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**6. Natural Disaster Preparedness**

- Since 2011, approximately \$170M has been approved in disaster recovery and resilience funding for Townsville

**7. Water Infrastructure and Supply**

- State provided \$195M for Houghton Pipeline Project – supporting 500 jobs

**REGIONAL BRIEFS**

**8. COVID-19 – Economic Support and Recovery**

- \$10.87M in small business support and adaption grants supporting 1,190 businesses in the Townsville area
- \$37.7M from our \$1 billion jobs support loan scheme to 249 businesses in Townsville area supporting 3,131 jobs locally
- \$102.68M Works for Qld funding since 2016, supporting around 1,750 jobs

**9. COVID-19 – Tourism Support and Recovery**

- \$5.7M from our \$1 billion jobs support loan scheme to 35 tourism-related businesses in Townsville area supporting 380 jobs
- Within the Townsville area, \$1.15M in tourism and hospitality hardship grants awarded to 38 businesses

**10. Health Overview – Townsville Hospital and Health Service**

- As at 20 January 2022:
  - 225,111 COVID-19 vaccination doses administered
  - Townsville HHS area recorded 5,994 cases of Covid-19 and were actively managing 241 cases (29 people in hospital)

**11. Major Road Upgrades**

- Delivering \$1.8 billion for road upgrades in Northern Queensland

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**12. Policing and Youth Crime**

- 16% increase in offences from 1 July to 31 December 2021 compared to the same period in 2020
- Data from 2020-21 compared to 2018-19:
  - 45% increase in the number of proven offences by young offenders
  - 15% decrease in the number of distinct 10-17-year-old offenders

**13. Schools Overview**

- 38 schools in the Townsville Regional Council and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council areas
- Around \$96.9M of major infrastructure completed at 24 schools
- Around \$43M worth of works at 14 schools in progress or announced in the 2020 General State Election

***STATE-WIDE BRIEFS***

**14. Bruce Highway**

- \$13 billion jointly-funded program is improving the Bruce Highway's flood resilience, safety and increasing its capacity

**15. Great Barrier Reef**

- Over \$400M towards protecting the Reef since 2015
- Minimum practice standards in place for sugarcane and banana production and on 1 December 2022 start for graziers and horticulture producers
- New permit requirements for new or expanded cropping and horticulture commenced on 1 June 2021

REGION PROFILE		TOWNSVILLE REGION
<b>ELECTORATE</b>	<b>SITTING MEMBER</b>	
Burdekin	Mr Dale Last (LNP)	
Hinchinbrook	Mr Nick Dametto (KAP)	
Mundingburra	Mr Leslie Walker (ALP)	
Thuringowa	Mr Aaron Harper (ALP)	
Townsville	The Hon Scott Stewart (ALP)	
Traeger	Mr Robbie Katter (KAP)	

Queensland Government FTEs		2021	2015
Doctors	Townsville HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	742.48	595.70
Nurses		2,415.53	2,160.14
Other health professionals		802.63	581.02
Ambulance officers	<i>source: PSC supplied MOHRI data</i>	329.40	254.64
Police officers		522.78	630.85
Fire officers		169.58	152.62
Teachers		2,124.48	2096.08
Teacher aides		516.68	476.59

Employment – annual rate change	2021 (Nov)	2015 (Feb)
Queensland employment	4.6%	1.6%
Townsville employment (SA4)	5.4%	-2.4%
Unemployment Rate		
Queensland unemployment	4.8%	6.5%
Townsville unemployment (SA4)	5.0%	8.6%
Queensland youth unemployment	11.5%	14.1%
Townsville youth unemployment (SA4)	7.6%	17.4%

Employment by industry (2016 census)	Number	Percent
Health care and social assistance	14,597	14.0%
Public administration and safety	12,876	12.4%
Education and training	10,120	9.7%
Retail trade	10,019	9.6%
Construction	7,987	7.7%

	Queensland	T'ville Region
<b>Median age</b> (estimated as at 30 June 2020)	37.4 years	36.3 years
<b>Population</b> (estimated as at 30 June 2020)	5,176,186	238,813
<b>Crime rate</b> (per 100,000 persons) 2020-21	9,154	14,289

Tourism (Sep 2021)	Tourism Region	Visitors	Expenditure
Domestic tourism	Townsville	1.0 million	\$720.7M
International tourism		not published	not published

## ECONOMIC PROFILE

Budget 2021-22	Townsville
<b>Infrastructure</b>	<b>\$913.0M</b>
<u>Community wellbeing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oasis Townsville funding</li> <li>• Townsville Community Learning Centre</li> <li>• Social housing</li> </ul>	
<u>Utilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayr water supply infrastructure project</li> <li>• Home Hill Water Reservoir project</li> <li>• Burdekin groundwater management</li> <li>• Charters Towers substation upgrade</li> <li>• Kidston Hydro 275kV Transmission Network Connection</li> </ul>	
<u>Transport and roads</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alma Bay to Horseshoe Bay (magnetic Island) – upgrade various roads</li> <li>• Garbutt – Upper Ross Rd (Riverway Drive, Stage 2), Allambie Lane to Dunlop St</li> <li>• Gregory Developmental Road (Charters Towers–The Lynd), Marble Creek to Christmas Creek, widen pavement</li> <li>• Townsville Ring Road – duplicate a section to four lanes</li> <li>• Port of Townsville Channel Capacity Upgrade</li> <li>• Townsville Connection Road (Idalia), University Road to Bowen Road Bridge</li> <li>• Bruce Highway (Ayr – Townsville), Haughton River Floodplain, construct bridges and approaches</li> </ul>	
<u>Justice and Safety</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burdell Ambulance Station &amp; Townsville Local Ambulance Service Network Office</li> <li>• Kirwan replacement police facility</li> </ul>	
<u>Government services</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Townsville Regional Industrial Estate</li> </ul>	
<u>Recreation and culture</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bowling Green Bay National Park visitor facilities upgrade</li> <li>• DriveIT NQ</li> <li>• Curra Swans Football Club</li> </ul>	

Budget 2021-22	Townsville
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girringun National Park – Wallaman Falls visitor facilities upgrade</li> <li>• Museum of Underwater Art – Stage 3</li> <li>• Townsville Sailing Club</li> <li>• Townsville Skate Park</li> <li>• Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger program</li> <li>• Magnetic Island trails network</li> </ul>	
<b>Health</b>	<b>\$1.1B</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Townsville University Hospital</li> <li>• Kirwan Health Campus – expansion</li> </ul>	
<b>Education</b>	<b>\$37.3M</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Manufacturing Hub Skills Lab – Bohle TAFE</li> <li>• Ayr State High School – new hall facility</li> <li>• Bluewater State School – upgrade to amenities block</li> <li>• Bwgcolman Community School – new administration building and improved learning spaces</li> <li>• Home Hill State High School – upgrade skills development &amp; training facilities</li> <li>• Kirwan State School – upgrade administration building</li> <li>• Thuringowa State High School – upgrade skills development &amp; training facilities</li> </ul>	
Total jobs supported in this region	3,200

Released under RTI - DPC

	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Funding</b>	
<b>Building our Regions (Rounds 1-5) (30 Sep 2021)</b>			
Townsville region	163.3	\$19.37M	
<b>Works for Queensland (Summary) – Townsville region (30 Sep 2021)</b>			
<b>2019-21 Rnd</b>	534.0	\$35.74M	
<b>2020-21 COVID Rnd</b>	219.0	\$21.37M	
<b>2021-24 Rnd</b>	126.0	\$29.48M	
<b>Back to Work (Total across all programs)</b>	<b>Employers</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Funding</b>
<u>Initial</u> Back to work (closed 30 Jun 2021)	1,542	3,678	\$37.59M
<u>Revitalised</u> Back to Work (30 Nov 2021)	14	15	\$60,375
<b>Skilling Queenslanders for Work (31 Dec 2021)</b>			
Total Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative	2,465	\$30.92M	

\* *estimated FTEs*

<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
Burdekin Shire Council	Cr Lyn McLaughlin
Charters Towers Regional Council	Cr Frank Beveridge
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	Cr Ramon Jayo
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	Cr Mislam Sam
Townsville City Council	Cr Jenny Hill

## PREVIOUS VISITS

Since 2015, the Government:

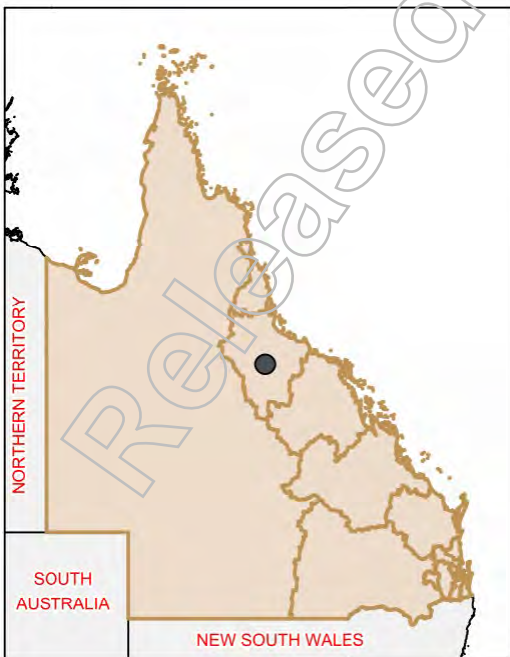
- facilitated regional Parliament in Townsville;
- held 1 Community Cabinet in the Townsville region (9 Community Cabinets have been held across the State); and
- held 2 offsite Cabinet meetings in Townsville, 1 with a reception (21 off-site Cabinet meetings have been held across the State, of which 6 included community receptions); and
- none of the 7 Governing From the Regions were held in the Townsville region.

DATE	LOCATION	SUMMARY OF PURPOSE
9-10 June 2021	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Visit               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Attend State of Origin (Game 1)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
26-27 January 2021	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Off-site Cabinet meeting and Regional Visit               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend Australia Day events</li> <li>– visit Heatley Secondary College</li> <li>– attend meeting and media conference, Townsville Stadium jobs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
23 September 2020	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Visit               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– meeting and media conference, Townsville Regional Economic Recovery Plan and Jobs</li> <li>– visit Drive It NQ, Investment and Jobs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2 June 2020	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Visit               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– meet with local MPs</li> <li>– meet with Mayor of Townsville City Council</li> <li>– attend meeting and media conference regarding Haughton Pipeline</li> <li>– attend Roundtable with Townsville Tourism Operators on Economic Recovery</li> <li>– meet with Craig Warhurst of Townsville Bulletin</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
13 March 2020	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Visit               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend the Queensland Country Bank Stadium official opening game and plaque unveiling</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
21-22 February 2020	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Visit               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend unveiling of the Johnathon Thurston Statue, Queensland Country Bank Stadium</li> <li>– attend thank you BBQ for workers who worked on the stadium</li> <li>– attend North Queensland Cowboys Member Preview</li> <li>– attend North Queensland Stadium Open Day</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
25-26 January 2020	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend Australia Day events</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

DATE	LOCATION	SUMMARY OF PURPOSE
2-6 September 2019	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Off-site Cabinet meeting</li> <li>• Regional Parliament</li> <li>• Community Government reception and various meetings</li> </ul>
18 June 2019	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– visit North Queensland Stadium</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
20-21 February 2019	Townsville/ Julia Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– inspect flood damage, Julia Creek</li> <li>– inspect Alice River Bridge Reconstruction, Townsville</li> <li>– meeting with Sun Metal representatives, Townsville Logistics representative and local Member of Parliament</li> <li>– meeting with Mayor Townsville City Council, and Townsville region Members of Parliament</li> <li>– attend Disaster Recovery briefing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7-8 February 2019	Townsville/ Cloncurry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– inspect flood damage, Cloncurry</li> <li>– meeting re North Queensland monsoon event</li> <li>– chair Queensland Disaster Management Committee extraordinary meeting via teleconference</li> <li>– inspect flood damage, Oonoonba State School and in Townsville</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3-4 February 2019	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– visit Heatley Evacuation Centre, Townsville</li> <li>– meeting re North Queensland monsoon event</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
25–26 January 2019	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– meeting with Townsville Bulletin editor</li> <li>– meeting with Townsville region Members of Parliament</li> <li>– attend Gulf of Carpentaria weather briefing</li> <li>– attend Australia Day events</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6 December 2018	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend State Funeral for Dr Ernestine ‘Bonita’ Mabo</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
14 August 2018	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– meeting with local Member of Parliament</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
18 July 2018	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit</li> </ul>
24 May 2018	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– meeting with Mayor, Townsville City Council</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



# MAP – Townsville region



## Achievements – Townsville Area

### COVID-19 RECOVERY

- \$18.8M in Small Business Adaption Grants supporting 983 businesses in Townsville area
- \$2.07M in Business Support Grants supporting 201 businesses and 6 sole traders in Townsville area
- \$37.7M from our \$1B Jobs Support Loan scheme, to 249 businesses in Townsville area supporting 3,131 jobs locally
- \$10.3M in Payroll Tax Relief to 399 businesses in Townsville area in 2020-21.

