

2021-22 Budget Estimates Hearing

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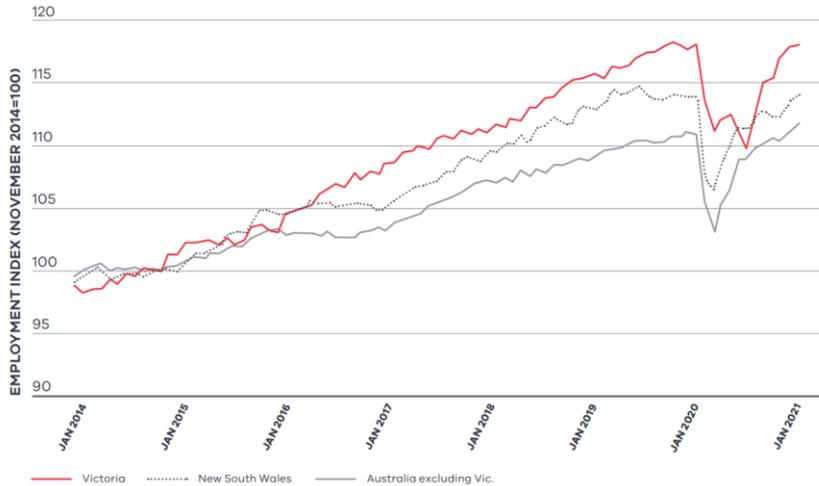
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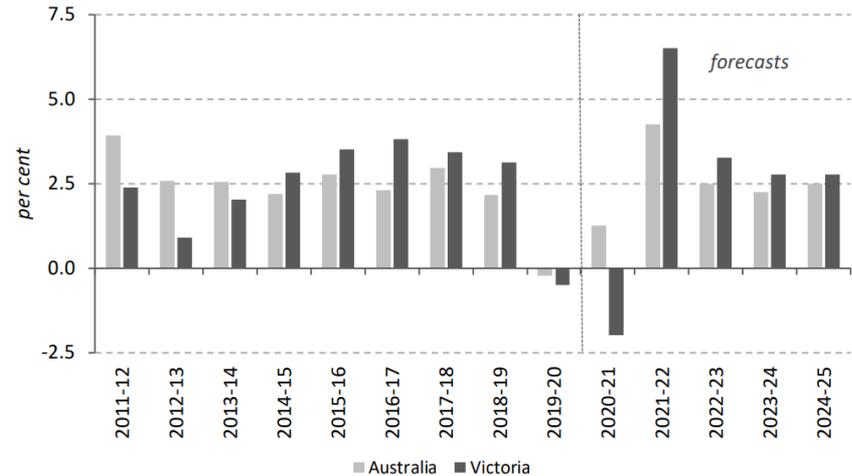
Strong foundations for growth

Victoria's recovery is well underway and the outlook for the economy is positive

Employment index



Real economic growth, actual and forecast



Building our mental health system

A record **\$3.8 billion** will transform the way mental health and wellbeing support is offered:

\$954m for community-based care

Establishing 22 reformed area mental health and wellbeing services

\$370m for acute care

Improving access to mental health beds and better acute care

\$264m for local services

Providing early care where people live

\$196m for a dedicated system for

infant, child and family wellbeing

\$173m for suicide prevention

Continuing support for 13 Hospital Outreach Post-suicidal Engagement (HOPE)

\$116m for Aboriginal wellbeing

Support for mental health and wellbeing



This budget builds on last year's investment of **\$869m** to begin a generational transformation of Victoria's mental health system

Creating jobs and caring for Victorians

Investing in the **double benefit** of supporting Victorians in need and supporting good, stable jobs:

	Supporting Victorians	Supporting new jobs
Mental health \$3.8 billion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Transforms our state's approach to mental health and wellbeing support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3,000 jobs supported
Helping families stay together \$1.2 billion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">More Child Protection workers and supports for families and carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1,045 jobs supported280 new Child Protection workers
Family violence & gender equity \$522 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Specialist courts & legal servicesBetter support for victim-survivors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">370 new family violence jobs80 new graduates
Housing supports \$252 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Preventing homelessness and supporting homeless VictoriansBuilds on the \$5.3b Big Housing Build (2020/21 budget)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">An average of 10,000 jobs supported each year by the Big Housing Build

Creating Victorian jobs

Supporting an average of **38,000 jobs** each year for the next 4 years:

Supporting recovery

- \$51m to support the international education sector

Driving innovation

- \$179m for the first stage of creating a Global Innovation Hub at Fishermans Bend
- \$33m for the agriculture industry

