

## VISIT BASE PACK

### Cairns – Far North Queensland Region

Building our Regions / Works for Queensland projects				
Building our Regions - Cairns Regional Council (CRC)	<b>Jobs</b>		<b>Funding</b>	
	79.40		\$9.919M	
<u>Works for Queensland</u>	Since 2016, CRC has received \$64.56M for 52 projects, supporting 502 jobs. 43 projects are complete.			
<u>Completed projects, include:-</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3.386M kerb and channel suburban enhancement program, completed April 2021</li> <li>• \$3.145M pavement rehabilitation, completed April 2021</li> <li>• \$1.92M suburban enhancement program, completed January 2022</li> <li>• \$1.548M reservoir refurbishment, completed November 2021</li> </ul>			
<u>Current projects, include:-</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2.13M asphalt overlay program, due for completion September 2022</li> <li>• \$1.45M Edmonton West water pump station renewal, due for completion July 2023</li> </ul>			
	<b>Funding round</b>	<b>No of projects</b>	<b>Act Jobs</b>	<b>Funding</b>
	2016-17	11	150.0	\$15.50M
	2017-19	9	139.0	\$15.08M
	2019-21	12	75.6	\$14.45M
	2020-21	10	78.0	\$7.42M
	COVID Rnd			
	2021-24	10	59.5	\$12.11M
	<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>502.1</b>	<b>\$64.56</b>
Transport and Roads				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects underway include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$481M Bruce Highway upgrade (\$384.8M AG / \$96.2M QG) (Cairns Southern Access Stage 3) from Edmonton to Gordonvale in Cairns – 460 jobs – construction due to be completed mid-2023; and</li> <li>○ \$45M Kennedy Highway – Cairns to Mareeba – road safety enhancement works – 284 jobs – Queensland funding – constructed started in March 2020, with completion expected early 2023.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
Education				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 38 schools in the Cairns Regional Council, Douglas Shire Council and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council areas                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 26 schools have had over \$108M of major infrastructure work</li> <li>○ 14 schools have over \$40M work of work underway</li> <li>○ All have air conditioning and solar panels</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
Health				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$14M for the Cairns South Health Precinct – completed September 2022</li> <li>• \$10M for improvements to Cairns Hospital including a pediatric upgrade and mental health refurbishment – completed December 2019</li> <li>• Planned \$14.36M for research innovation centre as a component of the Far North Queensland Health and Innovation Precinct. Commencement of this project is yet to be determined.</li> </ul>				

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**13. COVID-19 – Economic Recovery**

- \$17.12M for 19 Works for Qld projects supporting almost 100 jobs since COVID (2020-21) with 2 projects completed in CRC, DSC and YASC

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- Planned \$14.36M for research innovation centre as a component of the Far North Queensland Health and Innovation Precinct. Commencement of this project is yet to be determined.

**17. Housing**

- By 30 June 2025, construction of 234 new social homes in Far North Queensland will commence. Planned investment is \$74.9M, supporting more 232 jobs.

**18. Natural disaster support and preparedness**

**19. Policing and Youth Crime – Far North Police District**

- 29% increase in offences
- 15% increase in the number of proven offences
- 9% crease in number of distinct 10-17-year-old offenders

**20. Major Road Upgrades – Cairns and Hinterland**

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**21. Schools Overview**

- 38 schools in the Cairns Regional Council, Douglas Shire Council and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council areas
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  - All have air conditioning and solar panels

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REGION PROFILE		FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND
<b>ELECTORATE</b>	<b>SITTING MEMBER</b>	
Barron River	Hon Craig Crawford (ALP)	
Cairns	Mr Michael Healy (ALP)	
Cook	Ms Cynthia Lui (ALP)	
Hill	Mr Shane Knuth (KAP)	
Hinchinbrook	Mr Nick Darnetto (KAP)	
Mulgrave	Hon Curtis Pitt (ALP)	

Queensland Government FTEs		2021	2015
Doctors	Cairns & Hinterland HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	695.25	450.65
Nurses		2,562.25	1,960.71
Other health professionals		797.78	500.77
Doctors	Torres & Cape HHSs <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	44.50	24.17
Nurses		337.40	261.22
Other health professionals		88.72	38.87
Ambulance officers	<i>source: PSC supplied MOHRI data</i>	337.98	275.97
Police officers		938.51	783.39
Fire officers		162.40	148.66
Teachers		3,139.69	2,998.79
Teacher aides		796.13	742.30

Employment – annual rate change	2022 (Apr)	2015 (Feb)
Queensland employment	3.6%	0.6%
Cairns employment (SA4)	5.6%	-4.0%
Queensland - Outback employment (SA4)	-3.2%	10.1%
Unemployment Rate		
Queensland unemployment	4.5%	6.5%
Cairns unemployment (SA4)	4.6%	7.9%
Queensland - Outback unemployment (SA4)	10.9%	5.5%
Queensland youth unemployment	10.2%	14.1%
Cairns youth unemployment (SA4)	11.7%	21.5%
Queensland - Outback youth unemployment (SA4)	38.7%	17.7%

Employment by industry (2016 census)	Number	Percent
Health care and social assistance	15,385	13.2%
Retail trade	11,596	9.9%
Accommodation and food services	10,935	9.4%
Education and training	10,510	9.0%
Public administration and safety	9,402	8.1%

	Queensland	FNQ Region
<b>Median age</b> (estimated as at 30 June 2020)	37.8 years	38.9 years
<b>Population</b> (estimated as at 30 June 2021)	5,221,233	291,852
<b>Crime rate</b> (per 100,000 persons) 2020-21	9,154	13,320

Tourism (Dec 2021)	Tourism Region	Visitors	Expenditure
Domestic tourism	Tropical North	2.0 million	\$2.7B
International tourism	Queensland	3,000	\$14.4M

## ECONOMIC PROFILE

Budget 2021-22	Far North Queensland
<b>Infrastructure</b>	<b>\$1.2B</b>
<u>Community wellbeing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horn Island Splash Park</li> <li>• Thursday Island Community Centre</li> </ul>	
<u>Transport and roads</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cairns Ring Road (Cairns CBD to Smithfield) – construct additional lanes</li> <li>• Cairns Western Arterial Road – Redlynch Connector Road to Captain Cook Highway, duplication</li> <li>• Captain Cook Highway, Smithfield Bypass</li> <li>• Peninsula Developmental Road (Coen to Weipa), Archer River Crossing, construct bridge</li> </ul>	
<u>Utilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kareeya Hydro maintenance and upgrades</li> <li>• Northern Peninsula Area Water Supply System – water supply rectification and repair program of works</li> </ul>	
<u>Justice and safety</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cairns police facility upgrade</li> <li>• Pormpuraaw replacement police facility</li> <li>• Woree replacement police facility</li> </ul>	

Government services

- Cairns Diversionary Centre Expansion
- Gateway to the Cape – tourist information centre & interactive sculpture park
- Social housing

Recreation and culture

- Bedarra Island – upgrades to resort
- Cairns Convention Centre expansion and refurbishment
- Cairns Marine Precinct
- Dreamtime Island
- Kowanyama Visitor Camping and Tours Pilot
- The Olkola Cultural Knowledge Centre
- Orpheus Island – installation of renewable energy infrastructure
- Wangetti Trail
- Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct redevelopment

**Health**

**\$1.3B**

- Atherton Hospital – construction projects including hospital redevelopment
- Cairns Hospital – construction projects including new Mental Health Unit and expansion of Emergency Department
- Coen Primary Health Care Centre
- Innisfail Hospital – replacement works to roofing and cladding
- Thursday Island Health Facility – Primary Health Care Centre redevelopment
- Mareeba Hospital – purchase and installations of new CT scanner
- Torres Strait Primary Health Care Centre Upgrade
- Weipa Integrated Health Service – refurbishment of birthing suite
- Wujal Wujal Primary Health Care Centre – construction projects

**Education**

**\$51.2M**

- Aurukun State School – administration area upgrade
- Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy – replacement amenities block Coen campus
- Edge Hill State School – upgrade administration building
- Lockhart State School – additional amenities and learning spaces
- Malanda State High School – new building for additional learning spaces
- Tagai State College – Thursday Island Primary Campus upgrade

Total jobs supported in this region

3,900



	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Funding</b>	
<b>Building our Regions (Rounds 1-5) (3 May 2022)</b>			
Far North Queensland region	416.6	\$60.003M	
<b>Works for Queensland (Summary) – Far North Qld region (30 Apr 2022)</b>			
<b>2019-21 Rnd</b>	858.1	\$49.43M	
<b>2020-21 COVID-19 Rnd</b>	712.8	\$36.73M	
<b>2021-24 Rnd</b>	213.5	\$46.69M	
<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)	2,388	5,213	\$53.912M
<u>Revitalised</u> Back to Work (30 Apr 2022)	131	149	\$0.989M
<b>Skilling Queenslanders for Work (30 Apr 2022)</b>		<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative		3,323	\$44.737M

<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
Aurukun Aboriginal Shire Council	Cr Kerrie Tamwoy
Cairns Regional Council	Cr Bob Manning OAM
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	Cr (Timothy) Mark Nolan
Cook Shire Council	Cr Peter Scott
Douglas Shire Council	Cr Michael Kerr
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	Cr Jason Woibo
Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	Cr Robert Sands
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	Cr Wayne Butcher
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	Cr Aileen Addo
Mareeba Shire Council	Cr Angela Toppin
Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	Cr Janita Motton
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Cr Patricia Yusia
Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	Cr Richard Tarpencha
Tablelands Regional Council	Cr Rodney Marti
Torres Shire Council	Cr Vonda Malone
Torres Strait Island Regional Council	Cr Phillemon Mosby
Weipa Town Authority	
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	Cr Bradley Creek
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	Cr Ross Andrews

## PREVIOUS VISITS

Since 2015, the Government:

- held 1 Community Cabinet in Cairns (9 Community Cabinets have been held across the State);
- held an off-site Cabinet meeting, with a reception in Cairns (24 off-site Cabinet meetings have been held across the State, of which 7 included community receptions); and
- 1 of the 7 Governing From the Regions was held in Cairns and included a reception.

DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
25 November 2021	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Visit                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend media conference re COVID update and Cairns Vaccination Hub</li> <li>– attend official opening of Smithfield bypass</li> <li>– meet with local MPs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
19-21 May 2021	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Barrier Reef Masters Games – opening</li> <li>• Tourism Industry Roundtable meeting</li> <li>• Kaban Wind Farm at the Barron Gorge Pumpstation</li> </ul>
17 -18 March 2021	Cairns / Port Douglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Visit                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend meeting and media conference, Cairns Convention Centre Upgrade and Jobs</li> <li>– meet with Cr Michael Kerr, Mayor of Douglas Shire and Port Douglas tourism operators</li> <li>– attend meeting and media conference, Tourism Industry Recovery Action Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
27 - 28 January 2021	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Visit                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend Cairns Tourism Roundtable</li> <li>– attend meeting and media conference, Supporting Queensland Tourism</li> <li>– visit Cairns State High School</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
31 August – 2 September 2020	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Cabinet meeting                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– meeting and media conference, Tourism Support Package and Jobs</li> <li>– visit Smithfield Bypass, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs</li> <li>– meeting and media conference, Funding for University Hospital Cairns</li> <li>– meet with Mayor, Cairns Regional Council</li> <li>– Tourism and Economic Recovery Roundtable, Cairns</li> <li>– meeting and media conference, Cairns Convention Centre Expansion and Jobs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1 June 2020	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit</li> </ul>

