



ACT
Government

FOR
BELCONNEN

ACT BUDGET
2016-17



BELCONNEN UP CLOSE

11,051 
school students
taught by **833** teachers

 **16,200+**
Walk-in Centre attendances

146 
playgrounds maintained

9,500+ha 
of grass mowed

 **48**
firefighters protecting the community

 **21** sportsgrounds
maintained

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HEALTH & COMMUNITY SAFETY

This Budget invests in expanding health services and emergency service facilities.

- > \$100.5 million to **upgrade and maintain facilities** at Calvary Hospital, the Canberra Hospital and other health buildings
- > An additional **specialist physician** in the Emergency Department at Calvary Hospital
- > Funding to progress the **University of Canberra Public Hospital** which is due to open in 2018
- > The **Aranda Ambulance and Fire & Rescue station** will benefit from extra funding for the ACT Ambulance Service
- > **Expanding the existing SouthCare hangar** for a new, larger rescue helicopter
- > **New police protective equipment** and more security at police stations

\$ TAX REFORM

This Budget funds tax reforms including:

- > **Tax cuts for small and medium businesses**—the payroll tax threshold is being raised to \$2 million
- > **Stamp Duty** continues to be cut—\$7,040 less for a \$500,000 home in Belconnen
- > **Taxes on insurance** abolished in this Budget



SCHOOLS, PARKS & SHOPS

Funding is provided for upgrades to schools, playgrounds and shopping centres in Belconnen.

- > **Expansion of preschool facilities** in Weetangera and Hawker
- > **Contemporary teaching spaces** at Maribyrnong Primary School
- > **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) scholarships** for teachers across Canberra
- > \$1.7 million in upgrades to **CIT Bruce**
- > Belconnen will share in additional funding for **dedicated playground upgrades** across the ACT including Boswell St playground in Florey and Jacobs St Playground in Evatt
- > Upgrades to the Charnwood and Spence shops

MORE ROADS & TRANSPORT FOR BELCONNEN

Funding for roads and transport infrastructure includes:

- > **Duplicating Aikman Drive** ahead of the opening of the University of Canberra Public Hospital
- > \$10.9 million for **new buses** and to **trial electric buses**



INVESTING IN HEALTH, EDUCATION & SAFER FAMILIES

The ACT invests more per person in health and education than any other jurisdiction.

Health



\$139 million for 170 new health staff including 22 doctors, 91 more nurses and 34 more allied health professionals



\$29 million to expand the Canberra Hospital Emergency Department



\$9.96 million for an expanded trauma service and intensive care



\$55.9 million for mental health



\$6.32 million for outpatient and palliative care

Education



\$31.2 million for school upgrades



\$10 million to take our school system digital

Safer families



Additional funding for the Domestic Violence Crisis Service & Canberra Rape Crisis Centre



More resources for police, courts & legal aid

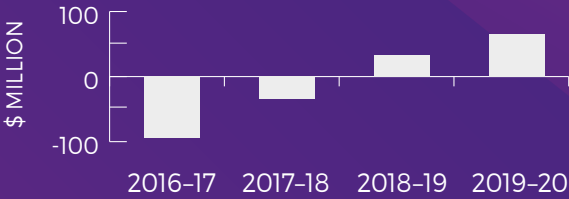
Concessions



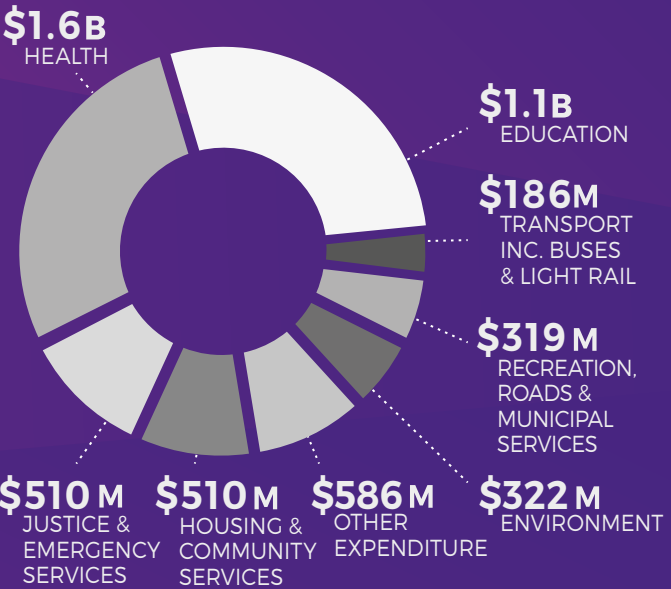
\$35.1 million in additional concessions for low income households

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A BALANCED BUDGET RETURNING TO SURPLUS



WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES



AAA CREDIT RATING

ACT	✓	QLD	✗	WA	✗
NSW	✓	TAS	✗	NT	✗
VIC	✓	SA	✗		

A Standard & Poor's AAA credit rating means the ACT has an extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments.