### ROADS

- \$230M jointly funded Townsville Ring Road Stage 5 (200 jobs): construction is expected to commence by mid-2021, with completion in early 2023
- \$514.3M jointly funded Haughton River Floodplain project (544 Jobs) at Giru: 40km south of Townsville – completed October 2021 with ancillary works expected to continue till late 2022
- \$29.17M Bruce Highway safety upgrades, Bambaroo (Hechts Road to Easter Creek) – supporting 49 jobs and completed November-2021;
- \$5M Flinders Highway intersection upgrade (Woodstock Giru Road / Glenn Road) – wholly funded by the Queensland Government, supported 9 jobs – completed December 2020; and
- \$44.14M Bruce Highway safety upgrades between Mackenzie Creek and Mailman Road – supported 89 jobs – completed November 2020.
- Almost \$1M for the design and construction of the Railway Avenue service road shared path (cycleway)

### EDUCATION / TAFE

- \$59.1M for the North Shore State School – opened in 2018 with Stage 2 completed in 2020
- \$11M Heatley Secondary College for refurbishment and upgrade works, including new covered walkways – completed December 2020
- \$6.4M Kirwan State High School – multi-purpose hall – delivered by Jun-2019

- \$5.185M Northern Beaches State High School for a new two-storey learning centre
- \$3.4M Pimlico State High School additional classrooms and learning spaces
- \$3.4M Townsville Community Learning Centre - a State Special School – 7 additional general learning areas (delivered by Jun 2017) and prefabricated buildings (delivered by Jun 2021)
- \$1.97M Bohlevale State School – upgraded school – delivered by Jun-2018
- \$1.1M Townsville State High School – upgrade multipurpose hall – completed 2019
- \$931,000 Pimlico State High School – covering the sports court at (\$570,000 + \$361,000 school contribution)
- \$1.68M Bwgcolman Community School – refurbished classrooms – Block A (completed by June 2021), Block D (completed by June 2018) and science lab (completed by June 2019)
- \$495,000 at Hermit Park State School refurbishment
- \$35M upgrade to the TAFE Pimlico campus – creating 100 full time construction jobs

## HEALTH

- \$9.3M joint funding for The Oasis in Townsville to provide a one stop shop for support services for veterans and their families. (\$5M:\$4.3M Fed:State)
- Townsville university Hospital
  - \$334M hospital expansion – completed 2018
  - \$6.6M Children's Ward – delivered in May 2018
  - \$10.4M clinical services redevelopment – completed March 2020
  - 44.7M new Surgical Outpatients (Ear Nose and Throat) Department – completed July 2018
  - \$6M for second magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine and associated refurbishment works – completed January 2021
  - \$6.7M Pharmacy Cytotoxic Laboratory (joint Federal (\$3.7M) and State (\$3.0M) government funded project) – completed June 2021 and supported 20 FTE during construction.

- \$1.6M Emergency Department (ED) Paediatric Redevelopment – officially opened in June 2021 and supported 5 FTEs during construction
- \$3.2M replace Kirwan Ambulance Station – officially opened December 2020
- \$16.5M Primary Health Care Centre including at Maternal and Child Health Clinic and Social and Emotional Wellbeing clinic for the Palm Island Community

## INFRASTRUCTURE

- \$293.5M joint funded Queensland Country Bank Stadium, 25,000 seat capacity opened in 2020
- \$40M joint funded North Queensland Cowboys High Performance Training Centre, opened in May 2021
- \$193.5M Port of Townsville Channel Capacity Upgrade, to allow larger vessels to access the Port of Townsville
- \$410M joint Haughton Pipeline Duplication projects to address long-term water security needs (\$225M from the State Gov)
- \$54.2M Townsville Marine Tourism Precinct will replace the Blackwater Terminal and facilitate a new integrated tourism hub and mixed-use facility.
- \$15.98M CopperString 1100km transmission line, total project cost of \$1.5 billion

## POLICE / JUSTICE

- \$9M upgrade Townsville Courthouse
- Police strength increased by 104 positions, including additional officers in the Rapid Action Patrol

## Building our Regions

- \$11.15M to Townsville City Council for 3 projects supporting almost 116 jobs – all projects are now complete:
  - \$5M towards \$24.29M Townsville Southern Suburbs Sewerage Main
  - \$1.15M towards \$2.3M Townsville Airport industrial area water main; and
  - \$5M towards the \$10.2M Townsville Waterfront Promenade

- \$2.41M to Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council for 4 projects supporting 8.4 jobs – 2 projects are now complete:
  - \$410,933 Palm Island Sports Precinct (essential services) – completed May 2018
  - \$500,000 towards \$668,540 footpath upgrade – completed November 2020

Works for Qld

- Summary of funding for projects within Townsville City Council

Funding round	Total No of projects	No of projects completed	Act Jobs	Funding
WFQ 2016-17	60	all	909.0	\$21.85M
WFQ 2017-19	18	all	554.0	\$23.25M
WFQ 2019-21	17	all	201.0	\$24.50M
2020-21 COVID-19	7	all	85.0	\$13.54M
WFQ 2021-24	11	nil	7.0	\$19.54M
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1,756.0</b>	<b>\$102.68M</b>

- Summary of funding for projects within Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council

Funding round	Total No of projects	No of projects completed	Act Jobs	Funding
WFQ 2016-17	2	all	26	\$2.60M
WFQ 2017-19	13	all	66	\$2.72M
WFQ 2019-21	3	all	1	\$2.80M
2020-21 COVID-19	7	nil	0	\$2.17M
WFQ 2021-24	1	nil	0	\$2.93M
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>\$13.22M</b>

## 2020 Election Commitments – Townsville region

The implementation status of 105 commitments as at 30 September 2021, is:

Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet



Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
<b>Bruce Highway and other Roads</b>			
Townsville Thuringowa	<b>GETTING ACTIVE</b> \$2.8 million to construct a pedestrian and bicycle facility for North Townsville Road, Ingham Road to Shaw Road, Bohle River Bridge and approaches	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Thuringowa	\$19 million to upgrade Riverway Drive, Townsville		
Mundingburra	\$46.4 million to upgrade the intersection at Stuart Drive and Mervyn Crossman Drive in Mundingburra		
Townsville	\$7 million to Magnetic Island roads, including Horseshoe Bay Road, working with the council to undertake repairs and look at a longer term overhaul of the drainage systems		
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> Task the Bruce Highway Trust to set ambitious targets to deliver the outcomes of the Safer Bruce 2030 Action Plan and achieve the vision of a 60 per cent reduction in the rate of fatalities by 2030		✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> Implement the Bruce Highway Trust's 15 year vision and five year upgrade action plans		✓
Burdekin Traeger	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> Provide \$200 million towards a \$1 billion jointly funded plan to improve Queensland's Inland Freight route, activating an alternative to the Bruce Highway		✓
Mundingburra	<b>GETTING ACTIVE</b> \$400,000 for the Bruce Highway Stuart Drive intersection and shared path design		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Burdekin Hinčinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> Task the Bruce Highway Trust to set ambitious targets to achieve a minimum one-in-one-hundred-year flood immunity standard for the entire Bruce Highway, using experts to guide decision-making	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burdekin Hinčinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> Require every tenderer on Bruce Highway projects that are over \$100 million to submit a skills and apprentices plan and to demonstrate how locals will be given the chance to work on the project		✓
Burdekin Mundingburra Townsville Traeger	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> As part of the \$200 million, allocate \$1.2 million to match the Federal Government's \$4.8 million commitment to the Roads of Strategic Importance Townsville to Roma corridor		✓
Burdekin Hinčinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> Continue our \$1 billion per year Bruce Guarantee, with a 2-year path of \$1.6 billion committed in 2021-22, \$1.9 billion in 2022-23 on an 80:20 Federal: State basis		✓
Burdekin Hinčinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> Expand the Bruce Highway Trust with 6 additional regional members to include users, road safety and regional development experts from along the Bruce Highway north of Gympie		✓
Burdekin Hinčinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> Task the Bruce Highway Trust to prepare the Safer Bruce 2030 Action Plan		✓
<b>Education</b>			
Townsville	<b>EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE</b> \$3.6 million for an Advanced Manufacturing Skills Lab attached to Bohle TAFE. The Lab will also support high-end manufacturing via a production line facility, augmented reality activation space, automation and a robotics lab	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Townsville	<b>EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE</b> \$10.6 million to build a new Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Training facility at Bohle TAFE		
Thuringowa Mundingburra Townsville	\$1 million to deliver a catering hall at Heatley Secondary College		
All	\$12 million over four years to expand the remote kindy program to include an extra 20 state schools		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Mundingburra	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$7.6 million for additional school infrastructure at the Townsville Community Learning Centre	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Thuringowa Burdekin Mundingburra	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$700,000 to deliver new security fencing and tuckshop replacement for the Weir State School at Thuringowa		
Mundingburra Townsville	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> Up to \$500,000 to deliver a covered cloister to the school hall and a cover for the second basketball court at Oonoonba State School		
Townsville Mundingburra	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$5 million for a new performing arts centre at Pimlico State High School		
Mundingburra	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$5.75 million for a new multipurpose hall at Townsville Community Learning Centre		
Thuringowa Burdekin Hinchinbrook Mundingburra	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$5.75 million for a new multipurpose hall at Thuringowa State High School		
Townsville	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$3 million for additional infrastructure at Bwgcolman Community College on Palm Island		
Townsville	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$500,000 for improved learning space to support hospitality curriculum at Bwgcolman Community School		
Hinchinbrook	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$1.5 million to replace the existing amenities block at Bluewater State School		
Thuringowa Townsville	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$1.5 million for additional infrastructure at Kirwan State School		
Townsville	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$100,000 to heat the Magnetic Island State School pool		
Burdekin	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$5.75 million for a multipurpose hall for Ayr State High School		
Townsville Mundingburra	<b>LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS</b> \$1.4 million for an enhanced aquaponics facility at Pimlico State High School		
Burdekin	<b>LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS</b> \$500,000 to support agricultural infrastructure at Home Hill State High School		
Townsville Mundingburra	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$700,000 for a security fence at Pimlico State High School		



Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Townsville Mundingburra	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$500,000 to replace amenities at Townsville South State School	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Hinchinbrook	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$160,000 to install a ramp to the administration at Bluewater State School		
Hinchinbrook	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$125,000 to install a covered walkway at Ingham State High School		
Thuringowa Burdekin	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$77,300 to install a covered walkway at Kelso State School		
Mundingburra Burdekin Townsville	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$600,000 for improved learning space to support STEM curriculum at William Ross State High School		
Mundingburra Burdekin Townsville	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$50,000 for a planning/feasibility study for a new hall at William Ross State High School		
Mundingburra Thuringowa	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> Up to \$200,000 to deliver a new playground for Year 6 students at Cranbrook State School		
Mundingburra Thuringowa	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$700,000 for a security fence at Cranbrook State School		
Hinchinbrook Townsville	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$700,000 for a security fence at Bohlevale State School		
Hinchinbrook	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$250,000 to relocate the administration at Ingham State School		
Traeger	<b>GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE</b> \$300,000 to refurbish amenities at Charters Towers Central State School		
Thuringowa Burdekin Hinchinbrook Mundingburra	<b>LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS</b> \$1.2 million to refurbish the science lab at Thuringowa State High School		
<b>Health</b>			
All	\$27.8 million for 33 renal dialysis treatment spaces in regional Queensland at Proserpine, Clermont, Charter Towers, Ingham and Longreach hospitals, and at the Cooktown Multipurpose Health Service and Kowanyama Primary Health Care Centre	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
All	\$1.5 million for a preliminary business case for the expansion of Townsville University Hospital		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
All	\$17 million for a new hybrid theatre at the Townsville University Hospital expected to be completed in 2022-23	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
All	\$4 million to expand the outpatient department at the Townsville University Hospital		
All	\$4 million to upgrade the persistent pain management service at the Townsville University Hospital expected to be completed in 2021-22		
All	\$40 million for the Stage 1 expansion to Kirwan Health Campus including expanding the existing centre to provide midwifery community clinics, upgrades to dental services, upgrading the existing car park and installation of technology to support the telehealth boom		
Townsville	A new Ambulance Deputy Commissioner for regional Queensland to be based in Townsville to deliver better collaboration between hospitals and ambulance services		
All	Assist with the purchase of a robotic surgical arm that will be available to both public and private patients at the Mater Hospital in Townsville		
Hinchinbrook	Deliver a new 24/7 ambulance station in Burdell as part of the \$31 million commitment for six new and replacement ambulance stations across Queensland		
All	Establish a new ten year partnership agreement with the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) and a \$20 million capital grant to the RFDS towards a new base and hangar in Townsville		✓
All	Work with the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia and other stakeholders to design and implement a trial of pharmacists practising to their full scope in North Queensland		✓
All	\$490,000 over four years to extend the HIV self-testing project for people living in regional Queensland		✓
All	\$6.2 million to the McGrath Foundation to allow them to employ 13 more breast care nurses including two additional breast care nurses in Cairns	✓	
<b>Police / Justice</b>			
Thuringowa	As part of the \$300 million Police Infrastructure Pipeline, build a new \$30 million police facility in Kirwan	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Townsville Mundingburra Thuringowa	Deliver modern, mobile and flexible policing across Queensland, including 25 new mobile police beat vans across the state, to meet strategic and operational priorities, as well as local needs	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Mundingburra	Trial retrofitting food/medical service hatches in Townsville, Capricornia, Woodford and Brisbane Correctional Centre. The terms of reference of the trial will conclude by 31 December 2020		✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa Townsville	Consider the results of the dedicated sexual violence liaison officers pilot program underway in Townsville and Logan		✓
<b>Infrastructure</b>			
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Townsville Traeger	<b>BACKING QUEENSLAND MARITIME JOBS</b> Work with the publicly owned ports to invest in land side infrastructure which has the potential to facilitate coastal cargoes such as porter cranes. As an early first step, work with the Port of Gladstone to work with industry to progress planning for a porter crane	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Traeger	\$30 million for Big Rocks Weir, Townsville		
Thuringowa	\$500,000 for a feasibility study to investigate the suitability of the 1300 SMILES stadium site at Kirwan for a multi-agency, emergency services headquarters		
Burdekin	Invest \$12 million at the Lansdown Industrial Precinct in Woodstock		
<b>Business and jobs</b>			
Townsville	<b>BACKING QUEENSLAND MARITIME JOBS</b> Undertake an expressions of interest process to partner with industry on coastal shipping proposals to establish a new Brisbane to Townsville service and to convert existing ships to a Queensland based workforce. This will include a commitment by proponents to employ new trainees and apprentices	Exempt Sch 3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Townsville	<b>BACKING QUEENSLAND MARITIME JOBS</b> Provide incentives to new and existing operators to commence a new regular Brisbane to Townsville shipping service and for existing operators to switch to Queensland crews		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Mundingburra Thuringowa Townsville	Permanently establish a new office for rural and remote health, which will be based in Townsville with locations in Cairns, Toowoomba and the Western Corridor and a presence in Brisbane to complement existing units in Cairns and the Darling Downs. The Office will be guided by an Advisory Group that will have membership from within Queensland Health and external agencies	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
All	Promote and support businesses in regional Queensland providing side-by-side vehicle recreation opportunities on private land		✓
All	Identify Queensland agricultural seasonal workforce needs and immediately implement local solutions that connect agribusinesses with relevant and appropriate workforce solutions		✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Townsville Traeger	Work with the LGAQ on finalising an agreed Bush Councils Compact		✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa Traeger	Work with the Mount Isa to Townsville Economic Zone group to identify opportunities for future investment in freight, transport and logistics hubs to maximise on freight movement efficiency		✓
<b>Community and Recreation</b>			
Mundingburra	\$500,000 for female changerooms, shade structure and field lighting at the Mundingburra Aitkenvale Olympic Football club	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Mundingburra Thuringowa Townsville	\$500,000 to the Australian Martial Arts Youth Development Alliance to deliver a two-year anti-bullying pilot program in partnership with local schools outside of school hours		✓
Burdekin	\$1 million to Burdekin Rugby League for a new clubhouse at Ayr Rugby Park including four player dressing rooms and showers, a new office, referee room, first aid room, toilets and disability amenities		
Townsville	\$1 million to construct a skate park at Harold Phillips Park, Garbutt		
Burdekin	\$10 million for Drivelt NQ, Townsville		
Mundingburra	\$250,000 towards establishing Townsville Cycling as a Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) legal velodrome		
Townsville	\$200,000 for a carpark upgrade at the new Mount Louisa walking tracks		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Townsville	\$4 million for the Townsville Sailing Club to purchase the land it currently occupies from Toprise Australia Pty Ltd and to support initial development plans for a water sports hub at the Mariners Drive site	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Townsville	\$400,000 for new changerooms and field lighting at Estates Football Club		
Mundingburra	\$566,000 to upgrade the Townsville Basketball Inc. facilities at the Murray Sporting Complex in Annandale including new security fencing for the courtyard, new undercover seating adjacent to the canteen and landscaping		
Townsville Traeger	Conduct a review of funding arrangements for Indigenous Councils including the State Government Financial Aid rate of funding and the Revenue Replacement Program and Indigenous Economic Development Grant		✓
All	<b>COUNTRY RACING</b> \$35.2 million for Country Racing over 2 years from July 2021 to June 2023 which includes: - \$15 million per year for prize money - \$2.6 million per year for maintenance of racetracks		✓
Mundingburra	Provide funding to upgrade the changerooms, lights and field irrigation at the Saints Eagles South Soccer Club		
Mundingburra	\$10,000 to the Townsville Darts Association for roof repairs at Greg Atkins Memorial Hall		
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Thuringowa Townsville	\$30 million over four years to support Surf Life Saving Queensland		✓
Mundingburra	20 women's basketball games to be played in Cairns, Townsville and Mackay		✓
All	Review the final Australian Competition and Consumer Commission report on insurance in northern Australia, and consult with northern Queensland businesses and the community on an appropriate response		✓
<b>Environment</b>			
All	\$3 million over two years to expand the QCoast2100 program to enable eligible local governments to develop and implement Coastal Hazard Adaption Strategies	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Townsville	<b>HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY</b> \$10 million into a Reef Credits program to accelerate water quality improvements by incentivising land management activities		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Townsville	<b>HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY</b> \$3.9 million to develop two Reef Trails to improve access to the Great Barrier Reef with 30 new public moorings and 20 new non-anchoring zones in Whitsunday and Townsville areas	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Townsville	<b>HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY</b> \$10 million in the Reef Assist Program which will include 11 projects in partnerships with local government and natural resource management organisations		✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Townsville	<b>HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY</b> \$6 million into the Great Barrier Reef Island Arks project which will expand Queensland's protected area estate and work with Traditional Owners to co-manage key ecological and cultural sites, and promote new ecotourism offerings. This will be done by acquiring new areas which will add to Queensland's protected area estate		✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Townsville	Maintain reef protection laws and associated measures which are critical to the health of the Great Barrier Reef		✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Townsville	Continue the Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Program		✓
<b>Marine Rescue Services</b>			
Burdekin Townsville Traeger	<b>BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES</b> Establish an integrated Volunteer Marine Rescue and Coast Guard service to bring 47 volunteer organisations together, and provide operational funding and capacity building for marine rescue services	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burdekin Townsville Traeger	<b>BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES</b> Increase funding for insurance costs and provide for additional operational expenses incurred by Squadrons and Flotillas		✓
Burdekin Townsville Traeger	<b>BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES</b> Invest \$17.38 million over four years to replace ageing vessels. This will deliver up to 27 new boats across the state		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Burdekin Townsville Traeger	<b>BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES</b> Establish a Marine Rescue Queensland implementation Working Group with representatives from Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Queensland and Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association to progress the transition to an integrated state-wide Marine Volunteer service. The Marine Rescue Queensland Implementation Working Group will be in the field in the first 100 days	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
<b>Tourism</b>			
All	<b>REBUILDING QUEENSLAND TOURISM</b> \$15 million for a Regional Tourism Organisation Recovery fund to provide a special one-off funding injection to regional tourism organisations	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
<b>Veterans</b>			
Hinchinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa Townsville	<b>SUPPORTING QUEENSLAND VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES</b> Up to \$600,000 to support an 18-month pilot service, based in Townsville, to expand and improve access to claims advocacy and legal assistance services, including outreach to other regions	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Mundingburra	<b>SUPPORTING QUEENSLAND VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES</b> \$1 million for The Oasis Townsville to commence delivering services in early 2021		
<b>Works for Queensland</b>			
All	<b>KEEPING QUEENSLAND WORKING</b> \$400 million over six years to continue Works for Queensland in 65 council areas with each eligible regional council to receive two rounds of \$1 million, with the rest of the money to be allocated according to population and unemployment	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓

## Building our Regions and Works for Queensland

### Building our Regions

- Through Building our Regions, the Townsville region has received \$19.37M for 14 projects supporting around 163 jobs, to date 10 projects are now completed and 2 projects were withdrawn.
- The **Townsville City Council** has received **\$11.15M** for **3 projects** supporting almost **116 jobs**, and **all 3 projects** are now **complete**.
- The **Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council** has received **\$2.41M** for **4 projects** supporting **8.4 jobs**, and **2 projects** are now **complete**.
- In the latest round (Round 5), Townsville City Council and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council did not receive any funds.

Rd	Projects	Approved Funding	Total Cost	Jobs (Est)	Project Stage
<b>Townsville City Council</b>					
02	Townsville Southern Suburbs Sewerage Main	\$5.00M	\$24.29M	75.3	completed Dec– 2020
03	Townsville Airport Industrial Area Water Main	\$1.15M	\$2.30M	6.9	completed Dec-2018
04	Townsville Waterfront Promenade	\$5.00M	\$10.20M	33.7	completed Jun-2020
<b>Palm Is Aboriginal Shire Council</b>					
02	Palm Island Sports Precinct - Essential Services	\$410,993	\$410,993	1.3	completed 31/5/2018
03	Palm Island Footpath Upgrade - Stage 2	\$500,000	\$668,540	2.0	completed 27/11/2020
03	Palm Island Jetty Precinct Upgrade	\$500,000	\$556,000	1.7	exp completion Feb-2022
04	Palm Island Retail and Business Precinct - Stage 2	\$999,241	\$1.02M	3.4	exp completion May-2022

### Works for Queensland

- Since 2016, through Works for Queensland, the Townsville region has received **\$153.04M** for **306 projects** supporting, to date **3,216 jobs** with **256 projects completed**.
- **Townsville City Council** has received **\$102.68M** for **113 projects** supporting, to date, **1,756 jobs** with **102 projects completed**.



- **Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council** has received **\$13.22M** for **26 projects** supporting, to date, **93 jobs** with **18 projects completed**.

2019-21 Works for Queensland projects	Electorate	Funding	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
<b>Palm Is Aboriginal Shire Council</b>					
Jetty reclamation / jetty pylons and decking	Townsville	\$1.50M	3.0	0.0	exp completion Jan-2022
Palm Island Motel and manager's residence maintenance	Townsville	\$80,000	1.0	0.0	exp completion Dec-2021
Peter Gumbellah prior ferry terminal	Townsville	\$1.22M	16.0	0.0	exp completion Dec-2021
<b>Townsville City Council</b>					
Allambie Lane	Thuringowa	\$234,836		6.0	completed 30/6/2021
Drainage improvements / flood issues	Thuringowa	\$258,387		11.0	completed 30/6/2020
Florida Place	Thuringowa	\$126,756		7.0	completed 30/1/2021
Footpath upgrades	Thuringowa	\$7.27M		31.0	completed 1/7/2021
Fulham Road car park	Thuringowa	\$75,185		7.0	completed 31/12/2020
Furniture	Townsville	\$404,005		6.0	completed 1/7/2020
Kerb & channel renewals	Townsville	\$4.25M		27.0	completed 30/6/2021
Lighting and security upgrades	Townsville	\$544,843		7.0	completed 30/6/2021
Nathan Street	Mundingburra	\$423,946		8.0	completed 30/1/2021
Park upgrades	Townsville	\$2.26M		6.0	completed 30/6/2021
Playground upgrades	Townsville	\$1.53M		10.0	completed 28/2/2021
Ponti Road	Thuringowa	\$87,034		7.0	completed 30/1/2021
Road reconstruction renewals	Townsville	\$3.20M		18.0	completed 30/6/2021

2019-21 Works for Queensland projects	Electorate	Funding	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Road resurfacing and widening	Townsville	\$778,127		8.0	completed 30/6/2021
Rural roads sealing	Hinchinbrook	\$1.59M		11.0	completed 30/4/2021
Smart water initiatives	Mundingburra	\$61,239		7.0	completed 31/12/2020
Street enhancements	Townsville	\$1.40M		24.0	completed 1/7/2021

2020-21 COVID Works for Qld projects	Electorate	Funding	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
<b>Palm Is Aboriginal Shire Council</b>					
Farm Road Staff Accommodation	Townsville	\$650,000	4.0	0.0	exp completion Jun-2020
Mango Street Staff Duplex Upgrade	Townsville	\$120,000	5.0	0.0	exp completion Jun-2021
Mission centre parking area	Townsville	\$190,000	4.0	0.0	exp completion Jun-2021
Palm Island Jetty Hardstand Area	Townsville	\$280,000	5.0	0.0	exp completion Jun-2021
Parks Refresh	Townsville	\$110,000	2.0	0.0	exp completion Jun-2021
Pathways Palm Island	Townsville	\$390,000	6.0	0.0	exp completion Jun-2020
Works Depot Main Office	Townsville	\$430,000	4.0	0.0	exp completion Jun-2020
<b>Townsville City Council</b>					
Cleveland Bay sewerage treatment plant - AC water supply main replacement	Mundingburra	\$566,335		12.0	completed 20/4/2021
Core water reticulation renewals water pipes replacement	Townsville	\$7.59M		24.0	completed 30/6/2021
Hillside Cres Townsville water main	Townsville	\$937,983		11.0	completed 13/8/2021
Major water pipelines construction Armstrong St & Queens Rd	Townsville	\$1.60M		11.0	completed 13/8/2021

2020-21 COVID Works for Qld projects	Electorate	Funding	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Major water pipelines construction Yeatman St Hermit Park	Townsville	\$550,000		9.0	completed 30/6/2021
Palmetum Botanical Gardens, irrigation renewal stage 1	Mundingburra	\$500,000		6.0	completed 30/6/2021
Ross River Dam - aerator	Burdekin	\$1.80M		12.0	completed 30/6/2021

2021-24 COVID Works for Qld projects	Electorate	Funding	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Palm Is Aboriginal Shire Council					
Internal Project - Admin	Townsville	\$2.93M	0.0		exp completion Jun-2024
Townsville City Council					
103 Walker St customer service centre upgrade	Townsville	\$1.50M	13.5	1.0	exp completion Dec-2022
Bus stops, car parks & pathway renewals	Hinchinbrook	\$850,000	10.5	1.0	exp completion Dec-2022
City board walk/ pedestrian bridge	Townsville	\$2.45M	13.4	0.0	exp completion Dec-2022
Corcoran Park netball courts renewal	Townsville	\$750,000	9.5	1.0	exp completion Dec-2022
Hervey Range push pit	Thuringowa	\$2.0M	14.0	1.0	exp completion Dec-2022
Horseshoe Bay sports courts refurbishment	Townsville	\$300,000	3.0	0.0	exp completion Dec-2022
Irrigation reticulation network renewal	Thuringowa	\$2.175M	14.0	1.0	exp completion Dec-2022
National level skate park	Townsville	\$2.0M	14.0	0.0	exp completion Dec-2022
Northern Beaches Leisure Centre - 50m pool replacement	Hinchinbrook	\$5.0M	20.0	1.0	exp completion Dec-2022
Parks & playgrounds renewals	Mundingburra	\$1.515M	12.5	1.0	exp completion Dec-2022
Townsville City north yard entry development	Townsville	\$1.0M	13.0	0.0	exp completion Dec-2022

**REGIONAL ACTION PLAN**



# Townsville

The Queensland Budget will directly support Townsville with significant expenditure in 2021-22 including:

**Infrastructure**  
**\$913M** for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **3,200 jobs** in this region.

**Health**  
**\$1.1B** in Townsville Hospital and Health Services.

**Education**  
**\$37.3M** to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Townsville.


Townsville will also benefit from:


**Inland Freight Route, Charters Towers to Mungindi, funding commitment**  
**\$500M** towards an inland highway by upgrading existing roads and bridges from the NSW border to Charters Towers via Roma. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**Haughton Pipeline Stage 2**  
**\$195M** including \$85 million in 2021-22, to construct a water pipeline from the Burdekin River near Tom Fenwick Pump Station, connecting with earlier stages of the Haughton Pipeline.

