

Backing good jobs

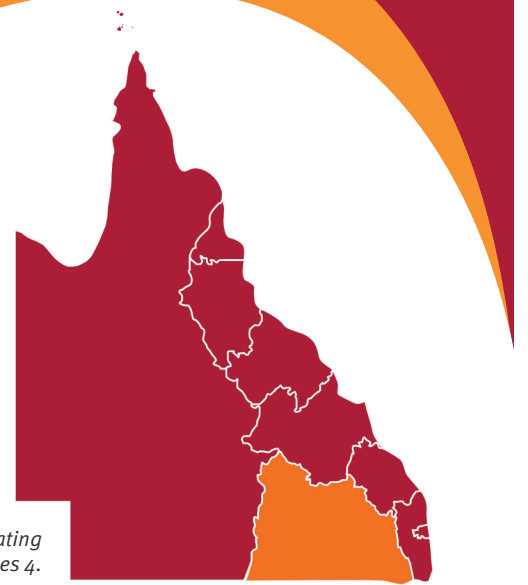
Darling Downs – Maranoa

including
Toowoomba

- \$1.1 billion Big Build investment creating 3,000 jobs
- Queensland's food bowl
- Transport and logistics hub
- Southern Queensland Renewable Energy Zone
- Innovative manufacturing sector
- New Toowoomba Hospital
- Expanding Aerospace Industry

More than
155,600
employed
by 2025-26

Jobs Queensland (2023), *Anticipating
Future Skills (AFS) Series 4.*



BACK TO WORK* **1,150** job seekers
608 local businesses
supported by \$13.79 million

SKILLING QUEENSLANDERS FOR WORK*

4,096
employed

\$47.11 million
in community programs

Big Build figures: *Darling Downs Regional Action
Plan, Queensland Budget 2023-24.*

*As at 30 April 2024

Top 5 largest employing industries



24,851 employed

Health care and social assistance

Aged and disability carers, registered nurses, child carers, nursing support and personal care workers



15,132 employed

Agriculture, forestry and fishing

Livestock farmers, livestock farmer workers, mixed crop and livestock farmers, crop farmers



14,093 employed

Education and training

Primary school teachers, secondary school teachers, education aides, university lecturers and tutors



13,862 employed

Retail Trade

Sales assistants (general), retail managers, checkout operators and office cashiers, shelf fillers



13,780 employed

Construction

Electricians, carpenters and joiners, construction managers, plumbers

Toowoomba plus Darling Downs and Maranoa projected workforce sizes by 2025-26. Source: Jobs Queensland (2023), *Anticipating Future Skills (AFS) Series 4.*

V1.2 (20 May 2024)

Good Jobs, Great Training

Queensland Skills Strategy 2024 – 2028 delivering for Darling Downs – Maranoa

5,056

Free TAFE students and apprentices

Commencements from 2023 (as at 30 April 2024)

| Popular free courses Darling Downs – Maranoa | Aligned jobs | Average salaries seek.com.au |
|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Certificate III in Individual Support | Aged and disability carers | \$60,000 - \$70,000 |
| Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care | Early childhood educator | \$60,000 - \$65,000 |
| Certificate III in Engineering - Fabrication Trade | Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers | \$70,000 - \$75,000 |
| Certificate III in Hospitality | Waitperson | \$65,000 - \$75,000 |
| Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician | Electricians | \$90,000 - \$110,000 |



More Free TAFE
upskilling Queenslanders while driving costs down



More local training
delivering for local communities



More TAFE Trade Tasters
plus skills for school students aligned to good, local jobs



Apprentices and trainees
supported across traditional and emerging industries, plus more pre-apprenticeships and Work Skills Traineeships



Skills employers need
expanded industry input on workforce needs and priorities



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Tameika Brett, Toowoomba | Individual support student

Free TAFE proves life-changing for Tameika

Tameika Brett's motivation to study was to support others who were facing life-changing challenges, drawing from her own experiences.

"I'm going to look after people like me because I know how hard it is — every day is a challenge," Tameika said.

Tameika enrolled in a Certificate III in Individual Support with TAFE Queensland.

"I love, love learning," she said.

"It's been years because I've had a family — I've always just concentrated on my family.

"This year, it's about me doing something for me and my goals and what I want in life."

Tameika's study experience has been life-changing for her and she aims to have a positive impact in the lives of others as well.

"I want to inspire my own people. I want to encourage people to get out there and achieve their career goals."

Tameika said Free TAFE provided the support she needed to pursue her dream career.

"With the government's Free TAFE, the cost of learning doesn't have to be a barrier," Tameika said.