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About our region
Where we are …
About our region
We are regional, rural and remote
About our region
12 local government areas
About our region
2 Hospital and Health Services

South West Hospital & Health Service

Darling Downs Hospital & Health Service
About our region
Over 60 unique communities
(and it’s a big area)
About our region
With an uneven population distribution
(as at June 30, 2011)
About our region
We are experiencing massive growth

1996-2011: 15.4%

2011-2031: 43.2%
About our region
Things are changing …

Surat Basic Resource Development
About our region
Low socio-economic status

Ranking of SEIFA IRSAD* Index Scores

All statistical area 2011 SEIFA IRSAD Index Scores are below the national mean of 1,000
Range: 993 (Chinchilla) to 556 (Cherbourg … 2nd lowest score in Australia)
* Socio-economic Indexes for Areas: Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage
As at June 30, 2011, the DDSWQ Medicare Local region had 13,865 persons who stated they were of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. Indigenous persons made up 4.7% of the total population (compared with 3.6% in Queensland).