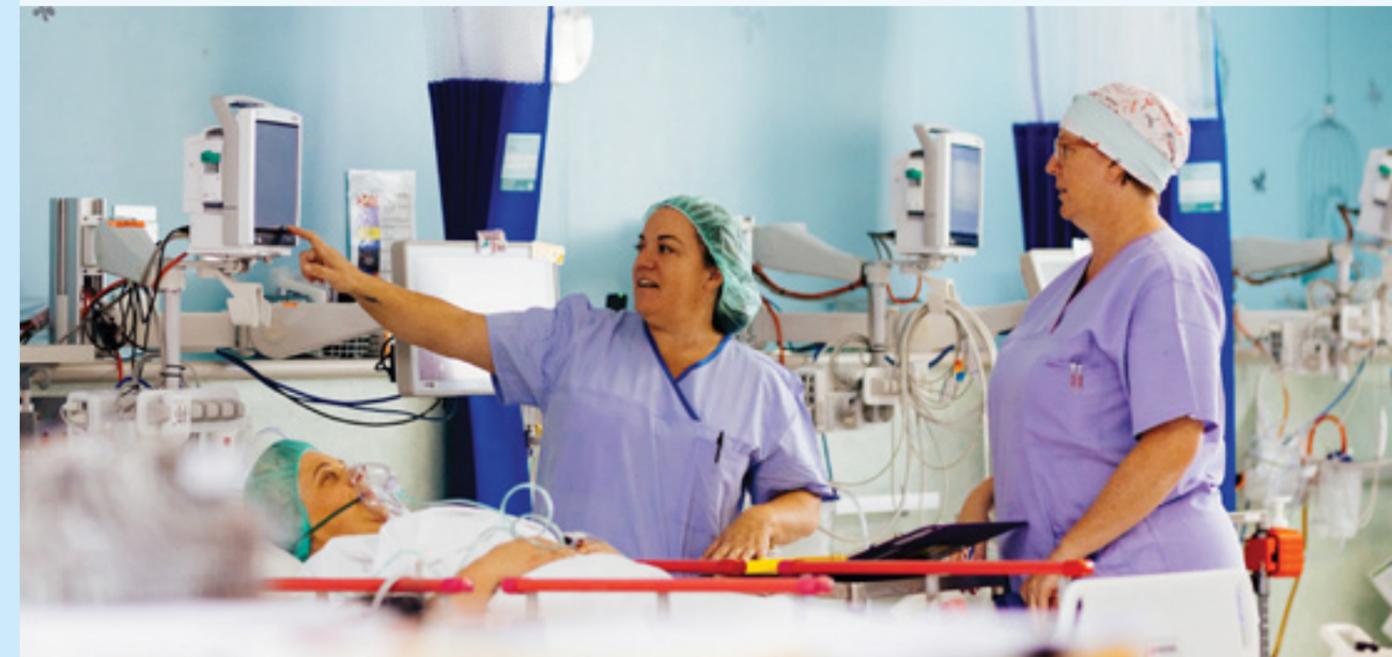
Ramsay Health Care operates 20 private hospitals in Queensland and is well-placed to relieve pressure on the public system by partnering with the Government to bring down surgical waiting lists.”

Carmel Monaghan
CEO, Ramsay Health Care Australia

The *Surgery Connect Surge* is delivering 10,000 additional elective surgeries, using private sector capacity to deliver planned elective surgery within private hospitals.

We're working with more than 60 private partners to help deliver the boost to Surgery Connect across Ears Nose and Throat, General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Urology, Ophthalmology, Gynaecology and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Our \$100 million boost to Surgery Connect is already reducing wait times for thousands of Queenslanders waiting for life changing surgery.





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