



## BUDGET MEASURES IN MY PORTFOLIO

In my portfolio areas of Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts this Budget has significant spending measures.

To help keep Australians safe online, an extra \$29 million is allocated to the eSafety Commissioner.

To help keep Australians better connected, there is more funding for regional networks and \$16.4 million for better mobile connectivity in bushfire-prone areas on the fringe of our cities.

To better support diversity and quality in Australia's media sector, there is \$15 million for the AAP Newswire;

\$8 million for community broadcasting; and \$11.9 million to boost quality children's television content.

To help Australia's arts and creative sector bounce back from the pandemic, we are injecting nearly \$400 million over five years.

This includes nearly \$300 million to support the successful reopening of Australia's creative and cultural sector; and \$85.4 million for our national collecting institutions such as the National Gallery of Australia.

This Budget also includes a \$15.2 billion commitment to infrastructure including \$3.8 billion in NSW alone.



## BUDGET 2021 NEWSLETTER

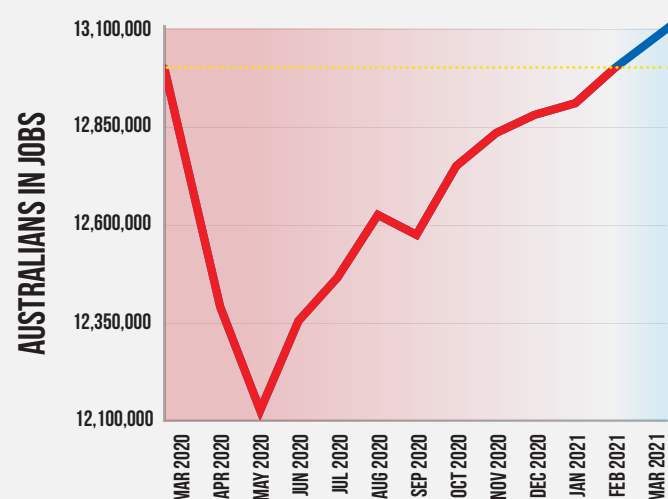
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## SECURING AUSTRALIA'S RECOVERY

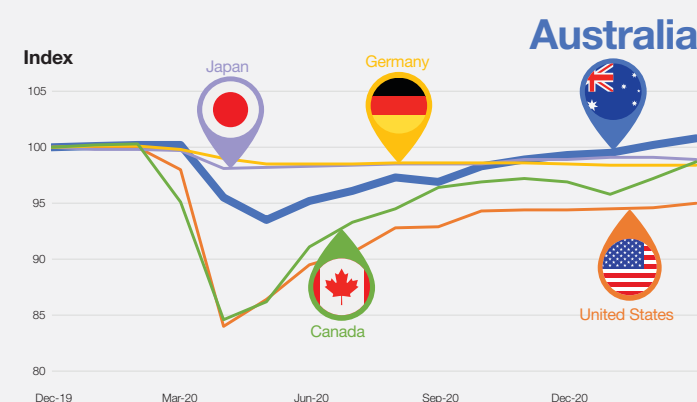
## SECURING AUSTRALIA'S RECOVERY

### MORE AUSTRALIANS ARE IN JOBS THAN PRE-COVID



Source: Labour Force, March 2020 to March 2021 - Australian Bureau of Statistics

### WE ARE THE FIRST MAJOR ADVANCED ECONOMY TO HAVE MORE JOBS THAN PRE-COVID



Source: Budget Paper No. 1, 2021-22. Based on Commonwealth of Australia data.

### A MESSAGE FROM Paul

Given the extent of the pandemic's impacts in 2020, Australia is well advanced on the road to recovery.

Australia is doing better than most countries in both our health and economic outcomes.

The 2021 Budget is designed to **secure our recovery**.

It does this with:

- Further tax relief;
- Incentives for investments and jobs;
- New apprenticeships and skills training;
- More infrastructure across New South Wales; and
- Substantial new investments in aged care, health, mental health, education and the NDIS.

This newsletter has information about these key measures and many other aspects of the budget.

I hope you find it informative.

As ever, if I can assist in any aspect of your engagement with Government, please contact my office.

Regards

**Paul Fletcher MP**  
Federal Member for Bradfield



### ECONOMIC RECOVERY

In March 2020, there were 13 million Australians employed. Over the next two months, around 900,000 Australians lost their job.

By April 2021, 45,900 more Australians were employed than pre-COVID.

