### Proposals at a glance

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#### Stroke in Australia

- **2050:** 1 million stroke survivors
- **2027:** 56,000
- **2017:** 47,500

#### A fair go for stroke patients

**Investment:** $840,000

**Benefit:** In-rural teaching hospital referral strategies to support the needs of young stroke survivors.

**Result:** Young stroke survivors empowered to maintain their life after stroke, supported to grow and thrive, to get back to work and contribute to the community – reducing stroke’s burden on government.

**Proposal:** Build on the initial investment in My health for me

**Benefit:** Encouraging change in Brisbane and new time and more informed access to care for the older and stroke survivors of Brisbane.

**Result:** Investing in a statewide preventative initiative we can act to avoid the rising tide of chronic disease faced by Queensland’s Hospitals.

### The challenge for Queensland

#### Stroke risk in Queensland

- Number of stroke survivors: 95,255
- Number of non-working age survivors: 27,076
- Number of working age (under 65) stroke survivors: 27,076

#### State of stroke in Queensland

- Number of hospitals delivering time-critical endovascular clot retrieval (ECR) therapy:
  - Brisbane and Gold Coast: 3
  - Regional Queensland: 0

#### Stroke in Australia

- Number of stroke survivors: 475,000
- Number of stroke survivors in Queensland: 19%

#### Risk of repeat hospitalisation increasing through poor home transition planning

- One in three leave hospital without a care plan
- Eighty-three percent of rehabilitation sites report having no structured home transition process

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### Proposals for Queensland

#### Proposal: FAST community action to reduce stroke and speed up treatment

**Investment:** $1.5 million over three years (additional $560,000 over three years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people Baxtered)

**Benefit:** Increase community awareness to deliver the FAST message right across Queensland ensuring that patients know about stroke risk factors and act on the FAST (Face, Arms, Speech, Time) message. This will be supported by a targeted local promotional campaign.

**Result:** When someone suffers a stroke, every minute counts. FAST access to treatment means a greater chance of recovery and decreased costs for our health system.

**Proposal:** Queensland telestroke and endovascular clot retrieval service

**Investment:** $2 million over four years (plus ongoing and existing of endovascular clot retrieval implementation)

**Benefit:** Expanding the telestroke program, to ensure better outcome for the patient, access to the latest treatment in acute stroke management.

**Result:** Reducing Queensland waiting, while disability and accessing stroke reducing stroke’s burden on our communities and the health systems.

**Proposal:** A fair go for young stroke survivors

**Investment:** $660,000

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A fair go for stroke
Queensland Election Platform 2017

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Proposal: FAST community action to reduce stroke and speed up treatment
Investment: $1.5 million over three years (additional $550 million over three years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people warranted)
Benefits: FAST community action will empower community volunteers to deliver the StrokeSafe message right across Queensland, educating more people about stroke risk factors and the FAST (Face, Arms, Speech, Time) message. This will build knowledge and increase access to treatment.
How to get more involved: Sign up to be a volunteer and help save lives.
Result: Every minute of delay in treatment reduces access to recovery by 10%. Investing in FAST saves death and disability from stroke.

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Investment: $2 million over four years plus ongoing and existing of endovascular clot retrieval-implementation (already underway)
Benefits: Queensland telestroke, when needed close to home, can access the latest treatment in stroke stroke management.
Result: Telestroke Queensland cuts disability and surviving stroke.

Proposal: A fair go for young stroke survivors
Investment: $660,000
Benefits: Targeted teaching modified strategy to support the extra needs of young stroke survivors.
Result: Young stroke survivors empowered to maximise life after stroke, supported to grow and thrive, to get back to work and contribute to the community. Reducing stroke’s burden on government.

Proposal: Build on the initial investment in My health for life
Investment: $660,000
Benefits: Continued change and momentum established over the past three years to help people to take charge of their health. Activities on measurement and continuous improvement contribute to the health system by helping people to realise their role in reducing heart attack, stroke or type 2 diabetes. Avoiding unnecessary hospital stays will have our health system benefit significantly.
Result: Investing in a statewide preventive initiative will ensure Queenslanders can avoid the rising tide of chronic disease faced by Queensland’s hospitals.

