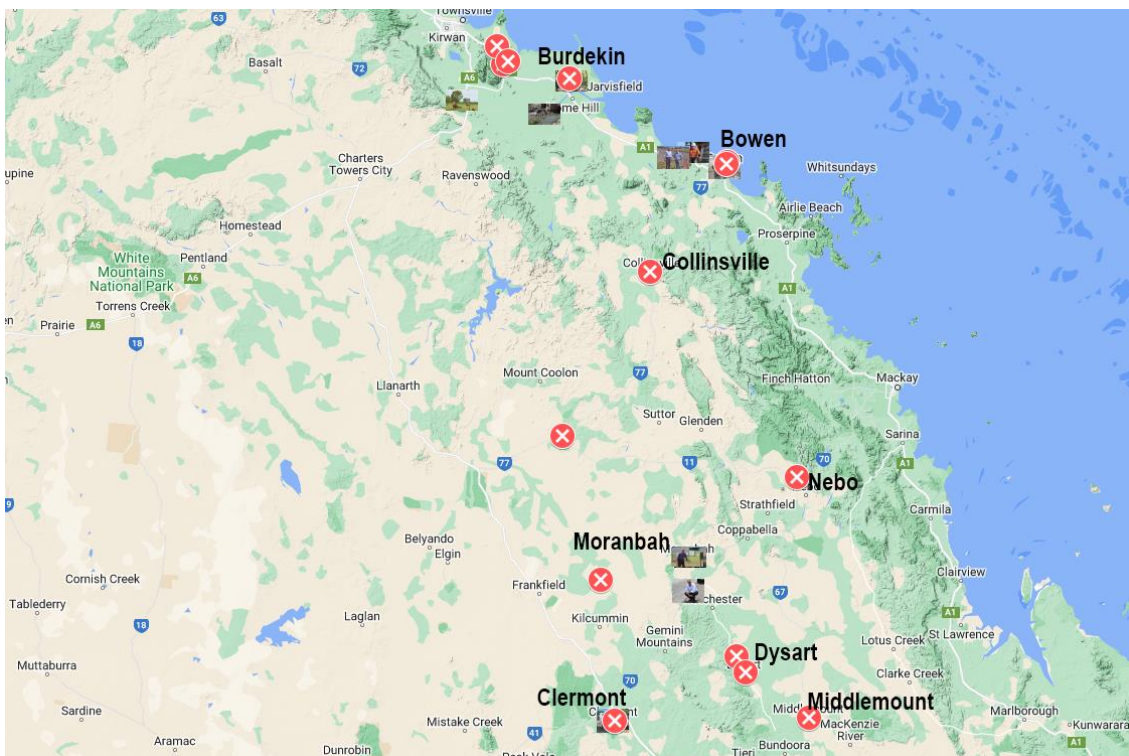




2022/2023 Budget a mixed bag for the Burdekin Electorate



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The 2022-2023 State Budget was handed down last week and with plenty of opportunities for investment in an electorate that has not only poured billions of dollars into state coffers, but also kept our economy going during the pandemic, we should have been looking forward to better access to health, education and funding towards our roads.

It's fair to say that like a lot of people who live and work in the Isaac region, the big ticket announcement of a new hospital in Moranbah was welcomed news, but a closer look at the Budget papers found no funding set aside anywhere for the new hospital and no indication of when the hospital would be built.

New hospitals are prohibitively expensive to construct and I will certainly be doing everything I can to ensure we are not going to be short changed in Moranbah. This community is in the heart of the Isaac region so a new hospital not only needs to provide improved services for the community, it needs to be better equipped to deal with major mining accidents.

While we saw funding investments towards education projects like the Ayr State High School multipurpose hall and additional classrooms in Moranbah State High School and Moranbah East State School, there was no money set aside for a new manual arts building at Middlemount Community School or multipurpose halls in Collinsville, Clermont or Dysart state high schools.

When it came to roads, it was another opportunity for vital funding that was missed. Despite correspondence to the minister and director general, an ambulance roll en-route to an accident and school buses being stopped, there was no new funding towards the Peak Downs Highway or Kilcummin-Diamond Downs Road. Roads like the May Downs road and Bowen Developmental Road were also forgotten and the Phillips Creek Bridge replacement, which had already received an 80 per cent funding commitment in the Federal Budget, was not even mentioned in the State Budget.

While it was far from the budget we in regional Queensland were hoping for, I certainly will not stop the fight for our fair share. There is no reason why in today's age the regions should not have the same access to education and health care, as well as safe roads to drive on, that our city cousins enjoy.

To read more about the funding commitments in our region that I have fought for, please click the button above.

Here to help

If you or someone you know has an issue that you need help with, please remember my job is to represent you. I may not always be able to fix the problem... but rest assured I will always do my best.

If you need assistance, please email burdekin@parliament.qld.gov.au or call 1800 817 594.

How Dale Last can help you!




**As your State MP
I am responsible for:**

Agriculture	Sport and Recreation
Health and Public Hospitals	Racing
Main Roads	Energy and Water Supply
Education and TAFE	Transport
National Parks	Public Housing
Disability Services	Community Services
Police and Emergency Services	Tourism
Attorney-General	Planning and Infrastructure
	State Government Land



**Your Federal Member
is responsible for:**

Aged Care	Telecommunications and NBN
Centrelink	Trade
Child Support	Indigenous Affairs
Aviation	The ABC and SBS
Defence	Environment
Foreign Affairs	Bureau of Meteorology
Immigration and Visas	CSIRO
Medicare	



**Your Local Council
is responsible for:**

Local Roads	Rubbish Collection
Footpaths	Council by-laws
Animal Control	Water, Drainage and Wastewater
Parks and Recreation	Feral Pest Control
Rates	Local Planning and Building Approvals

Until next month, stay safe and well.

Dale.