Creating local jobs

- \$41m for supporting local jobs

Investing in skills

- \$384m to invest in skills, including:
 - \$86m for a new Victorian Skills Authority
 - \$209m for the TAFE and training sector

Building creative jobs

- \$288m to reinvigorate Victoria's creative economy

Unlocking tourism

- \$160m to drive visitation and employment

Revitalising cities

- \$107m Melbourne City Revitalisation fund





A bright future for our kids

This budget invests **\$3.5b** in education, including **\$716m** in school programs and teaching support:

\$1.6b for building and upgrading our schools

13 new schools and upgrades at 52 schools

\$277m for student health, mental health and wellbeing

Comprehensive reforms to put student health at the centre of our communities

\$185m to support the teaching workforce

Including \$148m to establish the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership

\$167m for three-year-old kinder

Continuing the roll-out, which will be available in every local government area in the state

Helping our hospitals and health system to recover

\$7.1b will support pandemic recovery and healthy communities:

\$3.7b to support hospital demand - more emergency department staff, specialised therapies and staff for new wards, and \$136m elective surgery improvement fund

\$1.3b for public health response to COVID-19 - contact tracing, vaccine roll-out and public health responses

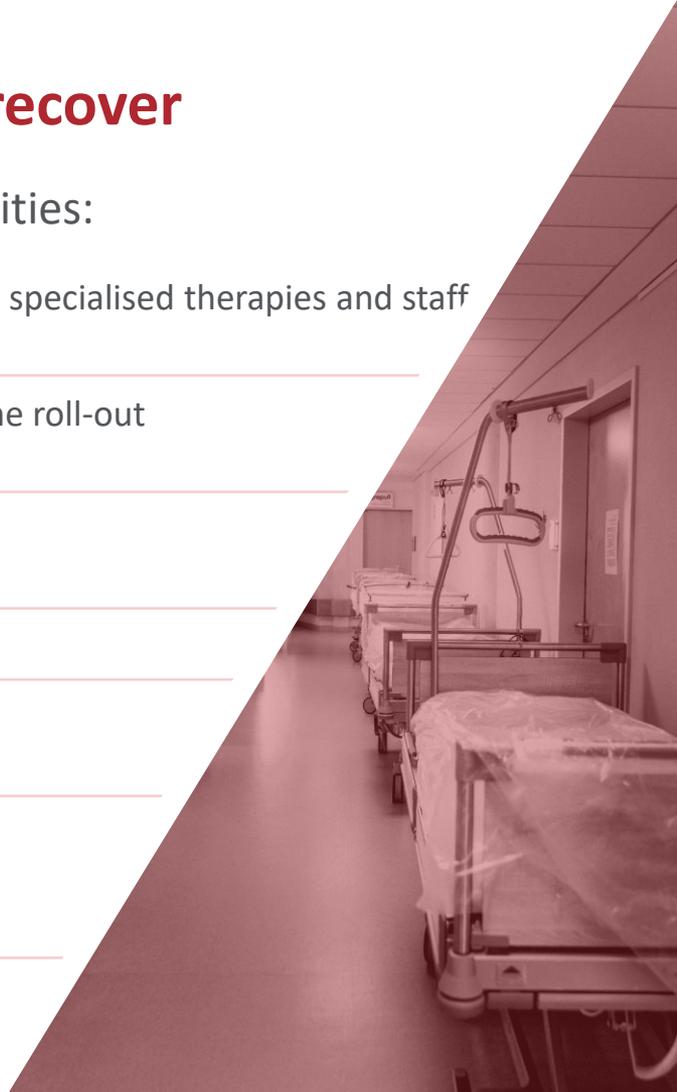
\$1.2b for building and upgrading hospitals - including 10 community hospitals and emergency department paediatric zones

\$759m for Ambulance Victoria - more paramedics, more triage care

\$91m for community-based health - catch-up on deferred screenings and treatments

\$94m to support aged care - public aged care services and the rebuild of the Glenview Community Care aged facility in Rutherglen

\$70m for public IVF - establishing a public fertility care service





Delivering the roads and rail our state needs

Investing **\$3.2b** to transform our transport network:

\$986m to build 25 X'Trapolis 2.0 trains

Manufactured in Victoria, with major works in Ballarat.

