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2022-23

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A STATE BUDGET FOR THE FUTURE OF REGIONAL SA

The Malinauskas Government's first State Budget delivers on its ambitious plan for the future - including an additional \$1.49 billion in new measures supporting South Australia's regions.

Large-scale regional investment will help improve the health, safety and environment of those communities, home to around 30 percent of the population.

The 2022-23 State Budget handed down by Treasurer Stephen Mullighan includes a \$305.7 million spend in regional health that will see investment in:

- Hospitals and health infrastructure
- More doctors
- Improved mental health services
- Community drug and alcohol rehabilitation

The regional ambulance service will receive \$58.6 million for more paramedics and new and improved ambulance stations.

The budget also includes a significant investment in regional roads in partnership with the Commonwealth, including:

- \$150 million over five years to upgrade key strategic roads through the hills
- \$75 million for improvements to the Stuart and Eyre Highways
- \$50 million for continued improvements to the Horrocks Highway corridor
- \$20 million for further works on the Princes Highway

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Budget initiatives across the regions include:

- Public Housing Improvement Program – total investment of \$177.5 million over four years which includes 150 new houses and more than 100 refurbished homes in regional South Australia, including in Mount Gambier, Murray Bridge, Strathalbyn, Whyalla and Port Augusta
- Outer Areas Registration Concession - \$12 million over four years to reintroduce the out-of-areas registration concession for owners of vehicles in remote regions
- Aboriginal Rangers - \$5 million over four years to employ 15 Aboriginal park rangers by 30 June 2025
- Sustainability Payments for Country Bus Services - \$4.9 million over three years to ensure public transport links continue to be accessible to regional communities
- Rock Lobster Licence Relief - \$2.6 million in 2022-23 to provide fee relief for the rock lobster industry
- Ex-Tropical Cyclone Tiffany Weather Event - \$2.5 million over two years towards the reconstruction of damaged state government assets and \$75 million, in partnership with the Commonwealth, to upgrade key supply chain roads and improve resilience to floodwaters.
- Rebuild Fire Towers - \$2 million in 2022-23 to replace fire towers with new technologies to provide landscape level fire detection
- Forest Products Masterplan - \$2 million over three years to develop a forest products domestic manufacturing and infrastructure masterplan
- Bushfire Policy - Farm Firefighting Unit Grants - \$2 million over four years for landowners to purchase and maintain equipment to create farm firefighting units
- Government Notices in Regional Newspapers - \$1 million over four years to ensure government notices are published in regional newspapers
- Regional Public Transport - \$416 000 over four years to investigate how to improve integration of public transport opportunities
- Cross Border Commissioner - \$2.1 million over 4 years to establish a Cross Border Commissioner who will assist in streamlining processes for border communities

Region-specific initiatives:

Adelaide Hills

- \$127 million over four years to begin construction on a new Mount Barker Hospital (total project cost \$220 million)
- \$10 million in 2024-25 to upgrade Main Road, Cherry Gardens as part of the \$150 million Adelaide Hills Productivity Package
- \$1 million over three years to support initiatives to bring back birds in the Mt Lofty Ranges
- \$500 000 in 2022-23 to conduct a study into transport issues impacting on Mount Barker
- \$184 000 in 2022-23 meet additional costs of air-conditioning replacement at the

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National Motor Museum Main Pavilion

Barossa, Light and Lower North

- \$28.3 million over four years to provide 16 additional sub-acute beds at Gawler Hospital
- \$2 million over two years establish a SES Unit at Gawler

Eyre And Western

- \$593 million to establish a new hydrogen facility including a hydrogen storage capacity in the Whyalla region
- \$30 million toward a Clean Hydrogen Industrial Hub at Port Bonython
- \$20 million to undertake additional highway upgrades for the Roads of Strategic Importance
- \$2.5 million over two years towards construction of additional accommodation for Yadu Health Clinic

Far North

- \$8 million over four years to upgrade ageing infrastructure at Port Augusta hospital
- \$5.2 million over four years for Nganampa Health Services to ensure nurses are safe in remote areas and that quality clinical services are maintained
- \$4.2 million over four years for two new police posts at Indulkana and Pipalyatjara and additional funding for the Fregon police post
- \$3.4 million over three years to support four additional drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds in Port Augusta
- \$1.2 million over four years to reinstate Port Augusta City Safe grants

Fleurieu And Kangaroo Island

- \$125 million over two years for duplication of Main South Road
- \$15 million in 2023-24 additional funding for a \$37 million upgrade to port infrastructure at Cape Jervis and Penneshaw
- \$10 million over four years to upgrade Kingscote Hospital
- \$4 million over two years construction of the new visitor precinct at Cape Willoughby

Limestone Coast

- \$11.4 million over three years to build and operate six new mental health beds at Mount Gambier Hospital
- \$8 million over three years to upgrade the Mount Gambier Hospital emergency department \$8 million over four years towards redevelopment of the Naracoorte Hospital
- \$6 million over four years to create long-term forestry research and development capability at Mount Gambier
- \$5.3 million over four years to provide funding certainty for the Keith and District

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Hospital \$5 million in 2023-24 upgrade Mount Gambier TAFE facilities and equipment for the reintroduction of courses where there are identified shortages in the region

- \$4.6 million over four years for two dedicated drug and alcohol detox beds in Mount Gambier Hospital
- \$800 000 over three years to review and develop the next Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan

Murray and Mallee

- \$19.7 million over three years for the River Murray in South Australia Constraints Measure project (Commonwealth funded)
- \$11.6 million over two years for Healthy Coorong, Health Basin Program to improve waterbird habitat throughout the Coorong and Lower Lakes
- \$2.1 million over four years to employ an eminent jurist as the Commissioner for the River Murray

Yorke And Mid North

- \$12 million over four years to upgrade Port Pirie Hospital's emergency department
- \$7.5 million over four years to fund a range of greening measures for Port Pirie

Quotes attributable to Stephen Mullighan

This budget lays the foundation for the government's agenda over the next four years, which is all about delivering for the next generation no matter what part of the state they choose to live, including people in regional South Australia.

We are delivering on our promise of no new taxes and retaining the traditional formula for indexing fees and charges, keeping increases to about 2 per cent.

Quotes attributable to Clare Scriven

We're making serious investments in education, training and skills, to deliver jobs for the future. In the regions, we are investing in health, roads, the environment community and mental health services.

And unlike the former government, we're not reaching into South Australians' pockets with shock tax hikes.

Quotes attributable to Geoff Brock

I'm delighted that this budget delivers on Labor's election commitments to the regions, recognising that our regional communities play an important role in the social and economic fabric of the state.

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The days of city-centric politics need to end and I believe this budget offers much for our country communities and demonstrates a thinking that the new regime's vision reaches beyond the Tollgate and Gepps Cross.

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