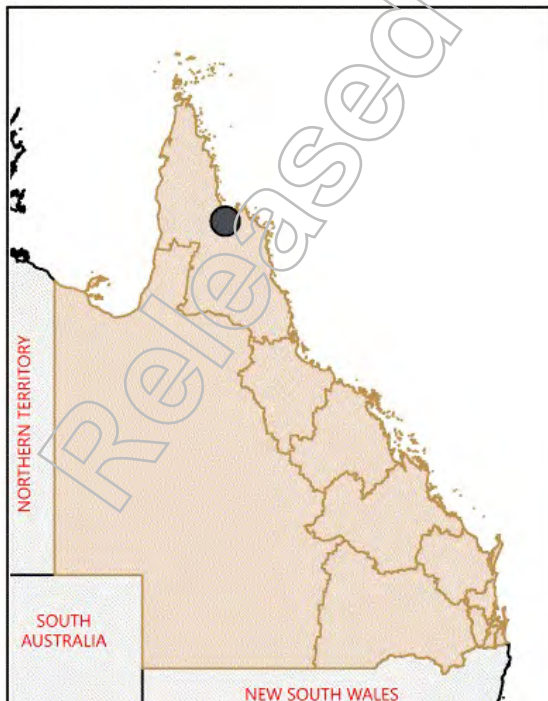
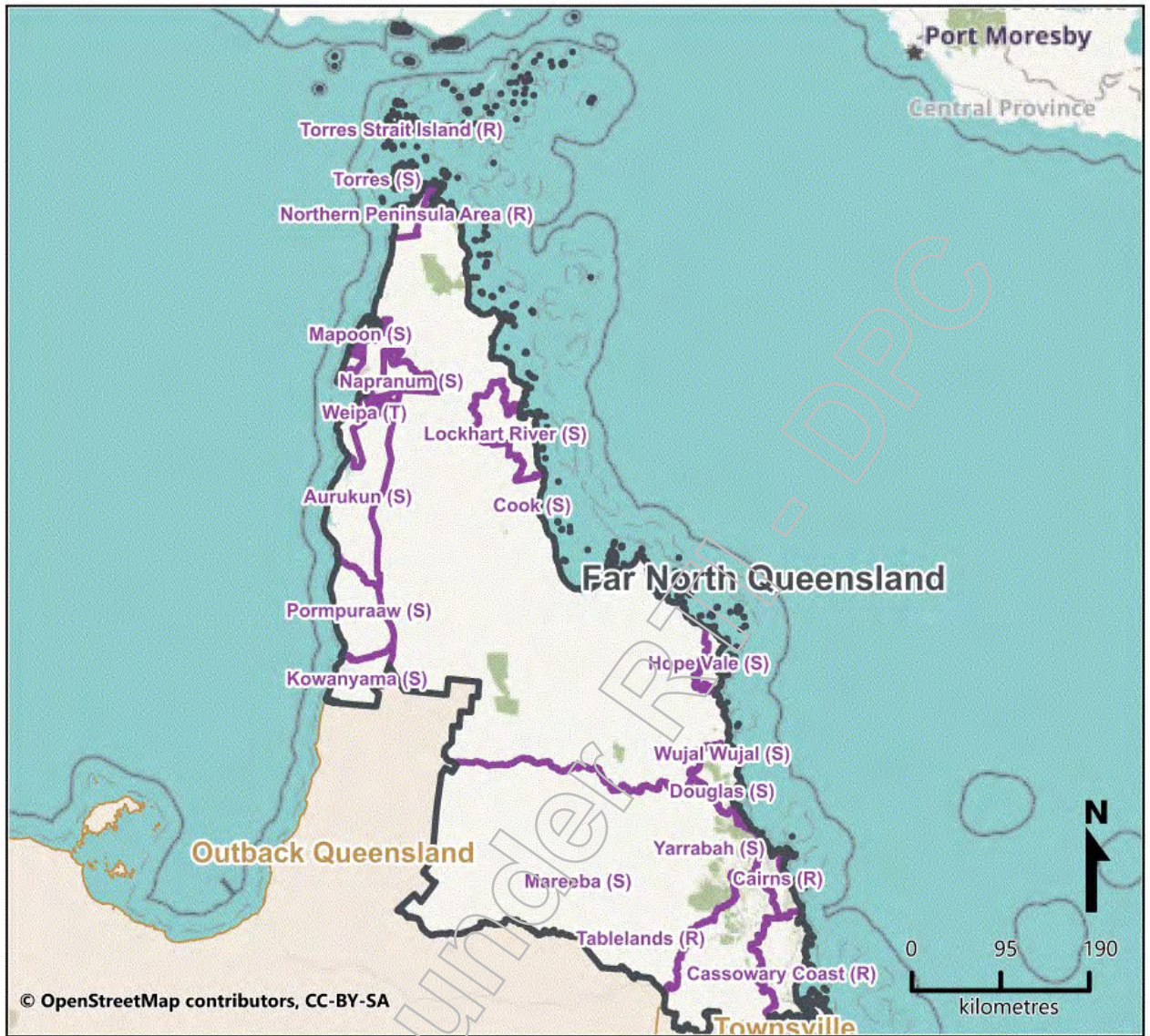


DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend meeting and media conference, and visit Quicksilver Dive Cruises</li> <li>– meet with Cr Bob Manning OAM, Mayor of Cairns Regional Council and Mr Michael Healy MP, Member for Cairns</li> <li>– attend Cairns Roundtable, Economic Recovery</li> <li>– meet with local Cairns Tourism Operators</li> </ul>
20-21 November 2019	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Attend opening of the Bailey Hotel</li> <li>– Meet with Owner Crystalbrook Collection</li> <li>– visit Trinity Bay State High School STEAM Hub site</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8 August 2019	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– announce the expansion of the Cairns Convention Centre</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
24 May 2019	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend TWU National Council Dinner, Cairns</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
23 October 2018	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– officially open the Quicksilver Dive Centre</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
28 August 2018	Weipa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– visit Amrun Project</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
31 July – 2 August 2018	Torres Strait Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– host Community Leaders Reception, Thursday Island</li> <li>– attend Official Welcome, Yam Island</li> <li>– tour Yam Island and inspect seawall area</li> <li>– visit Torres Shire Council Water Treatment Plant</li> <li>– visit Tagai State School, Thursday Island</li> <li>– inspect islands</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
15 September 2017	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend Cairns State School Centenary Celebrations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
14 September 2017	Kowanyama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– lay a wreath for the October tragedy</li> <li>– attend Welcome to Country</li> <li>– meet with Women’s Group</li> <li>– meet and greet with principal and students, Kowanyama State School</li> <li>– meet with Men’s Shed members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1 September 2017	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend the Cairns Amateurs Ladies Day Race</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10-17 July 2017	Cairns	<a href="#">Far North Queensland Governing From the Regions</a>
14 May 2017	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Far North Queensland Showcase</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
March 2017	Cairns	<a href="#">Off-site Cabinet meeting</a>

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9 February 2017	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– visit Cairns State Special School</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
25 August 2016	Cairns/ Port Douglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend official opening of the Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort Port Douglas</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
27 – 29 July 2016	Torres Strait Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend traditional Welcome to Country ceremony, Thursday Island</li> <li>– visit the Thursday Island Hospital</li> <li>– tour Gab Titui Cultural Centre, traditional dance ceremony and dinner</li> <li>– visit Mer (Murray) Island and attend traditional Welcome to Country ceremony</li> <li>– wreath laying ceremony at Mr Eddie Mabo's gravesite</li> <li>– tour of IBIS store</li> <li>– tour Mr Passi's seafood export operations</li> <li>– visit Mer Island State School</li> <li>– attend traditional Welcome to Country ceremony, Boigu Island</li> <li>– visit Boigu Community, Social Housing and Health Centre</li> <li>– visit Boigu seawall and Treaty Port of Arrival site</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
14-15 July 2016	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend official opening of the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair</li> <li>– attend the Cairns West State School Big Breakfast</li> <li>– visit Munro Park Development and Cairns Performing Arts Centre site</li> <li>– visit Claudia Moodoonuthi Exhibition, Cairns Regional Gallery</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4-5 November 2015	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend the Northern Queensland Economic Summit</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
30 - 31 July 2015	Cairns / Napranum/ Weipa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– meet with Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance regarding local issues</li> <li>– attend official opening of the Napranum Civic Centre</li> <li>– tour Rio Tinto Alcan's Weipa bauxite mine</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1 July 2015	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attend the Cairns Business Roundtable</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



# MAP – Far North Queensland region



## Achievements – Cairns and Far North Queensland Area

### Electorate Achievement

#### Roads

- Barron River
- \$123.7M (80:20 Fed/State split) Bruce Highway Kate street to Aumuller street (near Port of Cairns), 4-6 lanes, 130 jobs, completed July 2021
  - \$16.3M Cairns Western Arterial Road – Harley Street intersection upgrade – fully funded by the Queensland Government, completed July 2021
  - \$164M Smithfield Bypass, 175 jobs, fully funded by Queensland Government, completed November 2021.
- Mulgrave
- \$481M (80:20 Fed/State split) Bruce Highway Edmonton to Gordonvale to duplicate, due to finish 2023

#### Education / TAFE

- Cairns
- \$15M TAFE Cairns, revitalising trades and hospitality facilities.
  - \$1.1M Balaclava State School, refurbishment of Prep building completed in 2020
  - \$2M Cairns SHS, refurbished classroom blocks completed in 2018-19
  - \$11M Cairns SHS, new sports hall completed in February 2021
  - \$9.3M Trinity Bay SHS, new classroom building with 16 learning spaces and new sports hall.
- Barron River
- \$950,000 Aloomba State School, new building completed May 2020
  - \$1.1M Machans Beach State School, new building with 2 general learning spaces.



## Electorate Achievement

- \$8.6M Redlynch State College, new building for additional classrooms.
  - \$18.8M Tropical North Learning Academy – Smithfield State High School – new Centre for Athlete Development and Performing Arts, additional GLS and specialist spaces, and STEM and innovation two-storey facility.
  - \$11M Tropical North Learning Academy – Trinity Beach State High School – new multi storey learning centre and refurbishment of the Special Education Unit.
- Cook
- \$1.54M hall upgrade at Mossman State High School and \$2.08M Manual Arts building, both completed by June 2020
- Mulgrave
- \$3.0M to complete various projects at Bentley Park College including upgrade and refurbishment of hall, school security fence, replacement wireless network, stop, drop and go zone, equitable access to medical facility.
  - \$4.4M for indoor sports facility at Gordonvale State High School, completed June 2019

## Health

- Cairns
- \$137.9M consisting of \$15M to purchase new land for university, \$52.9M in stage one of a plan to build a university hospital in Cairns and \$70M for Mental Health Unit for community mental health services
  - \$3.7M Cairns Hospital new advanced hybrid theatre.
  - \$4.5M Cairns Hospital additional 11 beds.

## Electorate Achievement

- \$2.35M to refurbish Cairns Hospital's emergency department
- \$2.8M Cardiac Catheter Lab at Cairns Hospital.
- \$5.6M Cairns Ambulance Station upgrade.
- Mulgrave • \$25M Cairns South Health Facility – officially opened September 2020.
- Hill • \$70M Atherton Hospital redevelopment – Stage 1 completed September 2020.
- \$4.2M Tully Hospital refurbishment to redesign the emergency department area completed March 2020.

## Infrastructure

- Cairns • \$30M for two new wharves for the Port of Cairns and a business case to grow further, the funding would deliver 150 new jobs during construction.
- \$176M Cairns Convention Centre, refurbished and expanded, 570 jobs – refurbishment works completed in May 2021 and the expansion works due to be completed in 2022.
- \$15M towards Cairns Centre for Performing Arts
- \$10M Export Hub (the Regional Trade Distribution Centre at Cairns International Airport) means more local produce to overseas markets.

## Police

- Cairns • \$10.4M Cairns Police station upgrade, supporting 34 jobs.
- \$6M for Cairns Police Communications Centre, completed in 2017.



## Electorate Achievement

Cook

- \$6M new Police Operations facility in Woree, completed in 2018.
- \$7.3M Pormpuraaw police facility replacement, completed on 30 July 2021, supporting around 24 jobs.
- \$13.1M Saibai Island Community Safety and Security facility – construction completed in June 2021, supporting around 43 jobs.