Minimum 60% local content – expected to support 750 jobs

\$613m to deliver a more reliable V/Line train service

Includes a program of works to support reliability and maintain the regional rail network

\$368m for Next Generation Tram infrastructure

Including upgrades to the Southbank Tram Depot and construction of a new maintenance facility

\$265m to improve roads and intersections

Including funding to upgrade and maintain our suburban and regional roads

\$242m for better services in our city's south

Track upgrades near Caulfield and train line separation

\$386m for a new Road Safety Strategy

Developing new safety technology and improvements

Strong communities

Continuing to invest to make our state stronger and fairer:

\$623m to strengthen our neighbourhoods and communities

Including new and upgraded community sport facilities and improving parks

\$448m to directly support Aboriginal Victorians

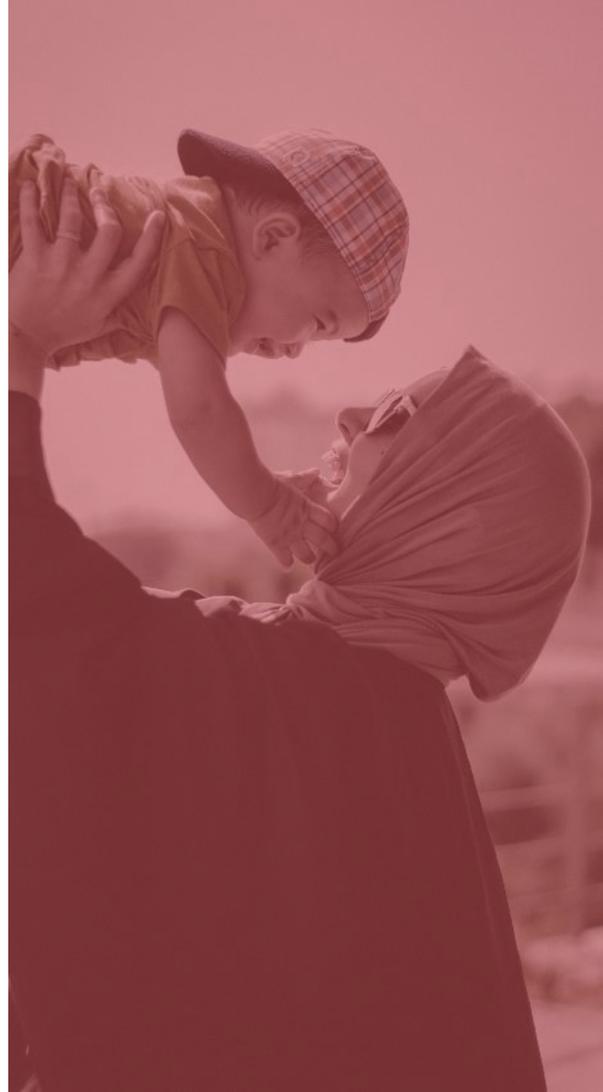
Including supporting self-determination and the state's Treaty process

\$250m to protect and preserve our environment

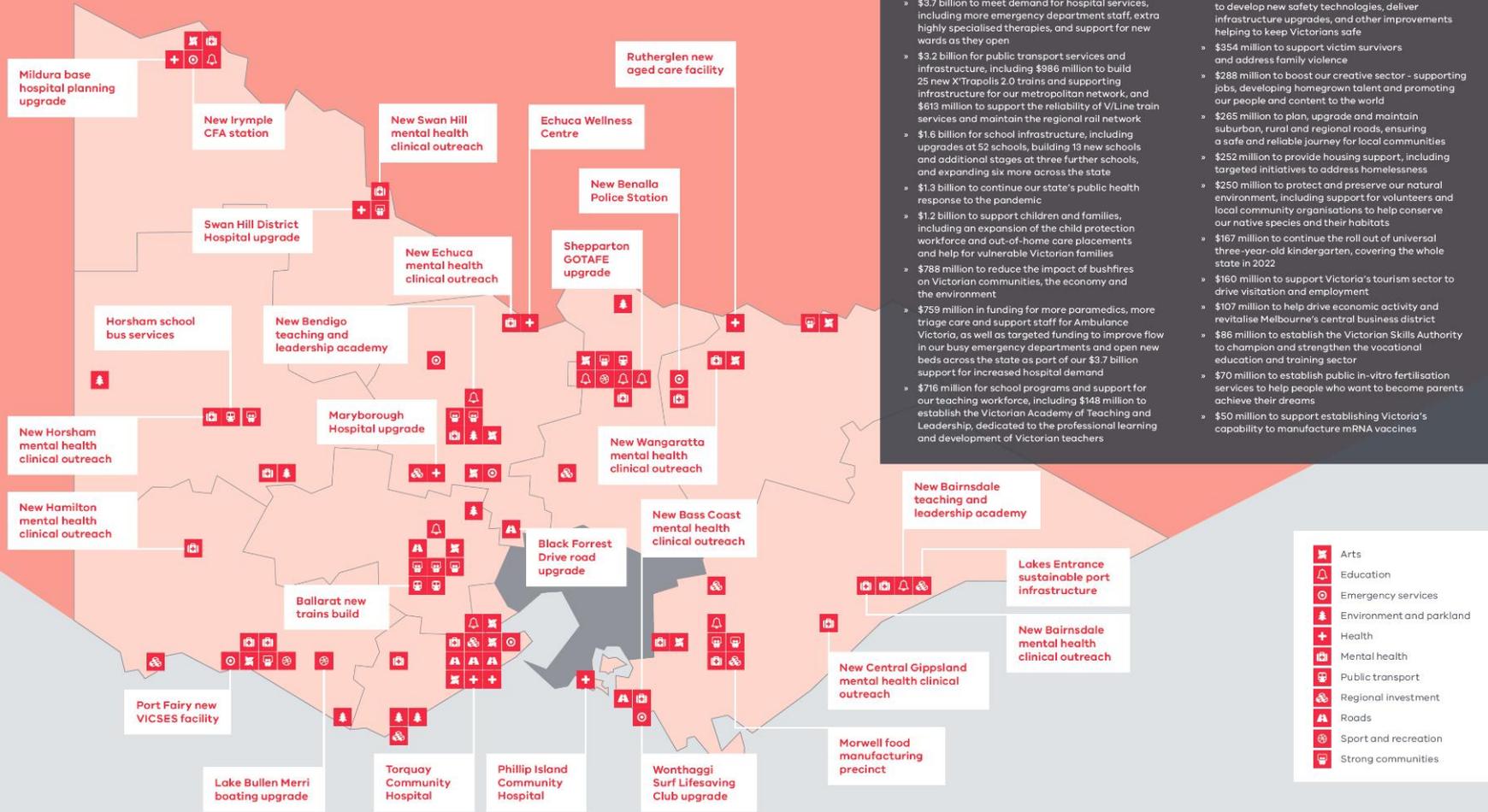
Including funding to improve the health of Victoria's regional waterways and wetlands