**Recovery and Resilience against natural disasters**  
**\$43.1M** estimated for the provision of financial assistance for capital works to disaster affected communities in 2021-22.

## Delivering for the Townsville region

 **Back to Work**  
\$36.1 million paid to 1,467 employers in Townsville to help employ 3,526 eligible unemployed jobseekers. (July 2016 to May 2021)

 **Works for Queensland**  
\$35.7 million provided to regional councils in Townsville to undertake 59 minor infrastructure and maintenance projects. (June 2019 to June 2021)

 **First Home Owners' Grant**  
1,693 grants paid to home buyers worth \$29.8 million to help them buy their first home in Townsville. (July 2015 to April 2021)

 **Jobs and Regional Growth Fund**  
\$1.5 billion capital expenditure supported and 289 new full-time jobs generated in Townsville. (February 2017 to May 2021)


## Restoring frontline services in Townsville

Growth from March 2015 to March 2021

 249 extra nurses  
**up 11.7%**

 182 extra doctors  
**up 30.4%**

 19 extra firefighters  
**up 12.7%**

 46 extra ambulance officers  
**up 18.0%**

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# Townsville

**1 Girringun National Park - Wallaman Falls visitor facilities upgrade**  
\$600,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend to upgrade visitor infrastructure at Wallaman Falls, Girringun National Park.

**2 Bwgcolman Community School**  
\$3.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$4 million total spend to upgrade the administration building and to provide improved learning spaces.

**3 Palm Island seawall project**  
\$1.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$1.6 million total spend to construct a seawall at Small Bay to prevent the erosion of the shoreline.

**4 Kidston Hydro 275kV Transmission Network Connection**  
\$37 million in 2021-22 towards the Kidston Hydro 275kV Transmission Network Connection, as part of the Government's \$147 million funding support to connect the 250MW Kidston Pumped Storage Hydro Project to the National Electricity Market.

**5 Museum of Underwater Art - Stage 3 (Magnetic Island)**  
\$800,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend to create and install a series of storytelling sculptures submerged in the waters off Magnetic Island.

**6 Magnetic Island Trails network**  
\$1.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.1 million total spend to upgrade the Magnetic Island National Park visitor trails network. Part of the COVID-19 World and National Heritage Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**7 Alma Bay to Horseshoe Bay (Magnetic Island), upgrade various roads**  
\$4.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$7 million total spend to upgrade Magnetic Island roads between Alma Bay and Horseshoe Bay and explore options to overhaul the drainage systems.

**8 Bluewater State School**  
\$1.5 million in 2021-22 to upgrade an existing amenities block.

**12 Burdell Ambulance Station and Townsville Local Ambulance Service Network Office**  
\$500,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$6 million total spend for the new 24/7 Burdell Ambulance Station and Local Ambulance Service Network Office to support the delivery of pre-hospital ambulance responses services.

**13 Advanced Manufacturing Hub**  
\$1.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.6 million total spend for a new Advanced Manufacturing Skills Lab at Bohle TAFE.

**17 Kirwan State School**  
\$1.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend to upgrade the administration building.

**18 Gregory Developmental Road (Charters Towers - The Lynd), Marble Creek to Christmas Creek, widen pavement**  
\$10.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$25 million total spend to widen pavement on sections between Marble Creek and Christmas Creek on the Gregory Developmental Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**19 Townsville Community Learning Centre**  
\$7.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$13.4 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces and to deliver a new hall facility.

**20 Kirwan Health Campus**  
\$150,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$40 million total spend for an expansion of Kirwan Health Campus to provide midwifery community clinics, upgraded dental services, the existing carpark and ICT to support telehealth.

**21 Kirwan replacement police facility**  
\$200,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$30 million total spend to progress the replacement police facility at Kirwan.

**22 Townsville Ring Road (Stage 5)**  
\$65 million in 2021-22 out of a \$230 million total spend to duplicate a section of the Townsville Ring Road to four lanes. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**23 Curra Swans Football Club**  
\$628,874 in 2021-22 out of a \$640,964 total spend to construct an amenities block including toilets, showers and change rooms to support female participation in Australian football at Annandale.

**24 Townsville Connection Road (Idalia), University Road to Bowen Road Bridge**  
\$1.3 million in 2021-22 out of a \$46.4 million total spend for safety improvements on the Townsville Connection Road between University Road and Bowen Road Bridge.

**9 Port of Townsville Channel Capacity Upgrade**  
\$65.3 million in 2021-22 to continue the \$232 million channel capacity upgrade project, which involves capital dredging and reclamation works to widen the channel for access by larger vessels. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

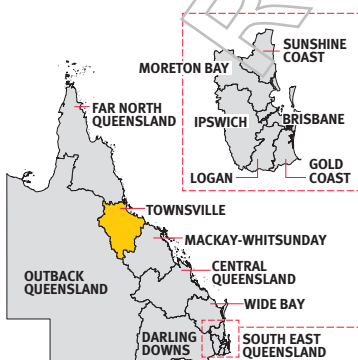
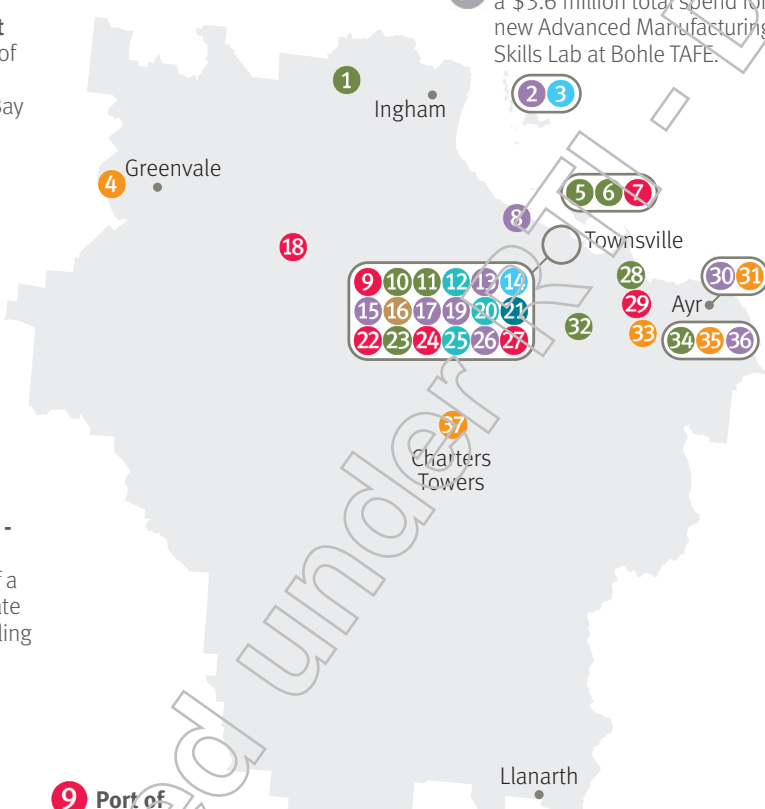
**10 Townsville Sailing Club**  
\$4 million in 2021-22 for Townsville Sailing Club to purchase the land it currently occupies and support initial development plans for a water sports hub at the Mariners Drive site.

**11 Townsville Skate Park**  
\$900,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend to construct a skate park at Harold Phillips Park, Garbutt, Townsville.

**14 Townsville Regional Industrial Estate**  
\$200,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$8.1 million total spend for the development of future industrial land at Bohle Plains in Townsville to support jobs generation and economic development.

**15 Pimlico State High School**  
\$969,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$12.4 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities and to deliver a new performing arts facility.

**16 The Oasis Townsville funding**  
\$150,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend for The Oasis Townsville to provide support services to veterans and their families, with the \$9.3 million centre being officially opened in 2021.



## Investing in Townsville's economic recovery

To support Townsville's ongoing economic recovery, the Queensland Government is providing \$21.4 million in the North Queensland region across 30 projects to support around 293 jobs.

This regional funding forms part of the \$80 million investment in 2021-22 in the \$200 million COVID Works for Queensland program, which is supporting local governments to undertake job-creating new infrastructure, maintenance and minor works projects. The program is also bringing forward planned and budgeted maintenance or capital works that are focused on essential services, economic development and community wellbeing outcomes.

From the available \$200 million investment, \$150 million has been allocated across regional councils outside of South East Queensland. In the Townsville region, five local councils to receive program funding include Townsville City Council, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, Charters Towers Regional Council, and Hinchinbrook and Burdekin Shire Councils.

Townsville projects set to benefit from the investment include the construction of an aerator at the Ross River Dam, an upgrade of the water main at Cleveland Bay, and the replacement of water pipes across a number of Townsville suburbs.



COVID Works for Queensland funds replacement of water pipes in Townsville suburbs



### The Oasis Townsville

The Oasis Townsville is a purpose-built hub in Townsville that will support veterans and defence families through the experience of transition to civilian life. The Oasis Townsville will focus on the needs of veterans, Australian Defence Force (ADF) families and the ex-ADF community in Townsville, offering support for illness and disability, helping to find secure employment, and financial literacy skills.

A Queensland Government election commitment of \$1 million over 4 years to The Oasis Townsville will contribute to the operating costs of the new facility including the employment of staff and will support the free use of the facilities for organisations and associations of the ADF community. In 2021-22, \$150,000 out of the \$1 million total spend will provide support services to veterans and their families, with the \$9.3 million centre opening in June 2021.

### 25 Townsville University Hospital

\$17.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$54.4 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Townsville University Hospital site, including the expansion of Outpatients Department. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

### 26 Thuringowa State High School

\$620,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$7 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities and to deliver a new hall facility.

### 27 Garbutt - Upper Ross Road (Riverway Drive, Stage 2), Allambie Lane to Dunlop Street

\$2.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$95 million total spend to duplicate Riverway Drive to four lanes between Allambie Lane and Dunlop Street in Townsville. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

### 28 Bowling Green Bay National Park visitor facilities upgrade

\$1.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$1.9 million total spend to upgrade visitor infrastructure at Bowling Green National Park.

### 29 Bruce Highway (Ayr - Townsville), Houghton River Floodplain upgrade, construct bridges and approaches

\$40.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$514.3 million total spend to construct bridges and upgrade intersections on the Bruce Highway at Giru Horseshoe Lagoon to Palm Creek. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

### 30 Ayr State High School

\$280,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to deliver a new hall facility.

### 31 Ayr Water Supply - infrastructure project

\$1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$10 million total spend to install three bores, a 10 megalitre reservoir, associated pumps and water main to move Ayr's primary water source from Nelson's Lagoon borefield to South Ayr.

### 32 DriveIT

The Government continues to work with proponents on planning the third phase of the DriveIT driver education, motorsport and recreation precinct, subject to economic viability and other conditions.

#### KEY

Community wellbeing

Utilities

Health

Education

Transport and roads

Justice and safety

Government services

Recreation and culture

Statewide/region-wide

Relates to election commitment

### 33 Burdekin groundwater management

\$5.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$11.2 million total spend to contribute to mitigating the threat of rising groundwater levels and soil salinity in the Burdekin Haughton area.

### 34 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program

\$600,000 in 2021-22 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Home Hill.

### 35 Home Hill Water Reservoir project

\$1.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend to construct a new 5 megalitre water reservoir to improve potable water storage and provide priority water security.

### 36 Home Hill State High School

\$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$500,000 total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities.

### 37 Charters Towers substation upgrade

\$1.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5.4 million total spend to carry out substation transformer replacements to improve network performance.

Please note: Not all government expenditure for the region is shown. Dollar amounts may include capital and operating expenditure, though may not represent the entire funding allocated.

To see more Palaszczuk Government initiatives visit [budget.qld.gov.au](http://budget.qld.gov.au)

# BUDGET 2021-22 AT A GLANCE

Jobs recovered since May 2020	<b>253,200</b>
Queensland Jobs Fund	<b>\$3.34B</b>
Total infrastructure program, over 4 years	<b>\$52.2B</b>
Percentage of capital spend outside of Greater Brisbane	<b>61.2%</b>
Health in 2021-22	<b>\$22.2B</b>
Education and training in 2021-22	<b>\$18.3B</b>
COVID-19 economic support initiatives, more than	<b>\$14.2B</b>
Concessions and lowering the cost of living	<b>\$6.1B</b>
Social housing and homelessness investment, over 4 years	<b>\$1.9B</b>

# STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

The Queensland Government's Economic Recovery Plan continues to support businesses, workers, families and communities across the state. Our success in managing the health challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic means the state's **\$360 billion** economy has begun to recover sooner and is stronger than the rest of Australia.

2021-22 Budget highlights include:

- Record health investment of **\$22.2 billion** will continue to provide a world-class health system, which is also critical to effectively manage the ongoing risks of COVID-19.
- The new **\$3.34 billion** Queensland Jobs Fund focuses on investment attraction and industry development to attract the investment needed to drive ongoing growth, and provide wider economic and employment benefits.
- The **\$52.2 billion** capital program over the forward estimates will help create many thousands of ongoing jobs, including an estimated **46,500** direct jobs in 2021-22.
- \$460 million** toward targeted investments in flagship skills and training and employment programs Skilling Queenslanders for Work and a revitalised Back to Work program.

