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## 102 projects planned for the region

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THE Bligh government plans 102 projects for Wide Bay Burnett.

Expansions to both the Hervey Bay and Maryborough hospitals and an upgrade for the Hervey Bay PCYC are among the projects the Bligh government has mapped out as crucial to the future of the Wide Bay and Burnett region.

The projects were outlined today in the release of the Queensland Infrastructure Plan.

Premier Anna Bligh (pictured) launched the document which sets out the state's infrastructure needs for the next 20 years.

"It's estimated the Wide Bay Burnett population will increase by 130,000 people over the next two decades and we want to be ready," Ms Bligh said.

"We are determined to deliver infrastructure that anticipates growth.

"To do that you need a plan and this is the most comprehensive infrastructure planning document in Australia.

"It includes projects funded by all three levels of government, as well as the private sector.

"These projects will help cater for population growth, improve people's lives, and drive the region forward.

"Importantly, they also give the construction industry a clear line of sight for investment and development," Ms Bligh said.

Since the draft version of the Queensland Infrastructure Plan was released for public consultation in July, more than 500 people have attended Way to Grow forums across the state to have their say.

Another 7000 have contributed online.

The final QIP has 958 projects including 540 projects not in the draft.

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