

2022-23 Federal Budget Infrastructure Funding Commitments

Ahead of Treasurer Jim Chalmers handing down an updated 2022-23 Budget next Tuesday, the Federal Government has announced their commitment to \$9.6M for infrastructure projects including a total of \$1.47b for Queensland.

The funding commitments in the upcoming Budget include:

- \$300 million for Western Sydney Roads Package and \$500 million for the High Speed Rail Authority
- \$2.2 billion for the Suburban Rail Link in Victoria
- \$586.4 million of additional funding for a major upgrade of the Bruce Highway to widen a 13km stretch through Brisbane's outer northern suburbs
- \$1.5 billion for upgrading important freight highways, sealing the Tanami, and upgrading Central Arnhem Road, as well as the Dukes, Stuart and Augusta highways in South Australia
- \$540 million to upgrade Tasmania's important road corridors, including the Bass Highway, the Tasman Highway and the East and West Tamar Highways
- \$125 million funding to help build an electric bus network for Perth

Queensland

Queensland will receive a total \$1.47 billion for the development and support of several projects, including:

- \$586.4 million for a major upgrade of the Bruce Highway through Brisbane's outer northern suburbs
- \$200 million to upgrade the Bruce Highway between Dohles Rocks Road and Anzac Avenue, expanding the road from six to eight lanes and building on/off-ramps at the southern end

New South Wales

New South Wales will receive \$1 billion, \$300 million of which will support its *Western Sydney Roads Package* and includes:

- \$300 million for the Western Sydney Roads Package, providing \$50 million for planning and preparatory works for the Castlereagh Connection, \$37 million for Richmond Road planning and \$75 million for planning and early works in the North West Growth Corridor
- \$500 million investment to start corridor acquisition, planning and early works for high speed rail connections between Sydney, the Central Coast and Newcastle

Victoria

Victoria will receive a total \$2.75 billion, \$330 million of which will support funding for road infrastructure upgrade projects, including:

- Camerons Lane Interchange at Beveridge (\$150 million)
- Barwon Heads Road Upgrade – Stage 2 (\$125 million)
- Ison Road Overpass (\$57 million)

Northern Territory

The Northern Territory will receive a total \$2.5 billion to support several vital infrastructure projects, including:

- \$1.5 billion in planned equity to support the construction of common user marine infrastructure within the Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct, providing a pathway to a decarbonised economy by helping emerging clean energy industries
- \$440 million in planned equity to support the development of regional logistic hubs
- \$350 million of additional funding to seal the Tanami Road and upgrading Central Arnhem Road
- \$332 million towards the Northern Territory Strategic Roads Package

Tasmania

Tasmania will receive \$685 million for the upgrading of road corridors and related infrastructure, including:

- \$540 million to upgrade Tasmania's important road corridors, including the Bass Highway, the Tasman Highway and the East and West Tamar Highways
- \$35 million for the TransLink transport hub at Launceston Airport
- \$60 million towards runway upgrades at Hobart Airport

Western Australia

Western Australia will receive a total \$670 million to support the electrification of public transport, including:

- \$125 million toward electric bus charging infrastructure, which will be matched by the Western Australian Government through the local manufacture of 130 new buses
- \$545 for the Freight Highway Upgrade Program to deliver priority upgrades to the interstate Tanami Road and other nationally significant freight routes

South Australia

Finally, South Australia will receive a total \$660 million to support several vital infrastructure projects, including:

- \$60 million to construct on and off ramps for the Southern Expressway at Majors Road which will reduce traffic on Brighton Road

- \$200 million to reduce congestion in Adelaide's south and improve road safety by removing the Marion Road Level Crossing and upgrading Marion Road between Cross Road and Anzac Highway
- Up to \$500 million for the state's \$1.5 billion Freight Highway Upgrade Program delivering priority upgrades to the interstate Tanami Road and other nationally significant freight routes, including the Dukes, Stuart and Augusta highways

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