## Tax relief package

The government provided significant tax relief to support Queensland businesses, landlords, tenants, pubs and clubs, including:

- payroll tax refunds, waivers and deferrals for eligible businesses, targeted at small to medium businesses
- a payroll tax exemption for wages subsidised by the JobKeeper payment
- land tax rebates, waivers and deferrals for eligible taxpayers.

An estimated 300 employers in Townsville will also benefit in 2021-22 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

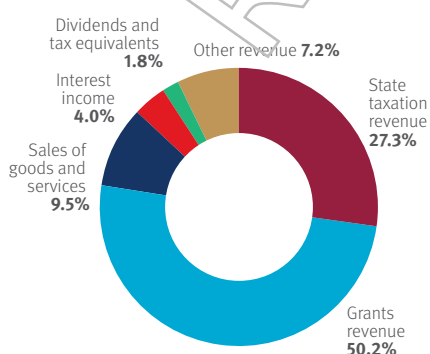
## \$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund

The \$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund will provide cheaper, cleaner energy to power more jobs and industries in Queensland, while helping to deliver on our 50 per cent renewable energy target by 2030.

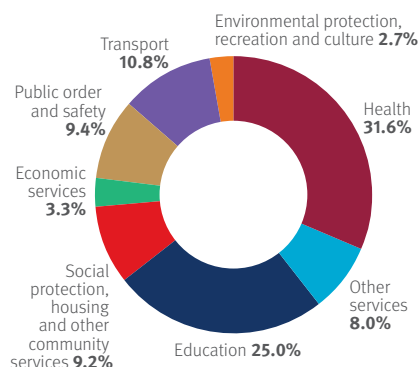
The Fund will increase investment by government-owned corporations in commercial renewable energy and hydrogen projects, along with supporting infrastructure, including in partnership with the private sector.

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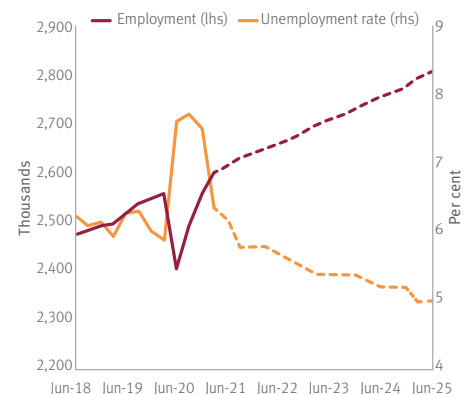
### 2021-22 revenue



### 2021-22 expenses



### Queensland's labour market forecasts



## Natural Disaster Support and Preparedness – Townsville

### Recommended response

- The Government is committed to assisting Queenslanders and their communities prepare for and recover from natural disasters.
- **Since 2011, approximately \$170M has been approved in disaster recovery and resilience funding for Townsville.**
- **In response to the 2019 Monsoon Floods:**
  - **Townsville City Council (TCC) was approved for approximately \$31.3M for response, emergency works** and the repair of essential public infrastructure under the jointly State and Federal governments funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA); and
  - **approximately \$52M in DRFA Category C and D extraordinary assistance was approved to support economic and community recovery** in the Townsville region.
- To assist communities to better prepare for natural disasters, the **State and Federal governments have invested \$18.7M in various household, community and TCC resilience programs.**

### Key facts

#### Household Resilience Grants Program

- Rounds 1 and 2 of the resilience grants for households in cyclone affected areas, such as Townsville, have seen a total of **1,194 projects** approved grants for a **total of \$12.79M** with a total work value of \$20.7M.
- Grants are used for projects such as roof replacements/roof tie downs, window protections, garage doors and external doors

#### Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements

- Prior to the 2019 Monsoon Floods, TCC was activated for joint State and Federal governments Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) funding following **natural disasters in 2011, 2012, 2014, 2017 and 2018**, which included Tropical Cyclones Yasi and Debbie.
- TCC's combined NDRRA-funded restoration programs from these events was approximately \$130M. These works are complete.



- TCC was also activated for **DRFA assistance for Tropical Cyclone Imogen, 2-12 January 2021**.
- This assistance is for counter disaster operations aimed at immediate clean-up and community safety activities (e.g. removing trees and debris) and the restoration of essential public assets.
- TCC's program of works associated with TC Imogen is estimated at approximately \$7.9M. Works associated with TC Imogen are due for completion by 30 June 2023 and are funded under the DRFA.
- The economic and community support provided by the approximate \$52M approved in DRFA Category C/D funding includes:
  - \$30.4M distributed in personal hardship assistance to more than 60,400 people;
  - \$12M in grants to 964 small businesses;
  - \$1.5M in grants to 119 not-for-profit organisations;
  - \$5.9M in grants to 163 primary producers;
  - \$1.3M distributed in flexible funding grants; and
  - \$950,000 for the small business recovery centre.
- Works associated with the 2019 Monsoon Floods were due for completion by 30 June 2021.

#### Natural Disaster Resilience Program

- TCC had **\$315,000** approved as part of the joint State-Federal governments 2018 Natural Disaster Resilience Program fund to improve the resilience of the Town Water Supply infrastructure. This project was completed in October 2019.

#### Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund

- In September 2020, TCC had **\$67,500** approved under the 2019-20 Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund to develop and launch a community Flood Information Portal providing in real time recent rainfall and river height reports. This project is due for completion by 30 June 2022.

#### Get Ready Queensland

- Since 2018, TCC has had \$310,000 approved in Get Ready Queensland funding rounds to improve the community's resilience to disasters.
- Current activities include:

- purchase of an automatic sandbagging machine;
- disaster risk profile project; and
- community engagement/communication activities.

## Background

- The eligibility guidelines for reconstruction projects under DRFA are set by the Federal Government. Under the DRFA, any expenditure that does not meet these eligibility requirements cannot be reimbursed.
- The DRFA infrastructure package was fully allocated across the 39 eligible councils.

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## Water Infrastructure and Supply

### Recommended response

- The Government is committed to securing the water supply of the city of Townsville and provided **\$195M in funding for Townsville City Council to progress with Stage Two** of the Haughton Pipeline Project **supporting roughly 500 jobs**.
- Now complete, Stage One saw 1,000 workers engaged with some 200 businesses involved either directly or indirectly.
- We announced we would go it alone with the \$195M investment in stage two of the pipeline to stop the LNP Federal Government from dudding the people of Townsville.
- In addition to the Haughton Pipeline, we are currently assessing an additional three other key water infrastructure projects that will transform North Queensland:
  - Urannah Dam
  - Hells Gate Dam including Big Rocks Weir, and
  - Raising Burdekin Falls Dam.

### Key facts

#### Haughton Pipeline Project

- In August 2020, the State Government announced it would fully fund Stage Two of the Haughton Pipeline Project resolving a long-running dispute with the Federal Government about the possible loss of \$156M in revenue from GST calculations.
- Stage Two of the Haughton Pipeline Project will see the pipeline extended to Clare, allowing water to be drawn directly from the Burdekin River and will include around 33 km of pipe as well as the construction of a new pump station and high voltage power supply infrastructure.
- Work to connect Stage One of the pipeline to Stage Two is ongoing with the tender for the construction of Stage Two to be released soon (in early 2022).
- Townsville City Council (TCC) is funding all costs above the \$195M provided by the State Government and means TCC will need to provide up to \$79M for the project.

- Construction of the pipeline and pump station is expected to be complete by the end of 2024 with testing and commissioning to be finalised by March 2025.

### Urannah Dam Project

- In May 2020, the Urannah Dam project was declared a Coordinated Project.
- Urannah Dam is being funded by \$22.65M under National Water Infrastructure Development Fund (NWIDF). The dam is part of the Urannah Water Scheme project which will generate approximately 1,200 jobs during construction, and more than 650 jobs once fully operational.
- Bowen River Utilities (BRU) is undertaking the assessment to deliver the detailed business case (DBC) for the Urannah water scheme and develop the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Urannah proposal that includes the water scheme, Collinsville irrigation precinct and renewal energy hub (including pumped hydro).
- The DBC was provided to the Federal Government in June 2021.
- BRU is continuing to develop the EIS and undertake several detailed technical assessments to progress the project.
- At the completion of the detailed technical assessments and EIS, BRU will be revising the DBC with consideration of the findings and potential changes to key inputs to provide a revised DBC or addendum to the DBC.
- The detailed technical assessments and submission of the EIS to the Coordinator General is expected to be completed in late 2022.

### Hells Gates Dam, including Big Rocks Weir project

- Hells Gate Dam and Big Rocks Weir project is supported by \$24M from the NWIDF.
- Townsville Enterprise Limited (TEL) is undertaking the assessment to deliver the DBC and undertake environmental assessments for the Hells Gates Dam and Big Rocks Weir project.

### Big Rocks Weir

- Big Rocks Weir would be located on the Burdekin River and augment urban water supply, support local agriculture, create jobs and improve water security for the region.

- Charters Towers Regional Council (CTRC) estimates the project would have a capital cost of about \$60M and create 172 jobs during construction and one to two operational jobs.
- The Big Rocks Weir DBC was completed in October 2020, as a standalone infrastructure option and provided to the Federal Government.
- CTRC is undertaking pre-construction activities for the Big Rocks Weir proposal which are being supported by \$6M comprising of \$3M for the State Government and \$3M from the Federal Government.
- The State Government committed a further \$27M to support construction subject to the outcomes of the pre-construction work and final investment decision.
- In March 2021, the Big Rocks Weir Project was declared a coordinated project and the final terms of reference for undertaking the environmental impact statement were released in July 2021.
- CTRC is scheduled to complete the pre-construction activities in late-2022.

### Hells Gate Dam

- TEL is continuing to develop the DBC and undertaking associated environmental assessments for the Hells Gates Dam option.
- In lieu of a formal environmental impact statement process being undertaken, TEL will be developing an Environmental and Social Impact Report as part of the project.
- The final Hells Gates Dam DBC is expected to be completed towards mid-2022.

### Raising Burdekin Falls Dam and safety improvements

- The Coordinator-General declared the raising of Burdekin Falls Dam a Coordinated Project.
- Raising Burdekin Falls Dam is the Government's priority proposal to increase water supply for the Burdekin and surrounding region.
- The dam safety improvement project and raising project is advancing as a combined detailed business case, allowing for a comprehensive assessment of all proposed structural changes and consideration of a combined design solution which could result in significant savings in construction costs.

- The budgeted amount for the combined DBC and associated activities, including design and environmental assessment, is \$34M, which will be funded by Sunwater.
- Sunwater's preliminary business case and recent market research show there is sufficient customer interest and future demand from potential agricultural and industrial users to justify more detailed investigation into raising Burdekin Falls Dam.
- Concurrently, the Burdekin Falls Dam Improvement Project is being undertaken to ensure the dam continues to function in line with the latest dam safety guidelines and engineering standards and withstand potential extreme rainfall events.

CTPI Sch 4, Part 3, factor 20

- An environmental impact statement (EIS) will also be delivered as part of the work that Sunwater is undertaking.

CTPI Sch 4, Part 3, factor 20

- The investment decision on raising the dam needs to be considered within the context of other potential projects in the Burdekin system, such as Urannah Dam, and ongoing negotiations with the Australian Government regarding a broader Burdekin infrastructure study which

may inform the selection of a preferred upgrade option to carry through the EIS process.

## LNP

- The LNP have an unfunded pipedream.
- Their only record on water infrastructure in Townsville is dudding the people of Townsville by not funding Stage Two of the Haughton Pipeline.

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## COVID-19 – Economic Support and Recovery

### Recommended response

- The Government has been quick to respond to COVID-19 pandemic.
- To support business and families, the Government has invested **\$8 billion in a range of assistance initiatives and job creating projects.**
- In the Townsville region, we have assisted businesses through:
  - **\$10.87M in Small Business support and adaption grants** supporting 1,190 businesses in the Townsville area; and
  - **\$37.7M from our \$1 billion Jobs Support Loan scheme** to 249 businesses in Townsville area supporting 3,131 jobs locally;
  - **\$1.15M in Payroll Tax Relief** to 38 businesses in Townsville area.
- As our State continues to open, we will continue to work with the Federal Government, so businesses and industry get the necessary support.
- Securing **game one of the 2021 State of Origin series for Townsville** was a fantastic win for Townsville and **injected around \$7M** into the local economy.

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## Key facts

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## COVID-19 – Tourism Support and Recovery

### Recommended response

- The tourism industry was one of the first industries to be directly and significantly impacted by COVID-19 with devastating impacts.
- This is an industry that supported **one in 10 Queensland jobs** before the Coronavirus pandemic.
- For the **first time** a regional centre hosted a **State of Origin** match at **Townsville's Country Bank Stadium in June 2021**.
- The **first game** of the **2021 State of Origin series** on 9 June 2021, was supported by **three of Australia's top musical acts which made a fantastic event for everyone**.
- **The State of Origin injected around \$7M into the local economy, with.**
  - airlines providing additional flights;
  - all accommodation booked out;
  - a temporary tent city created to provide more accommodation.
- As part of our **\$15M Queensland Domestic Aviation Route Restart Program across the State**.
- Funding from the fund was used by Townsville Airport to support Airnorth Darwin-Townsville - additional one service per week to generate \$0.1M in overnight expenditure and support 1 job.
- For the week commencing 17 January 2022, schedules for the Townsville Airport indicates it is operating at 19,000 inbound seats – 10% less capacity compared to 2019.
- Through our \$1 billion concessional Jobs Support Loan scheme, tourism businesses in **Townsville received \$5.73M supporting 380 local jobs**.

## Key facts

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### Tourism industry sentiment

- Accommodation occupancy levels saw month on month growth across 2021.