How to get more involved: Download the My health for life app from the iTunes Store.

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The challenge for Queensland

State of stroke in Queensland
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Regional Queensland – ZERO

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Only 5% of Queensland people with chronic stroke receive endovascular clot-busting treatment. Best Australian hospitals reach 20%.

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Number of stroke survivors: 95,255 (19% of Australia’s stroke population)
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Stroke in Australia

2050: 1 in 2
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The Stroke Foundation has proposed a number of initiatives across Queensland for the next Queensland Government. These include:

- A fast community action to reduce stroke and speed up treatment
- Queensland telestroke and endovascular clot retrieval service
- A fair go for young stroke survivors
- Building on the initial investment in My Health for Life

Each proposal is designed to address specific areas where stroke survivors and Queenslanders can benefit from increased investment and support.

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**Investment:** $1.5 million over three years (additional $300,000 over three years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people/communities)

**Benefit:** Investment will empower community volunteers to deliver the world-leading message right across Queensland: everyone over the age of 50 should know their blood pressure and take a FAST (Face, Arms, Speech, Time) test. Thought will be given to appropriate areas for the roll out.

**Result:** 120,000 people suffer a stroke, every minute counts. FAST access to treatment saves a greater chance of recovery and decreases costs for our health system.

**Proposal: Queensland telestroke and endovascular clot retrieval service**

**Investment:** $2 million over two years (plus costing and setting up of endovascular clot retrieval implementation)

**Benefit:** Ensuring Queenslanders, no matter where they live, have access to the latest treatments in acute stroke management.

**Result:** Regional Queenslanders surviving, avoiding disability and recovering from stroke. Reducing stroke’s burden on our communities and the health system.

**Proposal: A fair go for young stroke survivors**

**Investment:** $660,000

**Benefit:** Young stroke survivors empowered to maximise life after stroke, support to grow and thrive, to get back to work and contribute to the community. Reducing stroke’s burden on government.

**Proposal: Build on the initial investment in My health for life**

**Benefit:** Continuing the proven success story of My health for life and adding new and improved initiatives to the health system by helping people to reduce risk of developing heart attack, stroke or type 2 diabetes. Avoiding unnecessary hospital visits will save lives and be good for our communities.

**Result:** About 50% of the stroke survivors who wanted to return to work were not provided with support to do so.

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**Source:** Stroke foundation Australia | National Stroke Audit 2016; Queensland Health 2017; Stroke foundation Australia 2015

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Investment: $1.5 million over three years

We know stroke is a leading cause of death and disability in Queensland. A call to action that will save lives.

- To ensure every Queensland household has someone who knows the signs of stroke

The Stroke Foundation’s F.A.S.T. Community Education Program will deliver F.A.S.T. workshops to train community volunteers to educate Queenslanders about the signs of stroke. Combined with telecommunications, it is already for us to understand.

- There is a solution:

- Queensland stroke information service – sartorial materials, including a Queensland stroke information service.

- The service is delivered by an alliance of non-government organisations managing stroke and facilitates Queenslanders to take responsibility for their own health.

My health for life

The Young Stroke Survivors Initiative (YSSI) is delivered by an alliance of non-government organisations.

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Build on the initial investments made through the YSSI, with additional investment to support young Queenslanders to have access to quality health care.

Five stroke facts

- Stroke affects one in 19 Australian adults. It is the second most common cause of death in Australia. It is the leading cause of disability in adults.

- Stroke has a devastating impact on the lives of those affected and their families.

- Stroke confinement, stroke-related depression, and social isolation are common outcomes of stroke.

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- Quality care and stroke rehabilitation services are essential to give people a fair go at living well after stroke.

- Queenslanders need access to inpatient and outpatient stroke rehabilitation and support services.

- Queenslanders need to know the signs of stroke and how to act on them.

- Queenslanders need to understand their risk factors and how to reduce them.

- Queenslanders need to be supported to live well after stroke, by accessing high quality stroke rehabilitation services.

- Queenslanders need to be supported to access to stroke and support in the state’s support services, survival, and quality of life.