## Tourism (Cairns and wider region)

All  
electorates

- \$11.3M package to boost Far North Queensland tourism.
- \$7M domestic tourism campaign including \$3M for the Queensland you're 'Good to Go' advertising campaign launched in June 2020 and \$0.58M for TTNQ.
- \$25M Tourism Icons Program – \$5M to Far Northern Tourism business (Quicksilver Cruises, Skyrail, Experience Co, Freeman Corp and CaPTA Group)
- \$15M airline route support program – \$1.531M support for Cairns Airport.
- \$3M fee relief package for tourism and commercial operators at Cairns Marina
- \$6.5M to four projects through Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund 2020-21.
- Year of Indigenous Tourism extended in 2021

Barron  
River,  
Cook

- \$41.4M Wangetti Trail Development, 94km trail will stretch from Palm Cove to Port Douglas. Construction started in December 2020, completion 2022. (75 construction jobs, 150

## Electorate Achievement

operational jobs, injecting \$300M to the economy)

## Jobs

Cairns \$10M Cairns Manufacturing Hub, located at TAFE Queensland Cairns Campus, focuses on areas such are marine, aviation and food manufacturing

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## 2020 Election Commitments – Cairns region

The implementation status of 103 commitments as at 31 March 2022,

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

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Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
<b>Bruce Highway and other Roads</b>			
Cairns	\$1.3 million to upgrade the Anderson and English Streets intersection in the CBD of Manunda, Cairns	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Barron River	\$60 million to build four lanes between Redlynch Connector Road and Kamerunga Road as part of the duplication works on the Cairns Western Arterial Road, following completion of the Harley Street upgrade		
Cairns Hill Hinchinbrook Mulgrave	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> Implement the Bruce Highway Trust's 15 year vision and five year upgrade action plans		✓
Cairns Hill Hinchinbrook Mulgrave	<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		✓
Barron River Cairns Mulgrave	Build and test 20 EV buses on the Gold Coast which will then be trialled in Logan, Cairns and the Sunshine Coast		✓
Cairns	Undertake an independent, fair market review of charges at the Cairns Marlin Marina, taking into account commercial user pays principles		
Cook	\$3.5 million for Horn Island Wharves		
Cairns Hill Hinchinbrook Mulgrave	<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		✓
Cairns Hill Hinchinbrook Mulgrave	<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		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Cairns Hill Hinčinbrook Mulgrave	<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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Cairns Hill Hinčinbrook Mulgrave	<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		✓
Cairns Hill Hinčinbrook Mulgrave	<b>A REAL BRUCE PLAN</b> Task the Bruce Highway Trust to prepare the Safer Bruce 2030 Action Plan		✓
<b>Education</b>			
Hill Cook Mulgrave	\$160,000 to install a lift in the Science B Block at Atherton State High School*	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Cook	\$240,000 to refurbish the administration at Northern Peninsula Area College, Bamaga Junior Campus*		
Hill Hinčinbrook	\$350,000 for equitable access to the administration and computer room at Ravenshoe State School*		✓
Mulgrave	\$400,000 to refurbish the Outside School Hours Care space and school hall at Hambledon State School*		
Barron River Cairns	A new performing arts centre at Trinity Bay State High School*		
Cook	Replace the amenities block at Tagai State College Campus on Thursday Island Primary Campus*		
Cairns	<b>EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE</b> \$3.6 million for an Advanced Manufacturing Hub including a robotics lab and a production line facility at Cairns TAFE*		
Cairns	\$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*		✓
Cook	\$1.1 million to replace the amenities block at the Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy, Coen Campus		
Cook	\$3 million to replace the administration block at Aurukun State School		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Barron River Cairns	\$3.2 million for an extension to the existing hall (#2) at Redlynch State College	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Barron River Cairns	\$3.75 million for an extension to the existing hall (#1) at Redlynch State College		
Cairns	\$5.2 million towards new classrooms and administration blocks at Edge Hill State School		
Mulgrave	\$600,000 to establish an on-site medical training room at Bentley Park College		
Cairns	\$750,000 to replace the amenities block at Cairns West State School		
Cairns Mulgrave	\$980,000 for a technology upgrade and a new Design Technology Lab enabling prototype design and testing, as well as 3D printing at Woree State High School		
Cook	Build a new outdoor play space for the kindergarten at the Western Cape College, Mapoon campus		
Cairns	<b>EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE</b> \$2 million for a Cyber Security Training Operations Centre at Cairns TAFE		
Cairns Mulgrave	Extend the existing hall and upgrade the carpark at Woree State School		
Hill	\$205,000 to replace the hall roof and for a repaint at Babinda State School*		
All	\$12 million over four years to expand the remote kindy program to include an extra 20 state schools at least 40km from the nearest approved Kindergarten Program Provider*		✓
Barron River Cairns	\$300,000 towards new infrastructure to increase the capacity for the Outside School Hours Care program at Machans Beach State School*		
Hill Hinchinbrook	\$80,000 for an all weather disabled car park at Ravenshoe State School*		✓
Cook	Build a new outdoor play space for the kindergarten at the Tagai State College, Masig Island/Yorke campus*		
Cook	Build a new outdoor play space for the kindergarten at the Tagai State College, Warraber Island campus*		
Barron River Cairns	\$1.1 million to refurbish the Industrial Technology and Design Centre at Trinity Bay State High School		
Barron River Cairns	\$1.3 million upgrade for additional school infrastructure at Redlynch State College		
Mulgrave Cairns	\$108,000 to install a covered walkway at White Rock State School		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Hill	\$110,000 to install a covered walkway at Mount Garnet State School	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Mulgrave	\$150,000 for a drop off zone at Bentley Park College		
Cairns	\$25,000 to replace the sliding doors at Parramatta State School		
Mulgrave	\$50,000 to provide equitable access to the medical facility at Bentley Park College		
Hill	\$500,000 to refurbish the learning gateway at Ravenshoe State School		✓
Mulgrave	\$60,000 to provide equitable access to amenities at Yarrabah State School		
Mulgrave	\$700,000 for a security fence at Bentley Park College		
Mulgrave	\$700,000 for new security fencing at Isabella State School		
Cook	Improve access to the amenities at Tagai State College campus on Thursday Island Secondary Campus		
Barron River Cairns	\$580,000 to provide equitable access to amenities and refurbish E Block at Freshwater State School		
<b>Health</b>			
Hill Mulgrave	\$15 million to acquire land to transition Cairns Hospital to a University Hospital	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Cook Hinchinbrook	\$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		✓
Barron River Cairns Cook Hill Mulgrave	\$11.5 million to build a 10-bed 24/7 youth alcohol and other drugs rehabilitation and treatment centre in Cairns. It will provide psychosocial counselling, other forms of psychosocial intervention, peer support, elder-led Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support*		
Cook	\$500,000 for a business case for the redevelopment of Weipa Hospital*		



Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Barron River Cairns Mulgrave	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	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*		✓
Cook	\$840,000 to develop a detailed business case and schematic designs for the planned redevelopment of the Cooktown Multipurpose Health Centre		✓
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		✓
Cook	\$1.3 million for upgrades including a helipad and additional accommodation for staff at the Wujal Wujal Primary Health Care Centre		✓
Cook	\$1.8 million to build a new morgue facility at Coen		✓
All	\$490,000 over four years to extend the HIV self-testing project for people living in regional Queensland		✓
Cairns	\$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>Infrastructure</b>			
All	Invest \$6.8 million for a new film studio for the FNQ Sound Stage*	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Barron River	Progress an Infrastructure Designation on the new Ellis Beach club premise, taking into account community feedback and relevant consideration under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>		
Barron River	\$1.5 million towards essential sewage and water service upgrades at Ellis Beach Surf Life Saving Club		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Barron River Cook Hill Hinchinbrook	<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	✓
Cairns	\$30 million to upgrade the Cairns Marine Precinct		
Barron River	Contribute \$1 million to assist council with building a rock groyne at Half Moon Creek, Cairns		
Hill	\$114,000 for a new roof for the Etty Bay Surf Life Saving Club*		
Cairns	\$100,000 for Cairns Aviation Skills Centre to develop a business case to explore options for an advanced fibre composites maintenance and repair facility at Cairns Airport*		
Cairns	\$127,590 to upgrade equipment and employ an additional two workers at Northern Chemicals in Cairns		
Cairns	<b>POWERING QUEENSLAND JOBS: RAIL MANUFACTURING</b> \$2.5 million upgrade at the existing Portsmouth facility for Queensland Rail to more efficiently and safely overhaul the 33 heritage timber carriages used on the Kuranda Scenic Railway and allow them to continue overhauling the KSR carriages in-house		
<b>Police / Justice</b>			
Barron River Cairns Mulgrave	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	✓
Cairns	\$10 million to upgrade the Lyons Street Diversionary Centre. The upgraded Centre will include an additional 14 beds and will provide intensive case management, extended community patrol support and a women's wellbeing space		
<b>Recreation</b>			
Cook	\$150,000 to install field lighting at the Port Douglas Sports Complex	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Cook	Deliver two new Splash Parks for the Douglas Shire and Mareeba		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
All	Promote and support businesses in regional Queensland providing side-by-side vehicle recreation opportunities on private land	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Cook	\$1.5 million for the Citirun Run for the Reef in Far North Queensland over 3 years		
Barron River Cairns Mulgrave	\$50,000 to the Cairns Show Association to assist in preparing their Economic Statement		
Cairns	\$500,000 for upgrades to the existing building and playing fields for the Cairns District Junior Rugby League at Jones Park Mann Street		
Cairns	20 women's basketball games to be played in Cairns, Townsville and Mackay		✓
<b>Tourism / Industry</b>			
Cook	Establish a Special Fisheries Working Group, working closely with key stakeholders, to identify new economic pathways through charter fisheries and tourism operations while ensuring sustainable fisheries are maintained in Cape York	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Cook	<b>HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY - INVESTING IN NATURE</b> Develop a tourism hub and visitor centre in the Daintree National Park		
Barron River Cairns Cook Mulgrave	<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		✓
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		✓
All	Identify Queensland agricultural seasonal workforce needs and immediately implement local solutions that connect agribusinesses with relevant and appropriate workforce solutions		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Barron River	\$5 million concessional loan for Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, Cairns	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
<b>Community</b>			
Cook Mulgrave	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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
All	<b>COUNTRY RACING</b> \$35.2 million to Country Racing including: - \$15 million per year until July 2023 directly for prize money - \$2.6 million per year over two years for maintenance of tracks and facilities		✓
Barron River Cairns Cook Hill Hinchinbrook	\$30 million over four years to support Surf Life Saving Queensland		✓
Cook	A funding grant to Moa Arts through the Indigenous Arts Centre Uplift program		
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		✓
Barron River Cook Hill Hinchinbrook	Work with the LGAQ on finalising an agreed Bush Councils Compact		✓
<b>Environment</b>			
Barron River Cairns Cook Mulgrave	<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*	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
All	\$3 million over two years to expand the QCoast2100 program to enable eligible local governments to develop and implement Coastal Hazard Adaption Strategies*		✓
Barron River Cairns Cook Mulgrave	<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*		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 Mar 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Barron River Cairns Cook Mulgrave	Maintain reef protection laws and associated measures which are critical to the health of the Great Barrier Reef	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Barron River Cairns Cook Mulgrave	Continue the Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Program		✓
<b>Marine Rescue Services</b>			
Barron River Cairns Cook Mulgrave	<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	✓
Barron River Cairns Cook Mulgrave	<b>BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES</b> Increase funding for insurance costs and provide for additional operational expenses incurred by Squadrons and Flotillas*		✓
Barron River Cairns Cook Mulgrave	<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		✓
Barron River Cairns Cook Mulgrave	<b>BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES</b> Establish a Marine Rescue Queensland implementation Working Group with representatives from VMRAQ and AVCGA 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		✓
<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 – Far North Queensland region

- As at 3 May 2022, under Rounds 1-5, the Cairns and Hinterland area received **\$36.5M** for **26** projects with a total project cost of \$95.6M. Twenty-five of the projects are complete.
- Applications for Round 6 Planning projects have closed. Announcements are expected mid-2022.
- Shortlisted construction project applications closed 17 May 2022.
- Funding received by the regional councils (RC) and shire councils (SC) in the area, include:

<b>Building our Regions (Rounds 1-5)</b>		
<b>(3 May 2022)</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Cairns RC (CRC)	79.40	\$9.919M
Cassowary Coast RC (CCRC)	63.00	\$8.984M
Douglas SC (DSC)	47.40	\$6.164M
Mareeba SC (MSC)	71.90	\$5.271M
Tablelands RC (TRC)	31.10	\$4.881M
Yarrabah Aboriginal SC (YASC)	4.00	\$1.259M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>296.8</b>	<b>\$36.478M</b>

### **Building our Regions projects (Rounds 1-5) within CRC, all within Cairns electorate**

<b>Rd</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved Funding</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Jobs (Est)</b>	<b>Project Stage</b>
01	Collins Avenue Bridge Renewal	\$1,500,000	\$3,100,000	9.3	completed 31/3/2017
03	Earlville Trunk Sewer Network Improvement	\$1,768,576	\$4,421,440	13.3	completed 18/6/2019
04	Cairns Material Recovery Facility Upgrade	\$3,000,000	\$6,900,000	22.8	completed 30/6/2011
04	Munro Martin Parklands Redevelopment - Stage 2	\$650,000	\$1,300,000	4.3	completed 25/5/2020
05	Esplanade Dining Precinct – Stage 2	\$3,000,000	\$9,000,000	29.70	completed 4/6/2021
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$9,918,576</b>	<b>\$24,721,440</b>	<b>79.4</b>	



## Works for Queensland – Cairns and Hinterland area

- Since 2016, through Works for Queensland the Far North Queensland region has received **\$235.11M for 608 projects** supporting around **4,635 jobs**; to date **514 projects are now complete**.
- For the same period:
  - Cairns and Hinterland received **\$136.9M for 253 projects** supporting around **2,559 jobs** – to date **225 projects are complete**; and specifically
  - **Cairns Regional Council** has received **\$64.56M for 52 projects** supporting, to date, **502 jobs with 43 projects completed**.