- The Townsville region reported relatively strong last-minute bookings for the 10-16 January 2022 period equivalent to occupancy levels of 8.5 percentage points.
- New bookings for the 17-23 January 2022 period were moderate, increasing by 4.5 percentage points.

### \$5M Covid-19 International Tourism Adaption Grant

#### **Confidential**

Exempt Sch 3(8)(1) Breach of Confidence

### \$25M Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund 2020-21

- Bush Oasis Ecotourism Glamping Village – \$500,000
  - construction completed December 2021
  - jobs: 17 construction and 10 ongoing.
- Museum of Underwater Art Ltd – Stage 3 (in the waters off Magnetic Island) – \$1M plus \$1M from the Attracting Tourism Fund (total \$2M)
  - construction expected to be completed by 31 March 2022
  - jobs: 38 during construction and 119 ongoing.

### \$48.6M Attracting Tourism Fund

- Museum of Underwater Art Ltd – Stage 3 – \$1M and \$1M from Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund – total \$2M
- *WITHDRAWN – Townsville Marine Tourism Precinct – \$3.5M towards \$50M total project cost – in January 2021, Sealink withdrew support for the project and in May 2021, Honeycombes and DTIS agreed to terminate the financial incentive agreement.*

### \$7M Growing Indigenous Tourism in Queensland Fund – category 1: develop)

- \$25 000 – Townsville-based Gugu Badhun Aboriginal Corporation developing a whole of Country tourism plan on Gugu Badhun traditional lands 200 km northwest of Townsville, encompassing the Burdekin River and its catchment (Flinders Shire Council area).

### \$25M Great Barrier Reef Island Rejuvenation Program

- \$1.85M – Cape Richards clean-up, Hinchinbrook Island (Cassowary Coast Regional Council) – completed

- jobs: 14 during construction.
- \$868,250 – Orpheus Island Lodge (Hinchinbrook Regional Council) – completed June 2021
  - jobs: 1 during construction.

## LNP

- If the Leader of the Opposition and the LNP had their way, Qld borders would have opened at the worst possible time, exposing Queenslanders to the health risks of community transmission of COVID-19 and wreaking havoc on the economy.
- I will always listen to the health advice. The Leader of the Opposition has displayed a lack of judgement in this emergency and just blows with the political wind.
- The last LNP Government
  - took their eye off tourism and conceded market share to the southern states.
  - attracted only six new or increased airline services bringing in just 557,000 seats; (since 2015, my Government has assisted 29 new or additional services bringing in 3.3 million seats)
  - cut \$188M from the tourism industry funding support and severely limited Tourism and Events Queensland's (TEQ) ability to plan for the long term with no funding certainty to enter into multi-year event partnerships or to secure long-term marketing contracts.
- The LNP's short-sighted vision for tourism put thousands of Queensland jobs at risk.

## Health Overview – Townsville Hospital and Health Service

- All data as at 20 January 2022.

### Covid-19 cases

- Across Queensland, **298,194 cases** of Covid-19 were recorded, of which **86,036** were **active** cases and 85 people had died.
- Across the **Townsville Hospital and Health Service (HHS)**, **5,994 cases** of Covid-19 were recorded, of which **241** were **active** cases. No deaths have been recorded in the Townsville HHS area.
- Townsville HHS was managing:
  - 29 in-patients with Covid-19, including 3 patients in ICU; and
  - 212 people with Covid-19 at home.
- Within the council areas, there were:
  - 141 cases within the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council area
  - 4,267 cases within in the Townsville City Council area.

### Vaccinations

- Across Queensland, 89% of people are fully vaccinated and 91.8% have received at least one dose.
- THHS **administered a total of 225,111 vaccine doses**. Within the council areas, there were:
  - 1,619 doses provided at the Palm Island Outreach facility; and
  - 200,010 doses provided at 44 various Townsville City Council locations.

### Staff impacts

- Townsville HHS had:
  - 118 staff registered as being Covid-19 positive;
  - 6 staff were quarantined; and
  - no staff were in the workplace under Critically Essential Worker Provision.

### Infrastructure

- In September 2020, the Government **committed \$1.5M for the preliminary business case** for the **expansion of the Townsville University Hospital** to cater for future demand.



- In addition, by teaming up with the Mater Private Hospital we are delivering state-of-the-art robotic surgery in Townsville in 2021.
- In October 2020, Deputy Premier Steven Miles announced an extra \$25M to deliver more services at Townsville University Hospital towards:
  - a Hybrid Theatre to deliver more surgeries;
  - expansion of the outpatient department; and
  - upgrade of the Persistent Pain Management Services.

### Key facts

- The 2021-22 Townsville HHS budget is for **\$1.13 billion in operational funding**, an increase of \$32M compared to the previous budget.
- In addition, we've committed millions of dollars in upgrades to Townsville health infrastructure.
- There are more than **5,500 staff in the Townsville HHS making it one of the largest employers in the region.**
- Since 2015, in the Townsville region, my Government has hired:
  - 146 more doctors; and
  - 255 more nurses and midwives.

### Infrastructure

#### \$10.4M Townsville University Hospital - Medical Outpatients Clinics (Renal and Endoscopy)

- Redeveloped clinical services area to increase capacity and improve patient flows. Project was completed in March 2020 and supported 31 FTEs during construction.

#### \$6.02M Townsville University Hospital – Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Digital Subtraction Angiography

- Refurbished/modified works to install a second digital subtraction angiography machine and a second magnetic resonance imaging machine and all associated building works. The project was completed in January 2021 and supported 11 FTEs during construction.

#### \$6.7M Townsville University Hospital – Pharmacy Cytotoxic Laboratory

- Joint Federal (\$3.7M) and State (\$3.0M) government funded project to fit-out a shell space for a pharmacy aseptic manufacturing facility and

cytotoxic laboratory. Project was completed in June 2021 and supported 20 FTE during construction.

### \$1.6M Townsville University Hospital – Emergency Department (ED) Paediatric Redevelopment

- Developed a dedicated paediatric area within ED to streamline younger patients attending ED. The child-friendly designed area has 12 bays and a special waiting room. On 2 June 2021, the paediatric ED redevelopment was officially opened and supported 5 FTEs during construction.

### \$10.1M Townsville University Hospital – reconfigure High Dependency Unit, Adult Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit

- Project will reconfigure the units and is expected to improve patient and staff safety. The project is expected to be completed September 2022 and support 30 FTEs during construction.

### \$12.98M Townsville University Hospital – South Block – 33 bed ward

- Project is refurbishing a shell space into a new 33 bed ward – Acute Medical Receiving Unit. Project is expected to be completed October 2022 and is supporting 38 FTEs during construction.

### \$40M Kirwan Health Campus – Expansion and Refurbishment

- State funding to refurbish and develop the campus in alignment with Master plan stage 1A (2020 Election Commitment):
  - expand the Kirwan Health Centre to provide women and children's outpatient clinics, and oral health services;
  - refurbish the oral health clinical space with an additional chair and refurbish space for a nearby multipurpose room.
- In February 2021, approval was given to develop a combined Preliminary Business Case (PBC) / Detailed Business Case (DBC). Townsville HHS is engaging the resources to develop the DBC.

### \$1.5M Townsville University Hospital – Expansion PBC

- In October 2020, approval was given for a PBC for the expansion of the hospital.

### \$17M Townsville University Hospital – Hybrid Theatre

- In December 2020, approval was given for this project to proceed to deliver a hybrid theatre to Townsville University Hospital within the footprint of the old day surgery unit.

### \$4M Townsville University Hospital – Outpatients Department – PBC/DBC

- To expand the outpatient department to reduce waiting times. Construction is expected to occur between April 2023 and February 2024 and is expected to support 11 FTEs during construction.

### \$4M Townsville University Hospital – North Queensland Persistent Pain Management Service

- To amalgamate North Queensland's persistent pain management services. Construction is expected to commence in March 2024 and is expected to support 11 FTEs during construction.

### Renal Services – Expansion

- \$4.6M provided in 2017-18 to expand the renal dialysis unit, Townsville University Hospital – increasing capacity from 17 to 30 chairs and provides for emergency haemodialysis, the most intensive treatment of people with complex renal failure.
- \$27.8M for 33 renal dialysis treatment spaces at Proserpine, Clermont, Charters Towers, Ingham and Longreach hospitals, the Cooktown Multipurpose Health Service and Kowanyama Primary Health Care Centre (2020 election commitment).
- Townsville HHS has been able to support increased clinical staffing through the \$1.55M North Queensland renal fund for Townsville and Palm Island.
- Townsville HHS has undertaken work to improve the supports for renal dialysis patients through the Advancing Kidney Collaborative.
- Detailed planning for satellite projects in Ingham and Charters Towers has been undertaken.
- In June 2021, the Government announced the North Queensland Kidney Transplant Service would be based in Townsville.

## Waiting Lists

### Elective Surgery Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 30 September 2021, 15,164 patients were added to the Elective Surgery Waitlist.
- As at 1 October 2021, the Elective Surgery – Ready for Surgery Waitlists showed:
  - ready for surgery waitlist **decreased** from 4,402 (as at 1 June 2020) to 3,277 – a reduction of 1,125; and
  - ready for surgery long waitlist **decreased** from 584 (as at 1 June 2020) to 31 – a reduction of 443.

### Specialist Outpatient Department (SOPD) Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 31 August 2021, 49,189 patients were added to the SOPD Waitlist.
- As at 1 September 2021, the SOPD Ready for Care Waitlists showed:
  - the SOPD ready for care waitlist **increased** from 8,644 (as at 1 June 2020) to 12,585 – a growth of 3,941; and
  - the SOPD ready for care long waitlist **increased** from 620 (as at 1 June 2020) to 1,569 – a growth of 949.

### Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 31 August 2021, 7,541 patients were added to the Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (GIE) Procedures Waitlist.
- As at 1 September 2021, the GIE procedures waitlists showed:
  - the GIE procedures waitlist **increased** from 776 (as at 1 June 2020) to 901 – a growth of 125; and
  - the GIE procedures long waitlist **increased** from 8 (as at 1 June 2020) to 31 – a growth of 23.

## **Achievements**

- \$9.3M for The Oasis in Townsville to provide a one stop shop for support services for veterans and their families. (\$5M:\$4.3M Fed:State funding) – 24 FTE construction jobs – completed.
- \$334M Townsville University Hospital expansion – completed 2018
- \$6.6M Children's Ward at Townsville University Hospital delivered in May 2018.

- \$16.5M Primary Health Care Centre including at Maternal and Child Health Clinic and Social and Emotional Wellbeing clinic for the Palm Island Community – completed.
- Townsville HHS multidisciplinary Chronic Kidney Disease team delivers successful individualised programmes to prevent kidney failure and manage kidney disease.

## LNP

- The LNP when last in Government cut 398 frontline health jobs across Townsville, including 156 nurses.

## Background

### Renal Services

- **As part of phase 1 the renal unit decanted 17 chairs in November 2019.**
- The additional chairs were opened in early 2020 taking the total number of chairs to 30.
- The unit treats approximately **48 - 50 patients each day.**

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## Major Road and Transport Upgrades – Townsville

### Recommended response

- Queensland's economic recovery plan is about building the infrastructure we need to create jobs.
- **That's why we have committed to \$52.2 billion over 4 years towards job creating infrastructure across the state.**
- That plan includes a jointly-funded \$13 billion for the Bruce Highway.
- My Government is delivering **\$1.18 billion** to upgrade North Queensland roads.
- This follows more than **\$790M** in road projects completed over the last four years in North Queensland.

### Key facts

- Recent projects completed include:
  - **\$514.3M** Bruce Highway – Haughton River Floodplain upgrade – supporting 544 jobs – completed October-2021 with ancillary works expected to continue till late-2022;
  - **\$29.17M** Bruce Highway safety upgrades, Bambaroo (Hechts Road to Easter Creek) – supporting 49 jobs and completed November-2021;
  - **\$5M** Flinders Highway intersection upgrade (Woodstock Giru Road / Glenn Road) – wholly funded by the Queensland Government, supported 9 jobs – completed December 2020; and
  - **\$44.14M** Bruce Highway safety upgrades between Mackenzie Creek and Mailman Road – supported 89 jobs – completed November 2020.
- Projects underway right now include:
  - **\$230M** Townsville Ring Road Stage 5 – between Vickers Bridge and Shaw Road – expected to support 398 jobs – due to be completed early-2023; and
  - **\$232M** Townsville Channel Upgrade Project is in progress and the channel dredging stage is expected to commence in the second half of 2021 – supporting as 120 jobs, with the whole project expected to be completed in 2023.

- Projects being constructed include:
  - **\$107.65M** Townsville Northern Access Intersection upgrade (**Bruce Highway**) at **Black River** – **supporting 178 jobs** – construction expected to be completed by early-2023;
  - **\$95M** Riverway Drive Stage 2 – this is a priority for my Government estimated to support 140 jobs – construction expected to commence in mid-2022 and be completed by mid-2024;
  - **\$8.9M** Hervey Range Development Road – **supporting 14 jobs** with construction commencing in March 2021 and expected to be completed by late-2021;
  - **\$46.4M** Townsville Connection Road – Stuart Drive Upgrades – a Queensland Government funded project is in the planning phase which is due to be completed by Jun-2022 with construction expected to commence in mid-2023;
  - **\$33.39M** Flinders Highway (Townsville – Charters Towers), Townsville to Mingela Range – overtaking lanes – supporting 76 jobs – construction expected to commence in mid-2022 and be completed by mid-2023; and
  - **\$12M** Improve truck access to the Lansdown Industrial Precinct – wholly funded by the Queensland Government by way of Local Government Grant to the Townsville City Council, with works expected to be completed in mid-2023. This is a 2020 Election Commitment.

## LNP

- The LNP cut \$600M from Queensland's road budget
- Sacked 20 per cent Main Roads staff, including 700 RoadTek road builders and cut long-term planning for roads.

