

My vision for the health system is a system that is adaptive and responsive to local community needs. That the system is respectful of all cultures, values diversity and strives for equality. For this to happen, I believe that there's a need to build on the relationships we have with each other, with consumers and particularly with our most vulnerable groups (such as Indigenous people with disabilities), and build partnerships with primary healthcare providers, Aboriginal health service providers as well as community, social and education service providers. That Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to influence decision making and be a part of governance across all levels of the health service.

Stephanie King – health consumer, Mt Isa

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What do I hope for in the next 10 years? I hope to see an open, transparent process for moving easily between primary care and specialist care, between public hospitals and private hospitals, between health and other government departments as well as non-government organisations. Where the focus is on what's best for the consumer, rather than whose cost centre is this coming from.

Helen Mees – health consumer, Ipswich

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Context

Queensland's economic and social prosperity is reliant upon the health of each and every Queenslanders.

Queensland's health care system ranks amongst the best in the world. In a recent comparison of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries, Australia was one of the best performing countries, with longer than average life expectancy achieved at a lower than average level of health expenditure.

Our health system however faces significant challenges including a growing and ageing population, high rates of obesity and increasing rates of chronic conditions such as cancer, mental illnesses and diabetes. The status of health and wellbeing varies for individuals and population groups throughout Queensland. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have poorer health outcomes than the rest of the population and people who live in rural communities and those are socio-economically disadvantaged also have a lower health status.

Our investment in health continues to grow. In 2003–2004 in Queensland, total recurrent health expenditure by all sources, State, Commonwealth, private health insurance and individuals (through out-of-pocket payments) was \$12.5 billion. This expenditure grew to \$29.6 billion in 2013–2014,

an annual increase of 6.1%. It is important that our investment in health is financially sustainable and makes best use of the available resources for the benefit of all Queenslanders.

If Queensland's health system is to continue to rank amongst the best in the world it has to rise to these challenges and embrace new opportunities. These new opportunities are being driven by greater access to information, new innovations and technological advances. The health system will need to adopt new approaches to promoting wellbeing, delivering healthcare, connecting healthcare and pursuing innovation if it is to effectively respond to the needs of all Queenslanders.

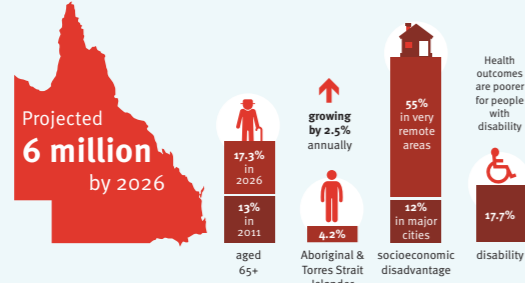
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Advancing health 2026 was developed to respond to the challenges and opportunities we face in Queensland.

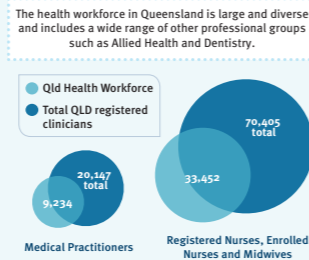
Advancing health 2026 establishes a common purpose and a framework for the health system in Queensland. It seeks to bring together government agencies, service providers and the community to work collaboratively to make Queenslanders among the healthiest people in the world.

Health in Queensland: A snapshot

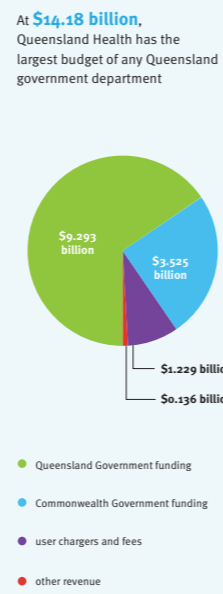
Population



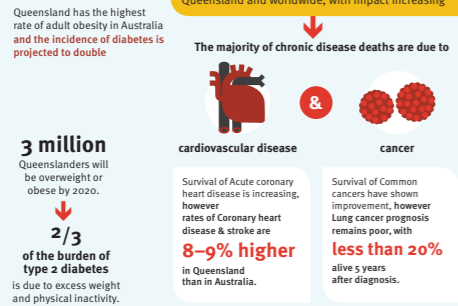
Workforce as of 2015



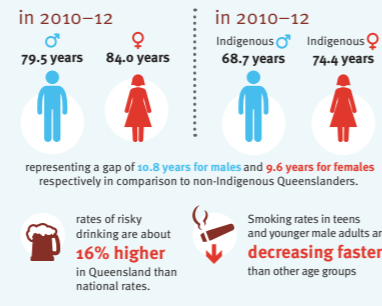
Budget in 2015–16



Disease



Life expectancy



Vision >> By 2026 Queenslanders will be among the healthiest people in the world

Principles	Sustainability	Compassion	Inclusion	Excellence	Empowerment
1 Promoting wellbeing Improving the health of Queenslanders, through concerted action to promote healthy behaviours, prevent illness and injury and address the social determinants of health.	2 Delivering healthcare The core business of the health system, improving access to quality and safe healthcare in its different forms and settings.	3 Connecting healthcare Making the health system work better for consumers, their families and communities by tackling the funding, policy and delivery barriers.	4 Pursuing innovation Developing and capitalising on evidence and models that work, promoting research and translating it into better practice and care.	Smart technology and infrastructure Research and new ideas into practice Personalised health	"Why do I need to go to a hospital to talk to someone; I already connect with people on the other side of the world and use mobile apps to manage my health." - Jessica Elise
"Health is everyone's business." - Harry Pitt	"People think we can't influence the health system. But we can." - Wynn Te Kani	"I dream of a seamless interface for consumers, where there is no wrong door." - Helen Mees	"The majority of clinical activities supported by a digital platform Have 20% of National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grants awarded to Queensland researchers and the State will have NHMRC Advanced Health Research and Translation Centres Increase the proportion of outpatient care delivered by Queensland Health via Telehealth models of care Have a strong innovation and research culture across the health system	"The core business of the health system, improving access to quality and safe healthcare in its different forms and settings."	"Why do I need to go to a hospital to talk to someone; I already connect with people on the other side of the world and use mobile apps to manage my health." - Jessica Elise
Headline measures of success By 2026 we will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce childhood obesity by 10% Reduce rate of suicide deaths in Queensland by 50% Increase life expectancy for indigenous males by 4.8 years and females by 5.1 years Increase levels of physical activity for health benefit by 20% 	Headline measures of success By 2026 we will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have consumers participate at all levels of the health system Deliver a 10 year Health Workforce Strategy Attain the lowest rate in Australia of unplanned readmission rates for selected procedures Publish information on service delivery and patient outcomes Ensure Queenslanders receive clinical care within an appropriate time regardless of location 	Headline measures of success By 2026 we will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase availability of electronic health data to consumers Reduce the rate of potentially preventable hospital admissions Implement new funding models for better connected healthcare and improved health outcomes 	Headline measures of success By 2026 we will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have the majority of clinical activities supported by a digital platform Have 20% of National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grants awarded to Queensland researchers and the State will have NHMRC Advanced Health Research and Translation Centres Increase the proportion of outpatient care delivered by Queensland Health via Telehealth models of care Have a strong innovation and research culture across the health system 	Simplifying and connecting Funding reform Being a good partner	Smart technology and infrastructure Research and new ideas into practice Personalised health
Directions	Consumer Comment	Strategic Agenda			