**Australia was the first major advanced economy to have more people employed than pre-COVID.**

Last year, Australia's economy contracted by 2.5% – compared to 5% for Canada and Japan and over 8% for the UK, France and Italy.

Housing starts are at the highest level in 20 years and consumer sentiment at its highest in 11 years.

There's more to be done, but **our plan is working**.



### BUDGET BENEFITS FOR BRADFIELD



Further tax relief this year for **58,400 local taxpayers**



**830 local apprentices** already supported by wage subsidies



**25,500 local businesses** can benefit from investment incentives



**\$3.8 billion** for New South Wales infrastructure



**1,300 local families** will benefit from more Child Care Subsidy



**365,414 local telehealth services** through Medicare, since start of pandemic



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BUDGET 2021

# SECURING AUSTRALIA'S RECOVERY

While COVID-19 is still far from over, Australia is on the road to recovery.

The 2021 Budget is the next stage of the Morrison Government's economic recovery plan. It includes:

- Further income tax relief;
- Incentives for investments and jobs;
- New apprenticeships and skills training;
- More infrastructure; and
- Substantial new investments in aged care, health, mental health, and the NDIS.



## TAX RELIEF

Around 58,400 taxpayers in Bradfield will benefit from tax relief of up to \$2,745 this year. This is a result of the Morrison Government's decision to extend the low and middle income tax offset to 2021-22 and the decision to bring forward Stage 2 of the Government's tax relief plan. In Bradfield, this Plan has already benefitted 81,900 people.



## SKILLS AND TRAINING

The Morrison Government is supporting 450,000 new training places through the JobTrainer Fund. 50% wage subsidies will support more than 170,000 new apprenticeships and traineeships.



## HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

The Morrison Government has committed a total of \$20 billion to the vaccine rollout, and to strengthening our health system in response to the pandemic. This includes new medicines listed on the PBS to treat breast cancer, lung cancer, severe osteoporosis, severe asthma and chronic migraines. Bradfield residents have benefited from subsidised medicines, with 1,766,000 free or subsidised medicines delivered in the electorate under the PBS. The Budget will see this support continued.

Further mental health funding will provide more headspace centres, more services through Medicare and a new network of 40 Head to Health centres.



## SUPPORTING CHILDCARE

The Government will increase the Child Care Subsidy for families with more than one child up to five in childcare. This will directly benefit over 1,300 families living in Bradfield. The Government will also remove the \$10,560 cap on Child Care Subsidy, providing more support for more families.



## INVESTMENT FOR JOBS

Over 99% of businesses, employing 11 million workers, can write off the full value of eligible assets purchased. For example, this encourages a tradie or farmer to buy a vehicle or harvester or a manufacturer to expand their production line.



## HOME OWNERSHIP

The Morrison Government is encouraging home ownership by: expanding the First Home Super Saver Scheme; helping 10,000 more first home buyers build a home with a 5% deposit; and helping 10,000 single parents purchase a home with a 2% deposit.



## BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE

The Morrison Government is investing in a 10-year, \$110 billion infrastructure pipeline to ease congestion, improve safety and build our economic future. The Budget includes **substantial measures to encourage more R&D and onshore manufacturing.** The Budget also includes further investment in dams and irrigation projects and technologies to reduce greenhouse emissions.



## IMPROVED AGED CARE

The Budget delivers a record investment in Aged Care to help the 27,302 senior Australians living in Bradfield. A further \$17.7 billion is being committed to significantly improve the aged care system. This includes another 80,000 new home care packages, bringing the total to 275,000.

This support also includes 33,000 new training places for personal carers, higher payments for residential care, upgrading care in regional areas and stronger regulation.



## WOMEN'S SAFETY

This Budget invests a further \$1.1 billion in women's safety, including: more emergency accommodation; more legal assistance; more counselling; and more financial support for those escaping abusive relationships.



## PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Australia's emissions are now **19% lower than in 2005** and are at their lowest level since 1995. We have the world's highest uptake of rooftop solar.

In this Budget we are investing a further \$1.6 billion to fund priority technologies, including clean hydrogen and energy storage. The Morrison Government is also investing in upgrading recycling capabilities. The Budget includes \$100 million in additional funding to protect our oceans.



## KEEPING AUSTRALIANS SAFE

The Government is providing an additional \$1.9 billion over the decade to **strengthen our national security**, law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

To be prepared for a world that is less stable and more contested, the Government is also investing \$270 billion over 10 years in our defence capability.



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