## Policing and Youth Crime

### POLICE NUMBERS

- **Townsville Police District has 712 permanent positions, up 106 since 2015.**
- In early 2020, Paul Taylor was appointed Deputy Commissioner, Regional Queensland (Townsville).
- It was fantastic to announce in September 2020, an additional 2,025 police personal across the state.
- **This is a \$624M investment over five years for 2,025 new police personnel.** Of those 1,450 will be deployed to the frontline which means **at least 150 positions will be located per key region** across the state.
- We're also investing in 25 mobile police vans that will take police into the heart of the community.
- There are more than 12,000 police officers in Queensland – a record number. **Under Labor, there are more police in Queensland than ever before with more on the way.**
- **And we back police 100% in what they do best – keeping communities safe,** providing them with the necessary equipment, like body worn cameras, new vehicles and tasers.

### CRIME STATS

- From 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021, the overall rate of **Total Reported Crime** for the Townsville Police District **increased by 2,975 offences or 16 per cent** compared with previous year.
- From 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021, compared with the previous year, the rate of:
  - Offences Against the Person **increased by 1,534 or 82 per cent;**
  - Offences Against Property **increased by 1,942 or 33 per cent;** and
  - Other Offences **decreased by 501 offences or 6 per cent.**

### INFRASTRUCTURE

- \$30M Kirwan replacement police facility which is currently in the design phase.

### RECENT POLICE OPERATIONS



## Operation Tango Pheasant and Operation Uniform Cygnus

- The operation, which targeted property crime, ran from 1 January to 31 December 2021 and resulted in the arrest of 854 offenders on 3,352 charges.
- Tango-Pheasant has been replaced by Operation Uniform Cygnus, which commenced on 1 January 2022. As at 19 January 2022, there have been 15 arrests on 60 charges.

## YOUTH CRIME

- In response to community concerns, I announced a **\$15.8M Five-Point Action Plan**:
  - Offenders posing a risk to the community should not get bail.
  - A police blitz on bail, appealing court decisions where appropriate.
  - A 24/7 Police Strike Team.
  - Culture-based rehabilitation for Indigenous offenders through new On Country initiatives.
  - Empowering local communities in the war on crime with \$2M for community-based organisations for local solutions.

## Youth Crime facts

- As at 19 January, Townsville Justice Service Centres provide supervision to 180 young people.
- For noting, compared to 2019-20, data for 2020-21 indicates increases in the number of proven offences and distinct young people with a proven offence. This is due to the COVID-19 pandemic response, which resulted in delayed court processes and delays in finalising charges (with finalisations occurring in 2020-21).
- As a result, offending data for 2019-20 appears to be lower than usual, while 2020-21 appears to be higher than usual. To provide a more accurate picture of overall trends over time, 2020-21 data should be compared to 2018-19.
- Based on data provide by the courts, comparing 2020-21 to 2018-19 there was:
  - a **45 per cent increase** in the **number of proven offences** committed in Townsville by 10-17-year-olds.

- a **15 per cent decrease** in the **number of distinct 10-17-year-old offenders**, with at least one proven offence committed in Townsville.
- 24/7 Youth Co-responder Teams involve police and youth justice workers engaging and diverting repeat offenders from the justice system in five locations, including Townsville. The first Townsville 24/7 team commenced on 1 July 2020 with a second team operating from 24 June 2021.
- **From July to 31 December 2021, Townsville 24/7 teams engaged with young people and families on 5,653 occasions.**

## LNP

- In the LNP's Police budget in 2012-13:
  - Townsville Police were told to tighten their belts.
  - Funding for new operational equipment for police fell from \$77.5M to \$53.8M.
  - At the time, I am advised Townsville's senior police were warned vital equipment, such as extra cars and computers were not purchased to cater for new recruits.
  - The LNP budget for new and upgraded equipment, including vehicles, boats and traffic cameras, was the lowest in 3 years.
  - And they planned to sell the Townsville Police Academy where those recruits did their training.
- The LNP had its chance to stamp out youth crime. It didn't work.
- The LNP voted **against our amendments to get tough on bail.**

## Schools – Overview

### Recommended response

- We are investing **\$1.4 billion in 2021-22 to build, maintain and improve schools across the state.**
- We are building **3 new schools to be opened next year in 2022 and we are planning for a new school in Brisbane's inner west over the coming years** and substantially **expanding 13 existing schools during 2021-22.**
- Since **coming to Government in 2015**, we have opened **26 new schools.**
- **My Government is also investing \$20M for planning and land acquisitions for a further 16 new schools beyond 2023.**
- Queensland is a growing state and we are delivering the infrastructure and educational facilities needed to support this growth.
- **Of the 39 facilities within the Townsville City Council and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council areas:**
  - **one new school opened** in 2018, the \$51.9M North Shore State School;
  - major infrastructure work carried out at **23 schools totalling around \$45M;**
  - **\$43.6M worth of works at 14 schools** is in progress or being planned and includes 2 multi-purpose halls at Pimlico and Thuringowa state high schools;
  - **all facilities have air conditioning** with air-conditioning replaced at one school under the Cooler Cleaner Schools Program (CCSP); and
  - **all schools have solar panels, 32 schools** had solar panels installed through the Advancing Clean Energy Schools (ACES) program.
- All Queensland state school classrooms, libraries and staff rooms are to be air conditioned by the end of June 2022, delivering more comfortable teaching and learning environments for our students, teachers and school communities.

## Key facts

### New schools

- The \$51.9M North Shore State School was a 2015 election commitment, delivered in two stages:
  - Stage 1 opened in January 2018; and
  - Stage 2 completed at the beginning of 2020.
- There are currently no new schools planned for this region.

### Major infrastructure work

- Around **\$45M** worth of major infrastructure work completed at 23 schools since 2017.

Schools	Cost	Notes
Aitkenvale State School	\$552,160	refurbished Block E and upgraded 2 prep spaces – all projects delivered by 2020
Annandale State School	\$251,919	carpark improvements and hall refurbished – delivered by 2020
Belgium Gardens State School	\$372,209	upgraded 5 spaces in Block E – completed by Jun-2019
Bohlevale State School	\$3.14M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1.97M – upgraded hall – delivered by Jun-2018</li> <li>• \$468,162 – refurbished Block D – delivered by Jun 2020</li> <li>• \$700,000 – installed a security fence* – delivered by Nov-2021</li> </ul>
Cranbrook State School	\$1.92M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1.02M – refurbished Blocks 3 and 2– all works delivered by Jun-2021</li> <li>• \$700,000 – installed a security fence*– delivered by Nov-2021</li> <li>• \$199,996 – new playground for Year 6 students*– delivered by Nov-2021</li> </ul>
Currajong State School	\$431,006	refurbished Block E – delivered by Jun-2021
Heatley Secondary College	\$10.6M	refurbished 9 blocks – delivered 2021

Schools	Cost	Notes
Heatley State School	\$530,995	refurbished 4 learning spaces – delivered by Nov-2021
Kelso State School	\$172,500	<i>installed a covered walkway* – completed by Nov-2021</i>
Kirwan State High School	\$6.4M	multi-purpose hall – delivered by Jun-2019
Mundingburra State School	\$688,694	refurbished Blocks C and E – all projects delivered by Jun-2021
Northern Beaches State High School	\$5.2M	2020 ready – new two-storey learning centre
Pimlico State High School	\$4.2M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3.7M – new building with GLAs – completed by Jun-2020</li> <li>• \$700,000 – security fence* – completed by Nov-2021</li> </ul>
Rasmussen State School	\$391,818	upgraded 4 learning spaces – delivered by Jun-2020
Thuringowa State High School	\$480,250	<i>refurbished science lab* – completed by Nov-2021</i>
Townsville Community Learning Centre - a State Special School	\$3.4M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2.2M – additional 7 general learning areas – delivered by Jun-2017</li> <li>• \$1.2M – prefabricated buildings – all projects delivered by Jun-2021</li> </ul>
Townsville Central State School	\$436,845	refurbished 4 learning spaces – completed by Nov-2021
Townsville Estate State School	\$403,743	refurbished 4 learning spaces – completed by Nov-2021
Townsville South State School	\$579,148	<i>refurbished amenities* – completed by Nov-2021</i>

Schools	Cost	Notes
Townsville State High School	\$1.96M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1.1M – multi-purpose hall upgrade – completed by Jun-2020</li> <li>• \$192,553 – refurbished amenities – completed by Jun-2021</li> <li>• \$433,295 – converted a space to science lab – completed by Jun-2021</li> <li>• \$232,233 – refurbished Block C (2 spaces) – completed by Jun-2021</li> </ul>
Townsville West State School	\$296,193	refurbished Block C – completed by Jun-2021
Weir State School	\$834,624	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$321,288 – refurbished Block 7 – delivered by Jun-2019</li> <li>• \$513,336 – refurbished Block 5 – delivered by Jun-2021</li> </ul>
Bwgcorman Community School	\$1.68M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$804,395 – refurbished Block A – completed by Jun-2021</li> <li>• \$408,213 – refurbish Block D – completed by Jun-2018</li> <li>• \$467,224 – refurbished science lab – completed by Jun-2019</li> </ul>

Notes

\* refers to 2020 election commitments

GLAs – general learning areas

- **Going forward, we're also investing around \$43M** worth of works in **14 schools** in the region including:

Schools	Budget	Project
Belgium Gardens State School	\$500,000	• refurbish Block B (level 1) expected to be completed by Jun-2022
Bluewater State School	\$1.67M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1.5M – <i>replace amenities block*</i></li> <li>• \$160,000 – <i>install a ramp to the administration area*</i></li> </ul>
Bohlevale State School	\$630,000	Refurbish Block B

Schools	Budget	Project
Heatley Secondary College	\$1M	<i>deliver a catering hall*</i>
Kirwan State School	\$1.5M	<i>additional infrastructure*</i>
Magnetic Island State School	\$100,000	<i>heat the school pool*</i>
Oonoonba State School	\$500,000	<i>deliver a covered cloister to the school hall and a cover for the second basketball court*</i>
Pimlico State High School	\$12.4M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$11M – new performing arts centre (2020 election commitment was \$5M)* – exp to be completed Jun-2023</li> <li>• \$1.4M enhanced aquaponics infrastructure*</li> </ul>
Thuringowa State High School	\$5.75M	• new multi-purpose hall* – exp to be completed May-2023
Townsville Community Learning Centre – a State Special School	\$13.35M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$7.6M – additional accommodation* – exp to be completed Mar-2022</li> <li>• \$5.75M – new multi-purpose hall* – exp to be completed May-2023</li> </ul>
Weir State School	\$1.15M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$700,000 – new security fencing and tuckshop replacement*</li> <li>• \$450,000 – refurbish Block 6</li> </ul>
William Ross State High School	\$650,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$50,000 – planning/feasibility study for a new hall*</li> <li>• \$600,000 – improved learning space to support STEM curriculum*</li> </ul>
Wulguru State School	\$529,096	refurbish 4 learning spaces Block C
Bwgcorman Community School	\$3.5M	new administration building – exp to be completed Mar-2022

Notes

\* refers to 2020 election commitments

STEM – science, technology, engineering and mathematics

### *Air conditioning and solar panels*

- Within the area:
  - all schools have air conditioning;
  - all schools have solar panels – 32 had solar panels installed via the ACES program;
  - the Queensland Pathways State College – Townsville Campus is located at Pimlico TAFE.
- On 27 February 2020, the Government announced the CCSP which will provide more than \$477M over 4 years to air condition state schools and expand the existing ACES program.
- The CCSP will ensure all Queensland state school classrooms, libraries and staff rooms are air conditioned by the end of June 2022, delivering more comfortable teaching and learning environments for our students, teachers and school communities.
- The CCSP replaced the Government's former Cooler Schools Program (CSP).