### Summary of W4Q Council Projects (as at 30 Apr 2022)

Council	2019-21 Rnd		2020-21 COVID Rnd		2021-24 Rnd	
	Jobs	Funding	Jobs	Funding	Jobs	Funding
CRC	75.6	\$14.45M	78.0	\$7.42M	59.5	\$12.11M
CCRC	88.0	\$3.63M	39.0	\$2.37M	14.0	\$3.27M
DSC	162.0	\$1.86M	53.0	\$1.43M	35.0	\$1.82M
MSC	145.0	\$3.68M	55.0	\$2.52M	50.0	\$3.24M
TRC	55.0	\$3.41M	1.8	\$2.12M	2.0	\$2.88M
YASC	48.0	\$2.75M	64.0	\$2.38M	4.0	\$3.28M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>573.6</b>	<b>\$29.78M</b>	<b>290.8</b>	<b>\$18.24M</b>	<b>164.5</b>	<b>\$26.60M</b>

## Works for Queensland Projects

### Cairns Regional Council

2019-21 Projects – all complete	Electorate	Budget	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Balaclava Road Stage 2	Cairns	\$750,000		7.0	completed 31/8/2020
Collins Avenue Footpath Upgrade	Cairns	\$200,000		5.0	completed 1/8/2020
Crystal Cascades Improvements	Barron River	\$1.009M		2.5	completed 1/4/2021
Esplanade Plaza Upgrade	Cairns	\$650,000		4.5	completed 31/3/2021
Footpath Renewal – CBD	Cairns	\$1.375M		8.5	completed 30/4/2021

2019-21 Projects – all complete	Electorate	Budget	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Footpath Renewal – Suburban	Cairns	\$1.630M		8.5	completed 26/2/2021
Gordonvale Heritage Trail	Mulgrave	\$600,000		6.0	completed 29/5/2021
Kerb and Channel / Suburban Enhancement Program	Cairns	\$3.386M		13.0	completed 1/10/2020
Pavement Rehabilitation – various locations	Cairns	\$3.145M		8.5	completed 30/4/2021
Stormwater Pipe Program – various locations	Cairns	\$755,000		3.5	completed 30/1/2021
Tom Murray Park	Mulgrave	\$350,000		4.0	completed 30/6/2021
White Rock Public Open Space (POS) and Connectivity Upgrades	Cairns	\$600,000		4.6	completed 24/12/2020
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$14.45M</b>		<b>75.6</b>	

2020-21 COVID Works for Queensland Projects – all complete	Electorate	Budget	jobs created/ supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Active travel - new footpaths	Mulgrave	\$564,000		7.0	completed 30/6/2021
Aquatic facilities renewal - Babinda Pool - pool reticulation	Hill	\$133,304		3.0	completed 2/9/2020
Concrete lined drain renewal	Cairns	\$520,000		7.0	completed 26/2/2021
Dillon St and Kelly/Wilks St aerial pipe crossing condition assessment & remediation works	Cairns	\$450,000		8.0	completed 10/9/2021
Fogarty Park turf surface treatment	Cairns	\$44,696		4.0	completed 22/10/2021
Reservoir refurbishment	Barron River	\$1.548M		7.0	completed 30/11/2021
Sewage pumping station upgrades	Cairns	\$2.4M		14.0	completed 30/06/2021
Toilet facility – Yorkeys Knob boat ramp, Buckley Street	Barron River	\$180,000		6.0	completed 30/6/2021

Underground stormwater renewal	Cairns	\$400,000		7.0	completed 30/6/2021
Water main replacements	Cairns	\$1.18M		15.0	completed 30/11/2021
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$7.42M</b>		<b>78.0</b>	

2021-24 Works for Queensland Projects	Electorate	Budget	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Asphalt overlay program	Barron River	\$2.13M	9.0	13.5	exp completion Sep-2022
Concrete lined drains program	Cairns	\$720,000	5.5		exp completion Jun-2023
Edmonton West water pump station renewal	Mulgrave	\$1.45M	7.0	4.0	exp completion Jul-2023
Esplanade Lagoon - timber deck renewal	Cairns	\$580,000	6.0	0.0	exp completion Jun-2023
Footpath renewal program	Cairns	\$320,000	6.0	0.0	exp completion Jul-2022
Reseal program	Barron River	\$1.6M	11.0	14.0	exp completion Aug-2022
Sewage pumping station R5 new station (was well condition assessment & remediation)	Cairns	\$1.31M	7.0	12.0	exp completion Jul-2022
Suburban enhancement program - streetscape amenity improvements	Cairns	\$1.92M		13.0	completed 2/1/2022
Warren Road water pump station renewal	Barron River	\$750,000	7.0		exp completion Jul-2023
Water & waste sodium hypochlorite sites remediation works	Hill	\$1.33M	12.0	3.0	exp completion Jun-2024
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$12.11M</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>59.5</b>	



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# Far North Queensland

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

**Infrastructure**  
**\$1.2B** for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **3,900 jobs** in this region.

**Health**  
**\$1.3B** for Torres and Cape, and Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Services.

**Education**  
**\$51.2M** to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Far North Queensland.

Far North Queensland will also benefit from:

**Social housing**  
**\$203.3M** in 2021-22 to expand and improve social housing in Far North Queensland, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.


**Homelessness services**  
**\$14.5M** in 2021-22 to deliver specialist homelessness services in Far North Queensland.

**Recovery and Resilience against natural disasters**  
**\$59.7M** estimated for the provision of financial assistance for capital works to disaster affected communities in 2021-22.

## Delivering for the Far North Queensland region

 **Jobs and Regional Growth Fund**  
\$235.9 million capital expenditure supported and 208 new full-time jobs generated in Far North Queensland.  
(February 2017 to May 2021)


 **Building our Regions**  
\$60 million allocated to 66 critical infrastructure projects in Far North Queensland, supporting economic development and supporting 416 jobs.  
(March 2015 to June 2021)

 **Back to work**  
\$50.7 million of payments have been paid to 2,201 employers to employ 4,896 eligible unemployed jobseekers.  
(July 2016 to May 2021)

 **Works for Queensland**  
\$49.4 million provided to regional councils in Far North Queensland to undertake 111 minor infrastructure and maintenance projects.  
(June 2019 to June 2021)

## Restoring frontline services in Far North Queensland

Growth from March 2015 to March 2021

 55 extra teacher aides  
**up 7.4%**

 229 extra teachers  
**up 7.5%**

 256 extra doctors  
**up 53.7%**

 51 extra ambulance officers  
**up 18.4%**

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# Far North Queensland

## 1 Torres Straits Primary Health Care Centre

\$4.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$16.9 million total spend for the upgrade to five Primary Health Care Centres at Yorke Island, Coconut Island, Stephen Island, Dauan Island and St Pauls Community on Moa Island.

## 2 Tagai State College - Thursday Island Primary Campus

\$1.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$1.7 million total spend to upgrade an existing amenities block.

## 3 Thursday Island Health Facility

\$16.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$46 million total spend for the redevelopment of the Thursday Island Hospital and Primary Health Care Centre.

## 4 The Olkola Cultural Knowledge Centre

\$880,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$981,748 total spend for the Olkola Cultural Knowledge Centre to deliver a multi-dimensional, unique tourism product and culturally significant experience in Cape York. Part of the Year of Indigenous Tourism program.

## 5 Northern Peninsula Area Water Supply System - water supply rectification and repair program of works

\$1.3 million in 2021-22 out of a \$4 million total spend to undertake an annual capital works program for the Northern Peninsula Area Water Supply System for a 10-year period commenced in 2020-21.

## 6 Mapoon Short Stay Accommodation - Stage 3

\$500,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend to expand the existing Mapoon short stay accommodation complex to meet the strong demand for accommodation options in this remote shire.

## 7 Weipa Integrated Health Service

\$1 million for the refurbishment of a birthing suite and compliance and redundancy works for the chiller and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system.

## 8 Lockhart State School

\$2.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.3 million total spend to construct additional amenities and learning spaces.

## 9 Aurukun State School

\$3 million in 2021-22 to upgrade the administration area.

## 10 Peninsula Developmental Road (Coen to Weipa), Archer River Crossing, construct bridge

\$9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$32.4 million total spend to construct a bridge at the Archer River Crossing. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

## 11 Coen Primary Health Care Centre

\$786,796 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.8 million total spend for the replacement of the morgue and the replacement and remediation works of the conference building roof.

## 12 Coen Campus of Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy

\$1.1 million in 2021-22 to upgrade an existing amenities block.

## 13 Pormpuraaw replacement police facility

\$2.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$7.3 million total spend to complete the replacement of the police facility at Pormpuraaw.

## 14 Kowanyama Visitor Camping and Tours Pilot

\$125,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$250,000 total spend for the Kowanyama Visitor Camping and Tours Pilot, which will deliver and pilot unique eco-tourism products and culturally significant experiences for the Kowanyama region. Part of the Year of Indigenous Tourism program.

## 15 Gateway to the Cape - Tourist Information Centre and Interactive Sculpture Park

\$488,179 in 2021-22 out of a \$998,000 total spend to deliver a tourist information centre and interactive sculpture park, providing an avenue for the promotion of Cape York businesses and organisations.

## 16 Wujal Wujal Primary Health Care Centre

\$1.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$2.7 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Wujal Wujal Primary Health Care Centre site.

## 17 Wangetti Trail

\$9.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$41.4 million total spend for a 94 kilometre walking/mountain biking trail from Palm Cove to Port Douglas, with public and eco-accommodation facilities.

## 18 Captain Cook Highway, Smithfield Bypass

\$31.3 million in 2021-22 out of a \$164 million total spend to construct bypass route continuity on the Captain Cook Highway between McGregor Road roundabout and Caravonica roundabout.

