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Federal Budget 2020-21 - Snapshot for Small Business

The 2020-21 Budget is all about rebuilding our economy and securing the future by creating jobs. Here are some of the key Budget measures that will support the Sunshine Coast's 35,000 small and medium businesses.

1. Helping young Australians into work

The JobMaker Hiring Credit Scheme is a \$4 billion wage subsidy program payable to employers for up to 12 months for each new job created for eligible jobseekers, from 7 October 2020. Employers will be paid \$200/wk for each new job for a 16-29 yr old and \$100/wk for a 30-35 yr old, so long as the new employees work at least 20 hrs/wk. More info [HERE](#).

2. Investing in skills & training to help Australians get a job

This additional \$1.2 billion of funding to create 100,000 new apprenticeships and traineeships will subsidize 50% of employees' wages, payable to employers. We are also funding 50,000 new higher education courses in agriculture, health, IT, science and 12,000 new supported higher education places. More info [HERE](#).

3. Supporting our manufacturing industry to create jobs

Our \$1.5 billion Modern Manufacturing Strategy will target six national priorities including food & beverage manufacturing, resources technology and critical minerals processing, medical products, recycling and clean energy, defence and space industry. More info [HERE](#).

4. Lowering taxes to boost spending and create jobs

Individuals will benefit from the bringing forward of Stage 2 of our Tax Reform Plan with the 19% tax threshold increasing from \$27,000 to \$45,000 and the 32.5% threshold increasing from \$90,000 to \$120,000 – effective from 1 July this year (i.e. it's being backdated). Note that the cut in company taxes continue with the rate reducing by 1.5% from 27.5% to 26% for businesses with a turnover under \$50m. More info [HERE](#).

5. Super-charging the Instant Asset Write Off Scheme to incentivise investment

Businesses can write off the **full value** of any eligible asset from now until June 2022. More info [HERE](#).

6. Improving cash flow with a new Loss Carry Back scheme

Business losses incurred to June 2022 can now be offset against prior profits made in or after the FY 2018-19. More info on tax concessions [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

7. Investing in infrastructure

An additional \$95.2 million will go towards local upgrades of the Bruce Highway between Caloundra Road and the Sunshine Motorway, supporting 680 local jobs. More info [HERE](#).

8. Increasing home ownership and investing in affordable housing to support construction jobs

An additional 10,000 first home buyers will purchase a new home sooner under our First Home Loan Deposit Scheme and an additional \$1 billion of low-cost finance will help build affordable housing. More info [HERE](#).

9. Helping businesses adopt digital technologies and boosting cyber security

Our Digital Business Plan will support a greater adoption of new technologies with an additional \$4.5 billion in NBN Co for ultra-fast broadband and an additional \$201.5 million to strengthen cyber security. More info [HERE](#).

10. Giving businesses greater control when restructuring or winding up

Changes to insolvency laws will help businesses to quickly restructure or wind up faster, enabling more businesses to trade their way out of trouble and more creditors and employees to be looked after. More info [HERE](#).

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