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## **Air Conditioning and Solar Panels in Schools – Townsville City Council and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council areas**

Electorate	Townsville City Council School Facility	Air Conditioning	Cost	Solar Panels
		CSP/CCSP		ACES program
Mundingburra	Aitkenvale State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$219,787	completed Phase 1 – 285 panels
Mundingburra	Annandale State School	installed – as part of CSP		completed Phase 2 – 544 panels
Townsville	Belgian Gardens State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$158,981	completed Phase 1 – 156 panels
Hinchinbrook	Bluewater State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$140,518	completed Phase 1 – 144 panels
Hinchinbrook	Bohlevale State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$203,915	completed Phase 1 – 263 panels
Townsville	Bwgcorman Community School	installed – as part of CSP		completed Phase 1 –
Townsville	Cleveland Education and Training Centre	installed – as part of CSP		installed – prior to ACES
Mundingburra	Cranbrook State School	installed – as part of CSP		completed Phase 2 – 270 panels
Mundingburra	Currajong State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$215,977	completed Phase 1 – 285 panels
Townsville	Garbutt State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$108,967	completed Phase 1 – 112 panels
Thuringowa	Heatley Secondary College	installed – as part of CSP	\$194,780	completed Phase 1 – 259 panels
Thuringowa	Heatley State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$214,835	completed Phase 1 – 285 panels
Townsville	Hermit Park State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$157,803	completed Phase 1 – 152 panels
Thuringowa	Kelso State School	installed – as part of CSP		completed Phase 2 – 270 panels
Thuringowa	Kirwan State High School	installed – as part of CSP	\$229,278	completed Phase 1 – 302 panels
Thuringowa	Kirwan State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$185,658	completed Phase 1 – 273 panels
Townsville	Magnetic Island State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$46,077	delivered LED lights only
Mundingburra	Mundingburra State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$152,333	completed Phase 1 – 151 panels
Hinchinbrook	Mutarnee State School	installed – as part of CSP		installed – prior to ACES
Hinchinbrook	North Shore State School	installed – as part of CSP		installed – prior to ACES
Hinchinbrook	Northern Beaches State High School	installed – as part of CSP	\$206,691	completed Phase 1 – 278 panels
Mundingburra	Oonoonba State School	replacement - as part of CCSP	\$215,852	completed Phase 1 – 245 panels

Electorate	Townsville City Council School Facility	Air Conditioning	Cost	Solar Panels
		CSP/CCSP		ACES program
Townsville	Pimlico State High School	installed – as part of CSP	\$217,434	completed Phase 1 – 239 panels
Mundingburra	Queensland Pathways State College - Townsville Campus	installed – as part of CSP		Not applicable – located at Pimlico TAFE
Townsville	Railway Estate State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$101,606	completed Phase 1 – 110 panels
Thuringowa	Rasmussen State School	installed – as part of CSP		completed Phase 2 – 99 panels
Hinchinbrook	Rollingstone State School	installed – as part of CSP		installed – prior to ACES
Thuringowa	The Willows State School	installed – as part of CSP		completed Phase 2 – 593 panels
Thuringowa	Thuringowa State High School	installed – as part of CSP	\$217,023	completed Phase 1 – 240 panels
Townsville	Townsville Central State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$123,353	completed Phase 1 – 192 panels
Mundingburra	Townsville Community Learning Centre - a State Special School	installed – as part of CSP	\$195,778	completed Phase 1 – 200 panels
Townsville	Townsville South State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$92,973	completed Phase 1 – 56 panels
Townsville	Townsville State High School	installed – as part of CSP	\$221,493	completed Phase 1 – 285 panels
Townsville	Townsville West State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$106,786	completed Phase 1 – 93 panels
Mundingburra	Vincent State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$157,275	completed Phase 1 – 182 panels
Thuringowa	Weir State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$120,690	completed Phase 1 – 84 panels
Mundingburra	William Ross State High School	installed – as part of CSP	\$236,789	completed Phase 1 – 269 panels
Burdekin	Woodstock State School	installed – as part of CSP		installed – prior to ACES
Mundingburra	Wulguru State School	installed – as part of CSP	\$160,730	completed Phase 1 – 176 panels

## Bruce Highway

### Recommended response

- Queensland's economic recovery plan is about building the infrastructure we need to create jobs.
- That plan includes a **jointly-funded \$13 billion for the Bruce Highway** to improve flood resilience and safety and increase capacity.
- The Bruce is Queensland's backbone and upgrades are underway or about to start in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Gympie and the Sunshine Coast, supporting thousands of jobs.
- **This government has also established a Bruce Highway Trust** to take the politics out of the Bruce and lock in a long-term pipeline of jobs and infrastructure upgrades, with members from peak Queensland industry and business bodies.
- **In September 2021**, the Government also appointed **six regional members to the Trust**, to make sure the funding was going to where it's needed most.
- **Locally we are jointly funding Bruce Highway upgrades including:**
  - **\$44.14M Mailman Road to Mackenzie Creek (south of Townsville) – safety upgrades – completed November 2020;**
  - **\$514.3M Haughton River Floodplain (Giru) upgrade – supported 544 jobs – completed October-2021 with ancillary works expected to continue till late-2022;**
  - **\$230M Townsville Ring Road Stage 5 – between Vickers Bridge and Shaw Road – expected to support 398 jobs – due to be completed early-2023; and**
  - **\$107.65M Townsville Northern Access Intersection upgrade (Bruce Highway) at Black River – supporting 178 jobs – construction expected to be completed by early 2023;**

### LNP Cuts

- Under Newman and Frecklington the LNP cut \$1.6 billion out of the road and transport budget and made a virtue out of it.
- Sacked 20 per cent of Main Roads staff, including 700 road builders.
- LNP cannot be trusted when it comes to committing funds to regional roads.

## Background

- Currently \$13 billion in joint-funding locked in for the Bruce Highway helping to build major job creating, congestion busting projects like:
  - \$163.3M Deception Bay Road Interchange – construction due to be completed early-2023;
  - \$662.5M Caboolture to Steve Irwin Way upgrade – 664 jobs (for the entire project) – construction due to be completed late-2023;
  - \$932M Caloundra Road to the Sunshine Motorway – 680 jobs – completed in July 2021;
  - \$16.6M Wide Bay Highway intersection (Gympie) upgrade – between Meadows Lane and the Wide Bay Highway – completed November 2021;
  - \$1 billion Cooroy to Curra Section D (Gympie Bypass) – 576 jobs -- construction due to be completed mid-2024;
  - \$336M Tiaro Bypass (Gympie to Maryborough) – improve flood immunity – project is in the planning phase;
  - \$103M new Saltwater Creek Bridge between Maryborough and Torbanlea (Gin Gin) – expected to support 286 jobs – due to be completed late-2023;
  - \$43.4M Gin Gin to Benaraby – safety improvements – due to be completed December 2022;
  - \$21M Calliope River to Mount Larcom – intersection and safety upgrades – 55 jobs – completed May-2021;
  - \$26.66M Gentle Annie Road, Ambrose to St Arnau's Creek, Raglan – safety upgrades – 71 jobs – completed August 2021;
  - \$194M Rockhampton Northern Access Upgrade – 261 jobs – completed August 2021;
  - \$32.25M Neilsen Avenue, Rockhampton to Plentiful Creek, St Lawrence – safety upgrades – 24 jobs – due to be completed October 2021;
  - \$10.93M Plentiful Creek, St Lawrence – overtaking lanes – 24 jobs – completed January 2021;
  - \$497.3M Mackay Ring Road – supported 534 jobs – opened to traffic in September 2020;
  - \$120.35M Mackay Northern Access Upgrade project (from the Ron Camm Bridge to Bald Hill Road) – supporting 154 jobs – due to be completed August 2022;
  - \$39.13M The Leap to Careys Creek (between Mackay and Proserpine) – safety upgrades – supporting 94 jobs – completed January 2022;
  - \$44.07M Ten Mile Creek to Yeats Creek (between Proserpine and Bowen) – safety upgrades – due to be completed December-2023;
  - \$38.82M Ernu Creek to Drays Road (between Proserpine and Bowen) – safety upgrades – due to be completed December-2022;
  - \$8.03M Bowen Connection Road (Bowen) – intersection safety upgrade – due to be completed late-2022;
  - \$514.3M Haughton River Floodplain (Giru) upgrade – supported 544 jobs – completed October-2021 with ancillary works expected to continue till late-2022;
  - \$44.14M Mailman Road to Mackenzie Creek (south of Townsville) – safety upgrades – 89 jobs – completed November 2020;
  - \$230M Townsville Ring Road Stage 5 – between Vickers Bridge and Shaw Road – expected to support 398 jobs – due to be completed early-2023;
  - \$24.9M Bluewater – widening, intersection upgrades and overtaking lanes – supported 63 jobs – completed August-2020;

- **\$107.65M Townsville Northern Access Intersection upgrade (Bruce Highway) at Black River – supporting 178 jobs – construction expected to be completed by early-2023;**
  - **\$29.17M Hechts Road to Easter Creek (Bambaroo, north of Townsville) – safety upgrades– supporting almost 50 jobs – completed November-2021;**
  - \$11M Dallachy Road, near Tully – improve flood immunity – project is in the planning phase;
  - \$481M Cairns Southern Access Stage 3 – from Gordonvale to Edmonton – 466 jobs – due to be completed late 2023;
  - \$123.7M Cairns Southern Access Stage 4 – between Kate and Aumüller streets – 130 jobs – completed July 2021; and
  - \$225M Cairns Southern Access Stage 5 – Foster Road intersection upgrade (Cairns) – project is in the planning phase.
- Based on 80:20 funding arrangements, the rolling five-year action plans will identify upgrades to the Bruce Highway which are most important to Queenslanders, for future federal and state government funding consideration.
  - **Membership of the Bruce Highway Trust Advisory Council:**
    - Chair – Peter Garske, Director Queensland Transport and Logistics Council and former CEO of the Queensland Trucking Association
    - Deputy Chair – Barbara Madden, company director, Smithfield Group
    - Local Government Association of Queensland – CEO, Greg Hallam AM, PSM
    - Royal Automobile Club of Queensland – Chief Communication Officer, Paul Turner
    - Queensland Trucking Association – CEO, Gary Mahon
    - Queensland Farmers' Federation – CEO, Dr Georgina Davis
    - Queensland Tourism Industry Council – CEO, Daniel Gschwind
    - Transport Workers' Union – Branch secretary, Peter Biagini
    - Ellie Pearson – civil/environmental engineer with roads and transport experience
    - Anita Mumford – civil engineer with highway planning and design experience
    - Julie Boyd – local government, regional development and road safety knowledge
    - Robert Dorgelo – roads and highways engineer
    - Tania Dennis – architect and urban design with strong regional development experience
    - Brian Hughes – experienced former Road Safety Advisor.

## Background

- There are also some Bruce Highway upgrade projects the Federal Government is funding 100 per cent.

## Great Barrier Reef

- Protecting the Great Barrier Reef and the thousands of jobs that rely on it is vital to the Regions and State's economy.
- The Great Barrier Reef is world heritage listed and contributes \$6 billion to the Australian economy every year, **supporting over 60,000 jobs.**
- **The Queensland Government has committed over \$400M towards protecting the Reef since 2015**, including:
  - \$270.1M for the Queensland Reef Water Quality Program between 2017-18 and 2021-22;
  - \$29.9M under the Healthy Reef, Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy package, including \$10M for Reef Credits, a \$6M Reef Islands Arks program and funding for a tourism hub and visitor centre in the Daintree National Park;
  - over \$19M per year from 2021-22 increased investment in on-ground marine park management co-delivered by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority; and
  - Reef's park management is being boosted by the new \$9.7M Reef Resilience vessel launched recently.
- We're investing **\$10M in a Reef Assist Program** to deliver 200 nature-based jobs in Reef Catchments as part of our plan for economic recovery.
- As well as supporting voluntary action, the Government is also taking regulatory action to improve Reef water quality. Strengthened Reef regulations which commenced on 1 December 2019 are being rolled out over three years.
- **Minimum practice standards** that mirror accepted industry practices in the Wet Tropics region are **now in place for sugarcane and banana production** and due to **commence for graziers and horticulture producers on 1 December 2022.**
- From **1 June 2021**, a **permit is required** to start **new commercial cropping activities** on more than five hectares of land – excluding existing cropping land.
- Permits will condition farm design standards to minimise nutrient and sediment run-off from the development of land for cropping.

- On 1 June 2021, new standards also commenced for urban and industrial environmentally relevant activities such as mines, aquaculture, and sewage treatment that may result in nutrient or sediment emissions in Reef catchments.

## Key facts

- A 2017 Deloitte Access Economics report found the Reef added \$3.9 billion to the State's economy in 2015-16 and supported more than 33,000 full-time Queensland jobs (pre-COVID).
- In 2020, the Government's election commitments included:
  - *Continue the Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Program;*
  - *Maintain reef protection laws and associated measures which are critical to the health of the Great Barrier Reef, and*
  - *Conduct a review of the Paddock to Reef Program to ensure changes in technology and system knowledge are harnessed.*

### UNESCO

- In July 2021, the World Heritage Committee (WHC) decided not to list the Great Barrier Reef "in danger" and instead await the outcomes of a joint WHC—International Union of Conservation Reactive Monitoring mission centred around an updated Reef 2050 Plan and accelerated action on water quality and climate change.

## Achievements

### UNESCO

- The State Government committed over \$700M directly towards protecting the Reef since 2015.
- The latest Reef Water Quality Report Card 2019 showed the most promising results to date.

### Reef Regulations

- Between 2009 and 2020, more than \$143M was specifically allocated to support the agricultural industry to improve productivity, profitability and water quality through industry-led *best management practice* programs, science and on ground programs.

## Background

- Since 2012, WHC has considered the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area possible in-danger listing several times.

- In 2015, WHC decided not to inscribe the Reef on the in-danger list due to the Reef 2050 Plan, particularly the water quality targets and the sustainable ports development and sustainable fisheries commitments.
- In 2017, WHC expressed concern of the mass bleaching events in 2016 and 2017, the slow progress in water quality progress and implementation delays in regulatory reforms.
- Strengthening the Reef protection regulations responds directly to the recommendations of the *Great Barrier Reef Water Science Taskforce* on how best to meet the Reef water quality targets for a healthy Reef.
- The Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan sets 2025 reduction targets of 60% for dissolved inorganic nitrogen loads and 25% for sediment loads.
- The strengthened Reef regulations are expected to achieve an estimated dissolved inorganic nitrogen load reduction of 48.9% towards the 2025 target (i.e. expected to achieve approximately 80% of the target reduction with full compliance) and an estimated fine sediment reduction of 4.2% towards the 2025 target (i.e. expected to achieve approximately 16.8% of the target reduction with full compliance).
- During consultation on the new cropping permit arrangements, agricultural peak bodies publicly re-iterated not supporting the regulatory approach to improving water quality, but AgForce publicly acknowledged the positive consultation process which resulted in changes to the proposed standard and requirements for new cropping.
- In July 2021, the WHC's decision to not list the Great Barrier Reef 'in danger' requires Australia, as the State Party, to provide an updated report on the state of conservation of the property to the WHC by 1 February 2022. The report will be considered at the 45th session of the WHC in Russia in mid-2022.
- The timing and terms of reference for the reactive monitoring mission are yet to be finalised in consultation with the WHC.
- Queensland is eager to assist in the monitoring mission and is keen to work closely with the Australian Government on this.
- The Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan is a strong framework for coordinated action in partnership between governments, Traditional Owners and stakeholders.
- Queensland is responding to the impact on businesses, particularly those in the tourism and hospitality sectors, by delivering a \$47.75M Tourism and Hospitality Sector COVID-19 Lockdown Support Package to assist businesses impacted by COVID-19 lockdowns.