## 19 Cairns Ring Road (Cairns CBD to Smithfield), construct additional lanes

\$14 million in 2021-22 out of a \$359 million total spend to increase capacity of the Captain Cook Highway between the Bruce Highway and the Kennedy Highway. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

## 20 Cairns Western Arterial Road, Redlynch Connector Road to Captain Cook Highway, duplication

\$10 million in 2021-22 out of a \$300 million total spend to duplicate the Cairns Western Arterial Road between Redlynch Connector Road and the Captain Cook Highway. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

## 21 Edge Hill State School

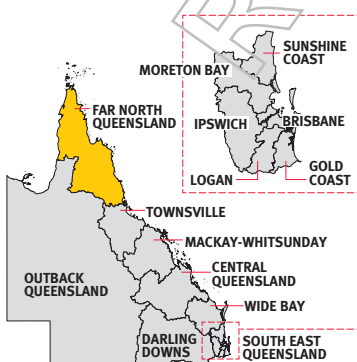
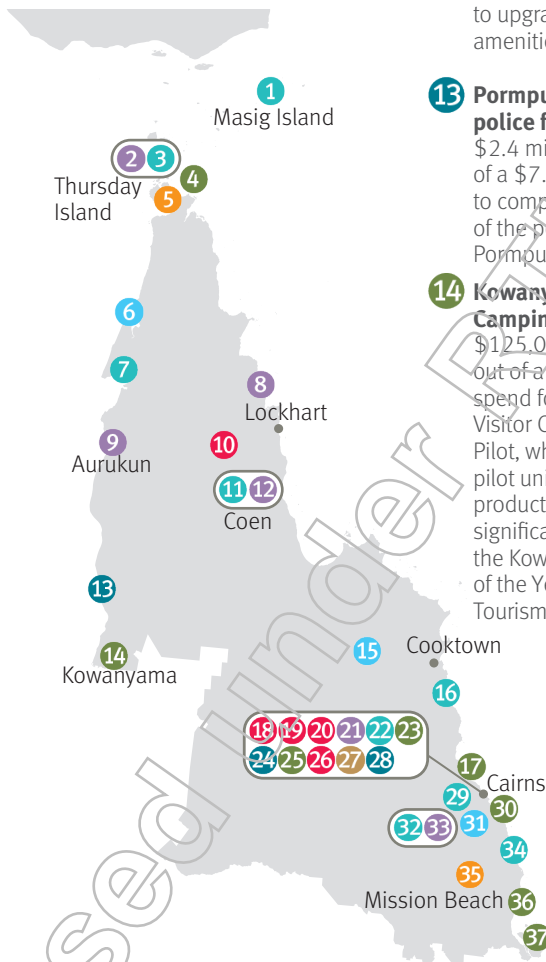
\$5.2 million in 2021-22 to upgrade the administration building.

## 22 Cairns Hospital

\$46.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$133.9 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Cairns Hospital site, including a new Mental Health Unit and expansion of the Emergency Department.

## 23 Dreamtime Island

\$660,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$6.6 million total spend for an offshore activity pontoon showcasing indigenous culture and incorporating a reef science hub to focus on sustainable eco-tourism. Part of the Growing Tourism Infrastructure (2020) program.





**24 Cairns police facility upgrade**

\$7.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$17.4 million total spend to progress the upgrade of the police facility at Cairns.

**25 Cairns Convention Centre expansion & refurbishment**

\$74 million in 2021-22 out of a \$176 million total spend towards the refurbishment and expansion of the Cairns Convention Centre to capitalise on the national and international convention markets.

**26 Cairns Marine Precinct**

\$24.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$28 million total spend for Cairns Marine Precinct capital works and \$1.6 million to support the business case for the future development of the Cairns Marine Precinct.

**27 Cairns Diversionary Centre Expansion**

\$3.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$4 million total spend for the expansion of Cairns Diversionary Centre.

**28 Woree replacement police facility**

\$6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$11.4 million total spend to progress the replacement police facility at Woree.

**29 Mareeba Hospital**

\$2.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5 million total spend for the purchase and installation of a new Computed Tomography (CT) scanner at Mareeba Hospital.

**30 Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct redevelopment**

\$27,220 in 2021-22 out of a \$600,000 total spend for the construction of a new building to provide a focal point for visitors and artists to the Museum/Art Centre precinct and an outdoor function area and stage. Part of the Growing Tourism Infrastructure (2018).

**31 Cairns Regional Industrial Estate**

\$9.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$31.5 million total spend to preserve land for future strategic industrial use to help create economic development in the Cairns region.

**KEY**

Community wellbeing

Utilities

Health

Education

Transport and roads

Justice and safety

Government services

Recreation and culture

Statewide/region-wide

Relates to election commitment

**32 Atherton Hospital**

\$22.3 million in 2021-22 out of a \$79.6 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Atherton Hospital site, including the redevelopment of the Hospital.

**33 Malanda State High School**

\$5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$11.5 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.

**34 Innisfail Hospital**

\$850,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.9 million total spend for replacement works to roofing and cladding.

**35 Kareeya Hydro maintenance and upgrades**

\$4.2 million in 2021-22 to maintain existing assets including upgrades to the control system, turbines and Tully River bridge deck and access road.

**36 Bedarra Island**

\$351,872 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.9 million total spend for upgrades to resort infrastructure to improve sustainability and resilience, guest comfort and guest night availability. Delivered in partnership with the private sector.

**37 Orpheus Island**

\$51,500 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.7 million total spend for installation of new renewable energy infrastructure to enable the resort to operate 100 percent from solar energy and installation of waste reduction equipment. Delivered in partnership with the private sector.

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)

## New Thursday Island hub for community services

The new \$5.5 million Thursday Island Neighbourhood and Community Centre is set to boost the local economy, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander jobs and frontline services in the Torres Strait.

In 2020-21 the Queensland Government invested \$20.1 million across the network of 127 Neighbourhood and Community Centres in Queensland. These centres provide assistance and support to individuals and families and respond to the needs and priorities of their communities using a place-based approach.

The new centre on Thursday Island has resulted from a long history of community support and expectation to establish this important centre for the local community. It will respond to the needs of the community by providing a purpose-built centre to co-locate and consolidate delivery of several services in one location.

The successful centre provider, Mura Kosker, is finalising arrangements for an anticipated opening of the centre in late August.



Image courtesy of Queensland Health

## Cairns University Hospital transition

The Queensland Government is investing \$133.9 million in projects at the Cairns Hospital as part of its transition to a university hospital, supporting 389 full-time jobs.

This government investment includes \$70 million for a new mental health facility and \$30 million for expanding the emergency department, fit-out for a pre-admission clinic and a third endoscopy room. In addition, the government is investing \$24.9 million for critical infrastructure upgrades to ensure the ongoing efficient operation of the hospital and to meet projected future demand of its facilities. Completed projects include \$4.5 million to deliver a new hybrid theatre and \$4.5 million for the fit out of an 11-bed ward.

In addition, the Queensland Government is investing an initial \$16.5 million for a Cairns Health Innovation Centre (CHIC) adjacent to the hospital site, which is set to become a new public health precinct for clinical research, education, training, Indigenous health and community engagement. The government is developing the CHIC in partnership with the James Cook University and its Cairns Tropical Enterprise Centre.

# 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.

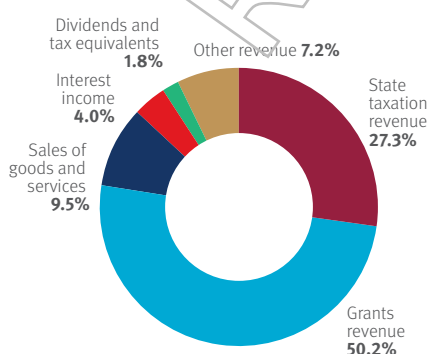
An estimated 340 employers in Far North Queensland will also benefit in 2021-22 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

## Tourism initiatives

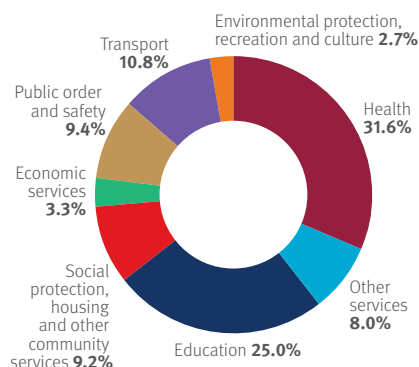
Far North Queensland will benefit from:

- \$24.7 million (\$15 million in 2021-22) to continue delivering the Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund 2020, to fast-track the development of new and enhanced tourism infrastructure projects statewide.
- \$7.5 million towards the Work in Paradise program to attract workers from across Australia to help rebuild our regional tourism sector.
- \$1.1 million in 2021-22 for the delivery of projects under the Year of Indigenous Tourism that support the growth of Indigenous business and partnerships and increasing Indigenous participation in tourism, generating jobs and improved economic outcomes.

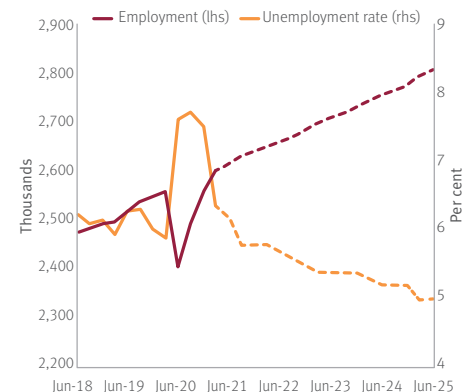
### 2021-22 revenue



### 2021-22 expenses



### Queensland's labour market forecasts



## Cairns Convention Centre Refurbishment and Expansion project

### Recommended response

- Despite delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **\$176M** Cairns Convention Centre (CCC) Refurbishment and Expansion (CCCRE) project's expansion works are due for completion by December 2022.
- A comprehensive program review by the managing contractor Lendlease, the audit programmer and the Department of Energy and Public Works project team is underway to find ways to deliver the project safely, and as quickly as possible.
- The first events in the completed expansion are set for the second quarter 2023.
- On 5 May 2021, refurbishment works achieved practical completion. The first convention was successfully held from 12 to 14 May 2021.

### *Expansion project*

- The expansion stage will deliver an additional 10,500 square metres which will include a large undercover forecourt and larger main entry, a 410-seat plenary lecture space, 3 x 120-seat meeting rooms, exhibition space for up to 30 display booths and a 500-seat rooftop banquet space with views over Trinity Inlet.
- The **refurbishment and expansion works will support up to 570 jobs** over the lifetime of the project.
- This project also provides **ongoing direct and indirect employment** opportunities long into the future through hospitality, logistics, security, maintenance.

### Key Facts

- Expansion concrete superstructure works underway include lift and stair shafts, steel reinforcement fabrication, form work and concrete pours to columns, lift and stair shafts.
- Additional funding of \$4.06M is allocated for expanded polystyrene cladding replacement, associated works and electric vehicle charging stations.
- The CCCRE is being built by locals for locals.
- Lendlease is targeting an 85 per cent local workforce for the project.

- As at 6 May 2022, 930 workers had been inducted on site - 709 are local workers; and 71 contracts awarded to local businesses.

## Background

- The COVID-19 delays are primarily related to supply chain delays in the manufacture and delivery of internationally sourced specialist plant and equipment as well as impacts to the tender periods.
- Local Cairns State Members and peak stakeholders have been advised of the revised schedule.
- Onsite demolition construction complexities and latent ground conditions including unexpected in-ground services and contamination, have also impacted the project.
- On 3 December 2019, the managing contractor contract was awarded to Lendlease Building Pty Ltd (Lendlease).

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## Cairns to Northern Tablelands Access Strategy

### Recommended response

- On 28 January 2022, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) released a \$1.6M planning study investigating capacity, safety, and efficiency improvements of transport routes between Cairns and the Northern Tablelands.
- The study investigated the current issues, future needs and potential solutions to improve performance.
- The outcome of the planning is a road map of initiatives and investments to help DTMR deliver the right infrastructure at the right time.

### Key Facts

- While there are clear challenges with the routes between the coast and northern tablelands, none of the existing corridors are operating at capacity.
- The study shows that 93 per cent of travel movements on the Kuranda Range Road are within two minutes of the expected travel time of 12 minutes.
- There is currently no clear technical justification for a major upgrade of existing routes or construction of a new road along a new alignment in the short- to medium-term.
- The main challenges identified relate to network resilience, travel reliability and freight access.
- In response to these challenges, the Access Strategy provides 60 recommendations, including upgrades to safety and resilience to reduce the frequency and duration of closures due to severe weather events and crashes.

### Achievements

- DTMR is already taking steps to address these recommendations, with the \$35M Intelligent Transport System upgrade on Kuranda Range Road. This project is expected to be completed by early 2023, weather permitting.



- A \$2.1M project to undertake planning for replacement or rehabilitation of the Barron River Bridge commenced in December 2021, with completion expected in late 2022.
- Five projects of a \$45M program of safety upgrades to more than 31 kilometres of the Kennedy Highway between Kuranda and Mareeba have been completed. The final sixth project will be completed in early 2023, weather permitting.