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Investment: Telemedicine - $2 million over two years

Telemedicine services for the early detection and treatment of stroke in Queensland.

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Strokes can be prevented and treated. I don’t want anyone to suffer the impact of stroke unnecessarily. I want all Queenslanders to have access to the best quality of care no matter where they live.

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1. FAST action to reduce stroke and speed up treatment

Objective: Every Queensland household should know the signs of stroke

Investment: $3.1 million over three years

When someone suffers a stroke every second counts. FAST access to treatment makes a greater chance of recovery and return to health possible. When a stroke occurs it is the brain that suffers but the whole family is impacted. Too often treatment is delayed due to a lack of awareness about the stroke signs and symptoms.

Investment:
- Queensland stroke telemedicine service – telemedicine enables fast assessment of suspected stroke patients. It has the potential to reduce delays in hospital treatment of stroke patients. The service has been fully funded by the state. Queensland Health is currently exploring the potential for Queensland to deliver a statewide service.
- Stroke Foundation FAST Facts, Phone, Speech and Time community education campaign will continue awareness of stroke. The stroke Foundation will promote the FAST Facts guide in larger urban centres and smaller regional communities across Queensland. It is ready for an immediate roll-out.
- Objective: Through technology, ensure all Queenslanders have access to the best stroke treatment and care, regardless of where they live.
- Telemedicine - $2 million over two years
- Permanent stroke coordinators for regional hospitals with stroke units
- Endovascular clot retrieval (ECR) plan developed and costed
- Additional investment = $450,000 over three years

2. Fair access to the best in stroke treatment for all Queenslanders

Objective: Through technology, ensure all Queenslanders have access to the best stroke treatment and care, regardless of where they live.

Investment: $660,000

Queenslanders should not be penalised for where they live. The Queensland stroke telemedicine service has the potential to bridge some of the regional access gaps. If you are in a regional town, accessing a specialist treatment can be challenging. With telemedicine, it is possible for patients to receive state-of-the-art treatment in their local hospital. Queensland Health is currently exploring the potential for Queensland to deliver a statewide service.

Investment:
- Regional endovascular clot retrieval centres – ECR involves removing large clots from the brain by a neurosurgeon or interventional radiologist. ECR has shown to be highly effective when delivered within six hours of stroke presentation. It can be combined with thrombolysis (or alone in patients ineligible for thrombolysis).
- Objective: Ensure young Queenslanders are supported to live well after stroke

Investment: $660,000

Young stroke survivors have unique unmet needs and need tailored supports to optimise their physical, emotional, social, cognitive and vocational needs. Strokes occurring in childhood are rare and often unexpected. We know they leave its mark on every element of family life. The family also has to live with increased fear of a future stroke.

Investment:
- Objective: Ensure young Queenslanders have access to the best stroke treatment and care, regardless of where they live.
- Telemedicine - $2 million over two years
- Partnership stroke coordinators for regional hospitals with stroke units
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3. A fair go for young stroke survivors

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Investment: $660,000

Queenslanders to take responsibility for their own health and facilitate the My Health for Life program. The Queensland Government has a significant role to play in supporting younger stroke survivors, up to the age of 25. The My Health for Life program supports young adults in the early stages of their health journey, helping them to ‘own’ their health and lay the foundations for a healthy future.

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4. Build on the initial investment in My health for life

Objective: Deliver the ongoing role of stroke treatment and care, regardless of where they live.

Investment: $660,000

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Investment:
- Queensland Stroke Foundation – the Queensland Stroke Foundation is a key participant in this project. The Stroke Foundation is a key participant in this project.
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- Stroke kills more women than breast cancer and more men than prostate cancer.
- One in three stroke survivors are of working age.
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A call to action

The Stroke Foundation calls on the next Queensland Government to invest an additional $4.61 million over three years to ensure all Queenslanders have access to the best stroke treatment and care, regardless of where they live.