\$11.7m to support inclusive and safe communities for those with a disability

Including funding to support new, fully-accessible public toilet facilities



INVESTING IN EVERY CORNER OF THE STATE



STATEWIDE

- » \$3.8 billion to transform our mental health system, building the system from the ground up
- » \$3.7 billion to meet demand for hospital services, including more emergency department staff, extra highly specialised therapies, and support for new wards as they open
- » \$3.2 billion for public transport services and infrastructure, including \$986 million to build 25 new X'Trapolis 2.0 trains and supporting infrastructure for our metropolitan network, and \$618 million to support the reliability of V/Line train services and maintain the regional rail network
- » \$1.6 billion for school infrastructure, including upgrades at 52 schools, building 13 new schools and additional stages at three further schools, and expanding six more across the state
- » \$1.3 billion to continue our state's public health response to the pandemic
- » \$1.2 billion to support children and families, including an expansion of the child protection workforce and out-of-home care placements and help for vulnerable Victorian families
- » \$788 million to reduce the impact of bushfires on Victorian communities, the economy and the environment
- » \$759 million in funding for more paramedics, more triage care and support staff for Ambulance Victoria, as well as targeted funding to improve flow in our busy emergency departments and open new beds across the state as part of our \$3.7 billion support for increased hospital demand
- » \$716 million for school programs and support for our teaching workforce, including \$148 million to establish the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership, dedicated to the professional learning and development of Victorian teachers
- » \$556 million to build and expand 10 community hospitals
- » \$386 million for a new Road Safety Strategy to develop new safety technologies, deliver infrastructure upgrades, and other improvements helping to keep Victorians safe
- » \$354 million to support victim survivors and address family violence
- » \$288 million to boost our creative sector - supporting jobs, developing homegrown talent and promoting our people and content to the world
- » \$265 million to plan, upgrade and maintain suburban, rural and regional roads, ensuring a safe and reliable journey for local communities
- » \$252 million to provide housing support, including targeted initiatives to address homelessness
- » \$250 million to protect and preserve our natural environment, including support for volunteers and local community organisations to help conserve our native species and their habitats
- » \$167 million to continue the roll out of universal three-year-old kindergarten, covering the whole state in 2022
- » \$160 million to support Victoria's tourism sector to drive visitation and employment
- » \$107 million to help drive economic activity and revitalise Melbourne's central business district
- » \$86 million to establish the Victorian Skills Authority to champion and strengthen the vocational education and training sector
- » \$70 million to establish public in-vitro fertilisation services to help people who want to become parents achieve their dreams
- » \$50 million to support establishing Victoria's capability to manufacture mRNA vaccines

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