## Background

- There is an ongoing, high-profile public campaign, led by the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Council and Katter's Australian Party (KAP) for improved access between Cairns and the Northern Tablelands.
- Lobbying typically calls for a major upgrade of the Kuranda Range Road or construction of a new road along an alternative alignment.
- Kuranda Range Road is the local name for a 13-kilometre section of the Kennedy Highway between Cairns and Mareeba that traverses through world heritage-listed rainforest.
- Kuranda Range Road regularly experiences lengthy unplanned road closures because of crashes, severe weather events and other incidents, such as vehicle breakdowns and landslips.
- The road closures often result in vehicles suffering delays or needing to seek alternative routes which add significant travel time (up to two hours) and distance.
- The Cairns to Northern Tablelands Access Strategy investigated the Kuranda Range Road, Palmerston Highway, Gillies Range Road and Mossman–Mount Molloy Road, as well as other potential routes.
- KAP has advocated for an alternative route, between Mareeba and Cairns, colloquially named the 'Bridle Track'.
- There are also other groups who advocate for an alternative route, between Mareeba and Cairns, including a route colloquially named the 'Reddicliffe Highway'.
- In the lead up to the 2022 Federal Election:
  - KAP pledged to continue pursuing the Bridle Track suggestion
  - the Australian Labor Party committed to a \$210M program of safety works on the Kuranda Range.

## Cairns Marlin Marina

### Recommended response

- The State Government continues to invest in our State-owned ports to help create jobs for Queenslanders.
- This includes our **\$60M** investment towards the \$127M Cairns Shipping Development Project which will support **2,700 jobs** in the Far North.
- The development of **Cairns Marlin Marina** was undertaken in consultation with the marine tourism industry and provides the best quality facilities in Queensland to meet the needs of tourism operators and their passengers.
- The facilities were constructed with a significant investment by Ports North and now an appropriate return on investment is being sought.

### COVID-19 relief package

- Ports North provided several rebate-relief packages for tourist operators, fishermen, retail and applicable industrial port tenants to assist in mitigating the effects of the adverse impact on Ports North's customers.
- Ports North extended the rebate arrangement through to **30 June 2022 – estimated to exceed \$10M.**
- These rebate packages included rebates on marina and fishing berthage fees and passenger levies for qualified commercial (tourism) and reef operators and qualified retail, commercial, hotels, food and beverage leasehold tenants.

### Market review of charges

- The Government committed to undertake an independent, fair market review of charges at the Cairns Marlin Marina, taking into account commercial user pays principles.
- On 16 February 2022, Mr Neil Scales, Director-General of the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) wrote to Reef Fleet operators at the Cairns Marlin Marina and key stakeholders advising that DTMR is facilitating the independent review process.
- The independent reviewer has now been appointed and is expected to report to the Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads in September 2022.

## Key facts

### COVID-19 relief package

- Commercial tourism operators received 100 per cent rebate on marina berthing fees up to 30 June 2021.
- Rebates for the period July 2021 to July 2022, are on a proportional basis based on total passenger numbers in the reef fleet terminal, compared with historical averages.
- Commercial tourism operators also received a 25 per cent rebate on passenger levies, which was phased out at the end of 2021.

### Market review of charges

- Negotiations with users were placed on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Government's 2020 election commitment committed to an **independent review based on 'Commercial user pays principle'** which will appropriately consider the cost of the infrastructure provided for the industry to use.
- The commercial operators called for a market-based review which would seek to compare the pricing to other marinas. However, this will not appropriately consider the significant investment by the port in the infrastructure to develop the Marlin Marina.
- The proposed independent review based on 'Commercial user pays principle' will consider the cost of the infrastructure provided for the industry to use.

## LNP Record

- The LNP has no credibility when it comes to our State-owned assets like our ports.
- The LNP wasted over \$100M of taxpayers' money planning to sell off Queensland's assets, including port assets.
- The LNP receives big donations from the large operators through their industry association, so it is no surprise that they are asking questions on behalf of these large operators who have enjoyed preferential rates over other operators for many years.
- Over \$11,000 was donated to the LNP, which was mentioned in the Courier Mail as being one of the largest donations to any political party

in Queensland - that's more than ten times what someone needs to pay for the infamous 'Diamond Club' membership.

## Background

- The Cairns Marlin Marina facilities were constructed in 2003 with a significant investment by Ports North and an understanding there would be a reasonable rate of return on this investment.
- The original phase agreements applied to operators in 2003 were less than 50 per cent of the business case proposed charges.
- On the expiration of the last of the original phase in agreements in May 2018, Ports North made offers to operators for new long-term agreements.
- Ports North proposes a steady real increase in charges over and above Consumer Price Index (CPI), rather than significant step increases in charges. Ports North's final offer to operators for Commercial Berth Agreements was made in December 2019.
- Ports North has in excess of 50 Commercial Berth Agreements for the Marlin Marina.
- One operator with two berths accepted the revised terms, with the remaining five operators continuing to occupy the 13 other berths on ongoing month-to-month berth tenure at the Schedule of Charges rates.
- Ports North made several offers to the operators to bring them into alignment with the standard fees all other marina users, including competing operators, have been paying.
- Ports North also implemented extended payment terms to selected commercial tourism operators and tenants which include, but are not limited to, current monthly rent not payable until end of 2022.

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## Cairns Marine Precinct

### Recommend response

- My Government remains committed to supporting economic growth and creating jobs in the Cairns region as it continues to recover from the impacts of COVID-19.
- This commitment is reflected by our **\$150M** investment into a major expansion of the Cairns Marine Precinct (CMP), which will fund approximately half the cost of a new Common User Facility for ship maintenance at the precinct. We will now seek a cost-sharing arrangement with the Federal Government to co-fund the project.
- This investment is in addition to a separate **\$30M** State Government commitment to deliver early works, including two new wharves for the Port of Cairns:
  - **\$28M** for capital works to be delivered by Government-owned corporation, Ports North; and
  - **\$2M** to complete the CMP Infrastructure Investment Business Case.
- The early works project is expected to deliver **150 new jobs during construction**, with completion expected in April 2023.
- The Ports North master plan has recently been submitted to shareholding Ministers for their consideration. This process is a vital step in supporting broader strategic and coordinated development of the Cairns marine industry.

### Key facts

- As a major initiative of the Government's *Far North Queensland Regional Economic Recovery Plan* to support economic recovery and create jobs, the State Government committed \$30M to deliver two new wharves for the Port of Cairns and a business case for the future development of the Precinct.
- Working with Ports North, the construction of these new wharves in Cairns will expand the capacity to carry out in-water maintenance on vessels used by the Australian Defence Force and Australian Border Force.



- The funding will also support the development of a business case to identify how to build on this initial investment and grow the Port of Cairns as a centre for large vessel repair work.

## Background

- On 4 October 2020, the Hon Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, wrote to Ports North confirming the State Government's allocation of \$28M in equity funding to Ports North for the CMP projects, including the funding conditions that must be satisfied.
- On 1 November 2021, shareholding ministers approved Ports North's proposal for the committed \$28M early capital works to upgrade facilities at the CMP.

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- The CMP is homeport to four of the Australian Navy's existing patrol boats and a significant maintenance, repair and overhaul facility for Australian Border Force, Australian Navy, commercial and recreation fleets employing approximately 4,600 people.
- The Department of Defence (DoD) confirmed that by 2022, the CMP will be the first of four regional maintenance centres (RMCs) for Australian Navy vessels, the others being located in Sydney, Perth (Henderson) and Darwin. Other jurisdictions and the Federal Government have jointly invested in the upgrade of Henderson base infrastructure (\$180M) and Darwin port infrastructure (\$400M).
- Advance Cairns, the peak independent non-government advocacy and economic development organisation for Tropical North Queensland, continues to call on the State Government to:
  - support and facilitate the Federal Government expansion of HMAS Cairns, ensuring the DoD delivers on the initial \$300M upgrade of the navy base by 2025; and
  - fund up to \$150M for CMP Stages 2 and 3 to cater for the Australian Navy's expected RMC requirements.
- On 4 May 2021, the Federal Government announced it will invest \$155M in new and upgraded facilities at HMAS Cairns. Construction is expected to commence in September 2022 and be completed by December 2024.

## Insurance Premiums and Disaster Recovery

### Recommended response

- Insurance is a critical issue for North Queensland, given the substantial increases in premiums seen over the past decade.
- The State Government has repeatedly called for the previous Federal Government to take action to improve insurance affordability, given most of the policy and regulatory levers relating to the insurance industry sit with the Federal Government.
- Further, the majority of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) 38 recommendations from its *Northern Australia Insurance Inquiry* relate to actions to be taken by the insurance industry and the Federal Government.
- It was good to see the Federal Government took some action, with several announcements in the 2021-22 Federal Budget, including a reinsurance pool for Northern Australia, a North Queensland Strata Title Resilience Pilot Program, and funding for mitigation.
- The Federal Government needs to deliver now on these commitments to provide support for insurance affordability.
- I note that the Federal Government has passed legislation to establish the reinsurance pool from 1 July 2022.
- It is critical that any savings to insurers as a result of the reinsurance pool are passed on to consumers, as has been stressed in the two State Government submissions made to the Federal Government's Reinsurance Pool Taskforce.
- The ACCC's report highlights that one of the most effective approaches to reduce premiums is through investment in mitigation.
- The State Government's actions to improve resilience includes initiatives such as the:
  - \$65M Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund;
  - \$100M 2019 Queensland Betterment Fund; and
  - \$41.5M Household Resilience Program (now jointly funded).
- The 2021-22 Queensland Budget built on these measures, including funding for a:
  - jointly-funded \$20M 2020-21 Betterment Fund to improve resilience of infrastructure to future disasters; and

- \$10M North Queensland Mitigation program to administer grants to local governments for disaster mitigation initiatives.

## Key facts

- The State Government made an election commitment to review the ACCC report and consult with North Queensland businesses and the community on an appropriate response.
- The State Government has taken substantial action to mitigate disasters and reduce risk to put downward pressure on premiums. This has been delivered through a range of programs:
  - 2020-21 Betterment Fund (\$20M) to continue to enable restoration of essential public assets in 2020-21 to a more resilient standard (jointly funded with the Federal Government);
  - Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (\$65M over five years, co-funded with the Federal Government) – for initiatives which protect Queensland communities from natural disasters;
  - 2019 Betterment Fund (\$100M over three years, co-funded with the Federal Government) – to rebuild more resilient infrastructure after the 2019 North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough; and
  - North Queensland Natural Disasters Mitigation Program (\$10M for establishment in 2021-22): administers grants to local government for disaster mitigation initiatives that may assist in reducing the cost of insurance in communities; and
  - Household Resilience Program ((HRP), \$41.5M including \$10M from the Federal Government) – helping low-income homeowners improve the resilience of their properties.
- The North Queensland Natural Disasters Mitigation Program has closed to further expressions of interest, with applicants to be notified of outcomes by 30 June 2022.

## Achievements

- The HRP has resulted in significant reductions in premiums.
- Across the two phases of the program, over 3,500 North Queenslanders were awarded a grant, including 744 in Cairns. Recipients were able to negotiate around a 9 per cent premium reduction on average.

## Background

- The ACCC's final report includes 38 recommendations. Only 13 directly or partly relate to areas of State Government responsibility, including: stamp duty on insurance; disaster mitigation; real estate disclosures; planning; building codes; and commissions paid to strata managers.
- The report includes a recommendation to abolish stamp duty on insurance. The ACCC's estimate of a 127% increase in average premiums over the period from 2007-08 to 2018-19 equates to an average increase of around 8% per annum over the period. Therefore, hypothetically, any benefit of abolishing the State's 9% insurance duty, if fully passed on to consumers, would have been largely eroded within a year.
- Key insurance-related measures announced in the 2021-22 Federal Budget are:
  - *Cyclone and related flooding reinsurance pool*, backed by a \$10 billion government guarantee, with \$2.4 million to establish an implementation taskforce
  - \$40 million *North Queensland strata title resilience pilot program* (NQSTRRP) to support disaster mitigation for strata properties
  - New National Recovery and Resilience Agency, with \$615.5 million for the Preparing Australia Program (PAP).
- Legislation to establish the reinsurance pool from 1 July 2022 was passed by the Federal Government on 30 March 2022, receiving assent on 31 March 2022.
- The Federal Government estimates the pool will reduce insurance premiums by up to \$2.9 billion over 10 years for around 880,000 eligible household, strata and small business insurance policies. It expects policyholders facing the most acute cost pressures may benefit from premium discounts of up to 46 per cent for homeowners, 58 per cent for strata properties, and 34 per cent for small and medium-sized enterprises.
- Insurers previously indicated it is too early to understand the impact on premiums and that the quoted reductions cannot be validated.
- The State Government provided submissions to the Reinsurance Pool Taskforce in June 2021 and December 2021. The submissions highlighted the importance of any savings to insurers being passed on to consumers and the need for continued investment in mitigation works. They further proposed the Federal Government should provide an insurance premium reduction guarantee, and to subsidise premiums if this guarantee was not met.
- The Federal Government wrote to the State Government in November 2021 to initiate the establishment of a partnership arrangement to deliver the NQSTRRP. State Government consideration of this proposal is ongoing.
- The PAP includes the Preparing Australian Communities Program to provide grants for projects that increase disaster risk reduction and resilience. Successful applications for the \$150M Local Stream were announced on 7 April 2022, with 43 projects in Queensland being funded for a total of \$41.3M (including two projects across multiple states worth \$1.4M).