1. FAST action to reduce stroke and speed up treatment

Objective: Since every Queensland household knows someone who has the signs of stroke

Investment: $9.3 million over three years

When someone suffers a stroke every minute counts. FAST access to treatment means a greater chance of recovery and reduced disability as a result of stroke. When a stroke attack occurs, the more treatment is administered the better the stroke patient’s outcome. In Queensland, FAST action to reduce stroke and speed up treatment should only be performed by highly trained specialists.

Latest ‘Time is brain’ therapies

Thrombolysis (drug to break down a clot that prevents blood flow) administered within the first 4.5 hours of stroke occurring. ECR involves removing large clots using a small catheter inserted through an artery in the leg. ECR has shown to be highly effective when combined with thrombolysis (or alone in patients ineligible for thrombolysis).

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2. Fair access to the best in stroke treatment for all Queenslanders

Objective: Through technology, ensure all Queenslanders have access to the best stroke treatment and care, regardless of where they live

Investment: Thrombolysis - $2 million over five years

To be ready for an immediate roll-out.

Stroke Foundation FAST Act, Apps, Speech and Time: Community education campaigns will roll out across Queensland to ensure all Queenslanders have access to the best in stroke treatment and specialised care. The Stroke Foundation calls on the next Queensland Government to commit to a $4.61 million investment over three years to ensure all Queenslanders have access to the best in stroke treatment and care, regardless of where they live.

3. A fair go for young stroke survivors

Objective: Secure young Queenslanders are supported to live well after stroke

Investment: $660,000

My health for life: the next Queensland Government must ensure all Queenslanders access high quality stroke treatment fast.

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1. Stroke is the nation’s third most common cause of death. It is one of the leading causes of disability.

2. Eighty-eight percent of young stroke survivors report unmet needs across health, everyday living, leisure and work.

3. Ninety-five percent of young stroke survivors report having ongoing needs after their stroke.

4. One in three stroke survivors is aged under 65.

5. ‘Time is brain’ therapies are the only way to save brain cells that would otherwise die.
Proposals at a glance

The Stroke Foundation is calling for the next Queensland Government to build on the work done to prevent, treat and beat stroke by investing an additional $4.61 million over three years in programs that will deliver health care benefits directly to Queenslanders.

State of stroke in Queensland

Number of stroke survivors: 95,255 (19% of Australia’s stroke population)
Number of working age stroke survivors: 27,076

Proposals at a glance

- **FAST community action to reduce stroke and speed up treatment**
  - Investment: $1.5 million over three years (additional $500,000 over three years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people)
  - Benefits: Financial incentives for community volunteers to deliver the FAST message to Queenslanders, education on how to identify stroke and location of the nearest NSW (New South Wales), Qld (Queensland), SA (South Australia) hospital.
  - Result: When someone suffers a stroke, every minute counts. FAST access to treatment means a greater chance of recovery and decreased cost for our health system.

- **Queensland telestroke and endovascular clot retrieval service**
  - Investment: $2 million over four years (phase mapping and costing of endovascular clot retrieval implementation)
  - Benefits: For Queenslanders, no matter where they live, have access to the latest treatment in acute stroke management.
  - Result: The structural Queensland workforce, wealth, disability and screening from stroke. Reducing stroke’s burden on our communities and the health system.

- **A fair go for young stroke survivors**
  - Investment: $660,000
  - Benefits: Education teaching modified strategy to support the needs of young stroke survivors.
  - Result: Young stroke survivors empowered to maximise life after stroke, supported to grow and thrive, get back to work and contribute to the community. Reducing stroke’s burden on government.

- **Build on the initial investment in My health for life**
  - Investment: $660,000
  - Benefits: Empowering chronic disease patients to take more time and more ownership over their health by helping people to reduce their risk of developing heart attack, stroke or type 2 diabetes. Avoiding unnecessary hospital costs will have our health system significantly.
  - Result: Investing in a statewide prevention initiative we can act to avoid the rising tide of chronic disease faced by Queensland Hospitals.

A fair go for stroke

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The challenge for Queensland

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Risk of repeat hospitalisation increasing through poor home transition planning:
- One in three leave hospital without a care plan
- Eighty-three percent of rehabilitation sites report having no structured home transition process

Only 5% of Queensland public and private sector hospitals have stroke designated systems in place.