1. The Gold Coast region (Gold Coast Statistical Area Level 4) includes the urban centre of the Gold Coast, stretching from Yatala to Coolangatta and west towards Tamborine Mountain. The region includes the electorates of Bonney, Broadwater, Burleigh, Coomera, Currumbin, Gaven, Mermaid Beach, Mudgeeraba, Southport, Surfers Paradise, Theodore and part of Scenic Rim. As at 30 June 2022, the Gold Coast Local Government Statistical Area Level 4 had an estimated population of 663,984 persons.
2. Since March 2015, the Queensland Government has delivered better services including:
* 1670 extra nurses – up 60.4%
* 711 extra teachers – up 15.9%
* 405 extra doctors – up 44.4%
* 41 extra firefighters – up 16.7%.
1. The Queensland Government is supporting the region through the 2023-24 budget including:
* $2.3 billion for infrastructure and capital works supporting 6500 jobs
* $2.1 billion for the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service
* $89.7 million to maintain, improve and upgrade schools
* $65.7 million for social housing and $11.3 million for homelessness services
* $5.9 million for Skilling Queenslanders for Work training.
1. Key investments include projects such as:
* Gold Coast Light Rail (Stage 3), Broadbeach South to Burleigh Heads
* Coomera Connector (Stage 1), Coomera to Nerang
* Pacific Motorway, Varsity Lakes to Tugun upgrade
* new Coomera Hospital construction
* Gold Coast University Hospital new Secure Mental Health Rehabilitation Unit and additional inpatient capacity
* Southport ambulance station and Gold Coast Operations Centre
* Coomera State Special School construction
* Gainsborough State School construction
* Safer Schoolies volunteer and support services
* Binna Burra Lodge Rebuild
* Currumbin Eco-Parkland.
1. Cabinet noted the government achievements and investment in the Gold Coast region.
2. *Attachments*:
* Nil.