## **Kinetic Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) negotiations**

### **Recommended response**

- Sunbus parent company, Kinetic, is currently finalising Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) negotiations with its staff at Cairns.
- The Cairns Sunbus Enterprise Agreement went to vote in March 2022, which saw a 75 per cent 'yes' vote, with the EBA now to progress through the Fair Work Commission (FWC).
- During negotiations, there were instances of protected industrial action in Cairns including:
  - 24-hour work stoppage on 24 November and 7 December 2021
  - periodic ban on overtime for 24 hours on 3 December 2021
  - 72-hour work stoppage between 1 am on 17 January 2022 until 1 am on 20 January 2022.

### **Recommended response**

#### **New air and coach contracts**

- A new package of five-year contracts was signed off in 2021, for 20 Queensland Government-subsidised coach routes and seven regulated and subsidised air routes across Queensland.
- These new service contracts commenced in December 2021 and January 2022 and are now fully operational.
- The continuation of the long-distance air and coach contracts ensures delivery of accessible and efficient passenger transport that meets local community needs.
- The Queensland Government will provide \$5.1M a year for long-distance coach services, and \$11.7M a year for air services contracts.
- Under the new service contracts, the routes servicing Cairns are now being provided by the following operators:
  - *Long-Distance Coach*
    - Trans North: Cairns to Cooktown (Inland)
    - Trans North: Cairns to Cooktown (Coastal)
    - Trans North: Cairns to Karumba



– *Air*

- Regional Express Airlines (REX): The Gulf Route (Cairns–Normanton–Mornington Island–Burketown–Doomadgee–Mount Isa).
- The contracts were negotiated through a competitive open market process, with independent legal oversight that ensured the process was robust and free from interference.

### **Fare Evasion – Customer Service Officers (CSOs)**

- On 25 August 2020, Translink entered a formal agreement with Kinetic in North Queensland to conduct a 12-month pilot of regional CSOs.
- In December 2020, Kinetic employed eight CSOs who were deployed in Townsville and Cairns.
- In July 2021, Translink conducted a review of the North Queensland CSO trial and as a result of that trial, a decision was made to extend the trial for a further 12 months until August 2022.

### **Key Facts**

#### **New air and coach contracts**

- Cairns services were retained by the existing service providers (Trans North and REX).
- Considerations evaluated during the procurement process included historical customer and community feedback; existing service performance and operations; an examination of service use patterns and patronage; and other business matters that would ensure the contracts would deliver on expectations.

#### **Achievements**

- Securing these contracts with minimum service levels provides certainty for remote and regional communities moving forward.
- New vehicles will be introduced during the life of the coach service contracts to ensure an optimum level of comfort and satisfaction for passengers.

- The new service contracts contain strong performance measures and set maximum fare caps, ensuring that services are reliable and affordable for regional passengers.

## Background

- The previous generation coach and regulated air services contracts were due to expire in December 2021.
- Twenty coach contracts and seven air services contracts were publicly and competitively tendered in July 2021.
- Offers were then rigorously assessed and negotiations held with operators prior to contract award.
- The new service contracts were a point of media attention in December 2021 and January 2022, with mostly positive feedback. Media attention has now significantly reduced and there have been no notable service issues to date.
- There has been some negative feedback about reduction in long distance coach service levels, however, these were established following detailed analysis of patronage and demand. DTMR will continue to work closely with regional communities, council, industry and other government departments to identify and explore any further service opportunities and improvements.

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## **Savannahlander Transport Services Contract**

### **Recommended response**

- The Queensland Government, through the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR), supports the provision of the *Savannahlander* tourist rail service that operates return trips from Cairns to Forsyth.
- The contract with rail operator Cairns Kuranda Steam is due to expire in December 2022.
- DTMR is undertaking a procurement process to select an operator for the future *Savannahlander* contract, commencing from 2023.
- Due to probity and confidentiality requirements, DTMR is unable to provide any further information on the process at this time.

### **Key Facts**

- The *Savannahlander* is a weekly return tourist rail service, which operates between March and November each year on the Tablelands system.
- The existing *Savannahlander* Transport Services Contract commenced in January 2018.
- Services are subsidised by DTMR to support the local community and provide economic benefits in Far North Queensland.

### **Achievements**

- *Savannahlander* services have continued to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic and were supported by intrastate tourism while health measures were in place.

## 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 more than **\$8 billion in a range of assistance initiatives and job creating projects.**
- In the Cairns area, we have assisted businesses through more than:
  - **\$12,591 in business support grants to 1,335 businesses and sole traders** in the Cairns Regional Council (CRC) area
  - **\$46.7M to 318 small and medium sized businesses** through concessional loans, supporting 3,582 local jobs
  - **\$13.3M in grants to 1,511 small businesses** in the CRC area; and
  - **\$8.5M in payroll tax deferral across 2020-21 and 2021-22**
  - **\$64.56M with our Works for Qld program** since 2016, supporting more than 500 local jobs in the Cairns CRC alone.
- We will also continue to work with the Federal Government, so business and industry get the support needed as restrictions are eased.

### Key facts

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2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications closed in November</li> <li>• As at 28 April 2022:</li> </ul>				
	Council area	No of grants paid			Funding
		Businesses support	Border zone hardship	Sole trader	
	Statewide	30,792	391	4,304	\$320.9M
	CRC	1,372	-	198	\$14.75M
	DSC	215	-	27	\$2.27M

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## COVID-19 – Tourism Support and Recovery

### Recommended response

- The tourism industry was one of the first industries to be impacted by COVID-19 with devastating impacts here in Cairns.
- This is an industry that supported **one in 10 Queensland jobs** before the Coronavirus pandemic.
- My Government offered 15,000 Queenslanders free \$200 travel vouchers to spend on tourism experiences in the Cairns and Great Barrier Reef region.
- Vouchers valued at more than \$1M were used by people taking up this opportunity.
- The 'Good to Go' campaign, launched in June 2020, inspired visitors to explore the best of Queensland and reconnect with friends and family. The campaign assisted in injecting more than \$7 billion into the Queensland economy and drove 42 million visitor nights.
- In July 2021, we launched the \$2.4M 'Days Like This' campaign to inspire Queenslanders to experience unique tourism experiences in their home state.
- In October 2021, the 'Great Queensland Getaway' was launched offering big discounts on flights, accommodation and tourism experience to incentivise Queenslanders to book a local holiday. The deals sold out in 10 days with over 48,000 bookings made, generating a total booking value of over \$11.3M.
- Also, in April 2022, we launched three tourism campaigns to encourage New Zealanders to fly to Australia to help kick start one of Queensland's most important international visitor markets. This is part of the government's commitment to fast-tracking the rebuild of Queensland's \$6 billion international tourism industry for our Economic Recovery Plan, now underway.

### Key facts

#### *New assistance programs/initiatives for tourism businesses*

- **\$80M** Tourism and Hospitality Sector Hardship Grants
  - opened from 11 October to 22 November 2021; and
  - is a joint Federal and State governments initiative – 50/50 split.

- **\$5M Monsoon Trough DRFA program** includes:
  - \$1M Event Resilience and Sustainability – support disaster affected communities through ensuring the ongoing viability of events by supporting the events workforce;
  - \$3.25M Regional Queensland Tourism Inventory and Infrastructure Resilience Platform – identify regional tourism product, experience and infrastructure (including in the pipeline) and leverage outcomes by reducing the risk related to the development of new tourism products, experiences and infrastructure;
  - \$500,000 Tourism Business Resilience program:
    - Part 1 – assist tourism businesses to increase their resilience and support longer-term disaster/crisis response and recovery
    - Part 2 – deliver a crisis communications toolkit for regional tourism organisations, including scenario;
  - \$250,000 Outback Tourism Education program – this program has been delivered for several years. It is a subsidy-based initiative encouraging Qld schools to take students to outback Queensland.

### \$11.3M package to boost Far North Queensland tourism

- \$6.5M for 4 shovel-ready projects – funded under the \$25M Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund 2020-21, creating 146 construction jobs and 90 ongoing jobs:
  - **\$500,000 CrocArena** – Habitat Dome (Douglas Shire Council)
    - opened in September 2021;
    - 20 jobs created during construction phase and 10 jobs now the enclosure is operational
  - **\$1M Undara Experience** (Flinders Shire Council)
    - opened on 4 May 2021 – supporting 8 jobs
    - 18 air-conditioned, en-suite accommodation units built for Undara Lava Tubes site – 56 jobs created during construction.
  - **\$2M Paronella Park** (Anella Holdings) (Cassowary Coast Regional Council):
    - expanding the Paddock Van Park with 40 additional van sites, an amenities block, manager's residence, reception, and gallery and gathering place
    - 30 jobs will be created during construction phase and 13 jobs once the project is operational; and
    - expected to be completed by June 2022.



- **\$3M Reef Magic Cruises Pty Ltd** (Cairns Regional Council)
  - to construct a floating activity platform on the Great Barrier Reef to showcase indigenous cultures and a reef science hub
  - 40 jobs will be created during construction phase and 59 jobs once the project is operational; and
  - completed March 2022.
- \$3M to help attract major events to the regions; and
  - the Tourism Events Queensland (TEQ) funding program available to Far North Queensland, Townsville, Whitsundays and Mackay regions includes, to date, the following recently held events:
    - WNBL season (TNQ, Townsville, Mackay)
    - Hockey Australia U18 Championships, Cairns
    - Cairns Summer Sounds (TNQ)
    - AFL Cairns (TNQ)
    - WOW Cairns
  - Upcoming TEQ events:
    - Ironman Cairns & Ironman Cairns 70.3, June 2022
    - Reef to Reef, Tropical North Queensland, 18 – 21 August 2022
    - Red Bull Defiance, Mission Beach, 26 – 28 August 2022
    - Targa Great Barrier Reef, 2 – 4 September 2022
    - Gran Fondo Festival, Port Douglas, 10 – 11 September 2022
    - Savannah in the Round, Mareeba, 30 September – 2 October 2022
    - Crankworx Cairns, 5 – 9 October 2022
- \$1.82M to assist Reef Fleet operators.
  - rental rebate and fee relief arrangement

Government commitment	Progress <i>Cairns Regional Council (CRC) and Douglas Shire Council (DSC)</i>		
<p>\$80M Tourism and Hospitality Sector Hardship Grants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As at 25 May 2022, within Tropical North Qld tourism area, 452 businesses approved for a total of \$14.39M</li> </ul>		
	Council	No. of approved businesses	Amount
	Statewide	3,546	\$132.9M
	Cairns	288	\$9.34M
	Douglas	120	\$3.75M
Mareeba	21	\$630,000	
<p>\$1 billion concessional <u>Jobs Support Loan scheme</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The loan scheme was finalised as at 31 October 2020:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CRC tourism businesses – 74 applications approved for \$10.8M supporting 778 jobs</li> <li>DSC tourism businesses – 26 applications approved for \$4.2M supporting 397 jobs</li> </ul> </li> <li>No repayments due in year 1 with interest only repayments due in years 2 and 3.</li> </ul>		
<p>\$3M Cairns <u>Holiday Dollars Program</u> (Travel Vouchers)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This program is closed:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15,000 x \$200 vouchers were valid to be used from 25 June to 30 July 2021</li> <li>35% of the total number of vouchers available were used for bookings</li> <li>equates to \$1.05M of the budget used.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p>\$15M Queensland Domestic Aviation Route Restart Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being delivered in 3 phases</li> </ul>		
	Phase	Statewide	<b>Commercial in confidence</b> <small>Exempt Sch 3(8)(1) Breach of Confidence</small>
	1	\$5M	
	2	\$5M	
	3	\$5M	
	<b>total</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 1 – \$5M to support 16 airports negotiate with airlines to establish <u>intrastate</u> routes:</li> </ul>			

<b>Government commitment</b>	<b>Progress</b> <i>Cairns Regional Council (CRC) and Douglas Shire Council (DSC)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Phase 2 – \$5M for key airports to negotiate with carriers to secure <u>interstate</u> aviation routes: and</li> <li>– Phase 3 – \$5M for specific initiatives.</li> <li>• For the week commencing 16 May 2022, 47,000 inbound seats operated into the Cairns Airport, representing 87 per cent on 2019 levels.</li> </ul>
<u>\$7M for a domestic tourism campaign in 2020-21</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$4M for the State's 13 regional tourism organisations for regional focused domestic marketing activity in 2020-21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– TTNQ received \$507,906</li> </ul> </li> <li>• \$3M for the <i>Queensland you're 'Good to Go'</i> advertising campaign launched in June 2020</li> </ul>
\$5M Covid-19 International Tourism Adaption Grant	<p><b>Confidential</b></p> <p>Exempt Sch 3(8)(1) Breach of Confidence</p>
\$25M Growing Tourism Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunlover Operations Pty Ltd received \$1M to construct a semi-submersible vessel at Fitzroy Island and construct an additional recreational pontoon at Arlington Reef. Completed and supported up to 6 construction and 16 operational jobs.</li> </ul>
\$2M Covid-19 Marine Tourism Rebate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As at 3 February 2021, across the 14 eligible local government areas, 129 applications approved to receive \$1.81M – all funds are expended.</li> </ul> <p><b>Confidential</b> – CRC area – \$5,444 provided to 1 business.</p>
\$25M Queensland Tourism Icons Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1M to Capta Group for attractions in Kuranda, Port Douglas, Cape Tribulation, Mission Beach and Cairns – such as Cairns Zoom &amp; Wildlife Dome and Tropic Wings Cairns Tours &amp; Charters</li> <li>• \$1M to Experience Co for attractions in Mission Beach, Port Douglas and Cairns – such as Fitzroy Island Adventures, Reef Magic Cruises, SkyDive</li> </ul>

<b>Government commitment</b>	<b>Progress</b> <i>Cairns Regional Council (CRC) and Douglas Shire Council (DSC)</i>
	<p>Australia, Daintree Tours, Big Cat Green Island Reef Cruises and Dreamtime Dive &amp; Snorkel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1M to Quicksilver Cruises</li> <li>• \$1M to Sky Rail</li> </ul>
<p>\$7M Growing Indigenous Tourism in Queensland Fund</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five of the 33 successful applicants are based in Cairns region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Category 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$25,000 for Abiculture to develop Boori Guman Cultural Tour;</li> <li>▪ \$25,000 for Dawul Wuru Aboriginal Corporation to develop Malaway;</li> <li>▪ \$25,000 for Indigenous Tours Pty Ltd to develop Indigenous Tours, Gimuy Dreaming Cruise and Spirits in the Stars Cruise;</li> <li>▪ \$24,800 for Dulabed Malanbarra and Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation to develop Goldsborough Valley Tourism Hub; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>– Category 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$950,000 for Saltwater Club to deliver saltwater club first nations maritime cultural heritage adventures and experiences.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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

- \$905,458 – Green Island Resort – rejuvenation of day facilities, installation of greener technology for energy production, waste management equipment, and removal of the decommissioned underwater observatory – works completed in August 2020; and
- Bedarra Island Resort – \$956,200 – improvements to infrastructure to increase solar, water capacity and waste treatment – 80 per cent of the projects are completed with the remaining elements due to be completed by mid-2021.

### Wangetti Trail

- The \$41.4M Wangetti Trail is Queensland's very first purposely designed ecotourism trail in a national park. The 94km trail will stretch

from Palm Cove to Port Douglas and will showcase the stunning coastal and hinterland scenery of the World Heritage-listed Wet Tropics and the Great Barrier Reef.

- Funding:
  - \$33.4M State Government – including \$5.7M from the \$48.6M *Attracting Tourism Fund* for the Mowbray River to Port Douglas section including the recently constructed Mowbray River Pedestrian Bridge; and
  - \$8M Federal Government (National Tourism Icons Program).
- On 29 September 2020, Wagners CFT was nominated as the preferred contractor for the 32km Palm Cove to Wangetti section including a public camping area and link to Ellis Beach.
- Survey and detailed design works have commenced onsite.
- Wagners CFT will employ local labour to deliver the work alongside Traditional Owners employed to monitor cultural heritage.

#### *Tourism industry sentiment, occupancy rates and visitation statistics*

- Given reliance on international visitation for close to 60 – 70 per cent for many tourism enterprises, the region continues to be one of Queensland's most impacted regions from COVID-19.
- Post JobKeeper, many jobs were shed across large companies.
- The region is continuing to suffer from both employee retention and attraction challenges across senior management to entry level roles, on top of pressures from staff absenteeism due to contracting the Omicron variant. Availability of staff accommodation continues to be an issue.
- In late 2021, the region experienced around two weeks of above break-even visitor numbers between Christmas and the end of the first week of January, on a reduced allocation of rooms and service provision. The re-opening of Queensland borders to New South Wales and Victoria on 13 December assisted. Accommodation houses reported an average of 60 – 70 per cent occupancy during the typically busy peak two weeks.
- Performance has now waned and it is back to survival mode. Occupancy was expected to pick up at Easter, however statistics for that period are not yet available. The Great Barrier Reef Fleet is the



hardest hit, and some attractions such as Exempt Sch 3(8)(1) Breach of Confidence have confidentially reported a drop of two thirds in daily visitation.

- The reopening of the international border is creating an increase in industry sentiment. However, concern from Cairns is around resources on the ground as operators continue to plan their forward budgets.
- Sentiment is that the international re-entry for Cairns appears to be lagging behind Brisbane and Gold Coast.
- General sentiment continues to ebb and flow in line with pandemic developments, vaccination milestones, border re-openings, consumer confidence and the like.
- On 13 February 2022, a second phase of the *Great Queensland Getaway* initiative was launched.
- On 26 April 2022, the next phase of the 'Days Like This' campaign was released nationally and will run until 30 June 2022. The campaign is focused on driving winter holiday bookings and will be supported by trade partner activity.

#### *Total Visitation and Expenditure in Cairns and Great Barrier Reef*

<b>Year ending</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Annual change</b>	<b>Visitors (000)</b>	<b>Annual change</b>
Dec-2019	\$3,525.5M	3.3%	3,026	4.8%
Dec-2020	\$1,625.7M	-54.0%	1,581	-47.8%
Dec-2021	\$2,756.0M	69.5%	1,986	25.6%

#### *Queensland's Fossil Emblem*

- Public consultation on the state fossil emblem will run from 11 April to 10 July 2022.
- Twelve fossils have been nominated, following consultation with regional tourism organisations, councils and museum palaeontology experts.
- The government is investing almost \$500,000 in a dinosaur tourism roadmap to bring together Queensland's best prehistoric visitor experiences, which will help tourism operators promote the best Outback dinosaur destinations to visitors to Queensland.

## LNP

- 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); and
  - 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.

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## Great Barrier Reef

### Recommended response

- The cumulative impact of climate change, land run-off and other threats is testing the ability of the Great Barrier Reef (Reef) to recover from major disturbances, such as coral bleaching and severe storms.
- Climate change is a global problem requiring global action, but Queensland is doing its part by developing a Climate Action Plan to help meet its targets to reach net zero emissions by 2050 and reduce emissions by at least 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030.
- **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.
  - \$15M Major Integrated Project – delivered across the Tully and Johnstone catchments – over 320 landholders delivered a locally designed and owned work program tackling practice change, water quality monitoring, treatment systems and catchment repair.
  - Recently announced \$65M new Reef Assist program for all Great Barrier Reef catchments from Cape York to Bundaberg to address water pollution and restore functional landscapes and soils.
- **The Water Quality Program has created more than 120 regional jobs and is delivering 125 projects to improve Reef water quality.**

### Reef Assist

- Reef Assist participants received training to increase their skills and knowledge in natural resource management, business and project

management, communication and marketing and leadership, making them more employable for the future.

- The Reef Assist program increased supply chain stimulus to businesses in need, with the expenditure of over \$9M in supporting delivery partners, contractors and local businesses.
- The **\$12M Reef Assist Program** has directly supported **over 230 jobs**, with 113 of those employed identified as First Nations, 79 youths and 44 women.
- Organisations directly funded through the Reef Assist program received the following:
  - Wet Tropics Management Authority 'Boots on the Ground' project - \$1,697,450
  - Wet Tropics Management Authority 'Creating a Sustainable Environmental Economy' project - \$898,000
  - Jaragun Ecoservices 'Environmental Restoration in the Russell River Catchment, Wet Tropics' project - \$825,000
  - Terrain NRM 'Riparian Revegetation – Johnstone, Murray and Russell Catchments' project - \$523,677
  - Douglas Shire Council 'Dune Rehabilitation in the Douglas Shire' project - \$445,000.
- The Wet Tropics Reef Assist projects met all their environmental targets, with environmental outcomes including riparian vegetation improvement and improved species biodiversity and ecosystem function.

## Reef regulations

- 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**.
- A permit is also required for new or expanded commercial cropping activities on more than five hectares of land that does not have a cropping history in both the Cape York and Wet Tropics regions.

- Minimum practice standards will not apply in the Cape York region for existing farm activity as the region's water quality targets have been met.
- Small administrative updates to the minimum practice standards for banana, sugarcane and grazing that make the requirements easier to understand and comply with commenced on 18 March 2022 following a public consultation process.
- The updates provide that accredited growers under recognised Best Practice Management programs, such as Smartcane BMP, can prepare their own farm nitrogen and phosphorous budgets.
- Minimum practice agricultural standards for grains and horticulture are proposed to commence from 1 December 2024, giving these industries an additional two years to improve their practices voluntarily.

### **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.
- The mission visited the Great Barrier Reef from 21 to 30 March 2022 and will prepare a report that sets out recommendations for examination by the WHC at its upcoming 45th session.
- WHC's 45<sup>th</sup> session was due to be held in Russia 19 – 30 June 2022, but has been postponed.



## 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 2021, more than \$156M 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 per cent for dissolved inorganic nitrogen loads and 25 per cent for sediment loads.
- Everyone meeting regulated minimum practice standards across the main commodity types is modelled to achieve around 80 per cent of the target for dissolved inorganic nitrogen.
- The minimum practice standards are based on industry best practices, know-how and expertise as well as the best available water quality science as outlined by the 2017 Scientific Consensus Statement – Land use impacts on Great Barrier Reef water quality and ecosystem condition.
- Agricultural peak bodies, including AgForce, continue to publicly re-iterate their position of not supporting the regulatory approach to improving water quality.
- Under the minimum practice standards, the requirement to keep records of fertilisers applied commenced in December 2019 for graziers, sugar cane and banana growers.
- From 1 December 2021, sugarcane growers in the Wet Tropics are required to have a farm nitrogen and phosphorus budget to calculate the amount of fertiliser they can apply prior to fertilising to prevent excess nutrient runoff harming the Great Barrier Reef.
- The permit requirements for new cropping and horticulture do not duplicate the minimum practice standards for sugarcane and bananas. The permit focuses on the design and set-up of a farm prior to cropping and the minimum practice standards on the ongoing farm operation.

- To support transition to the regulations, the department has engaged with growers and advisors in the Wet Tropics, including delivering public information sessions on the permit requirement in May and June 2021 in Innisfail, Tully and Mareeba, and meeting with advisors between July 2020 and December 2021.

### **Private members bill**

- A private members bill introduced by Mr Nick Dametto MP, Member for Hinchinbrook, did not pass on 29 March 2022, consistent with the recommendation of the Health and Environment Committee.

### **Wet Tropics Major Integrated Project and Local Scale Monitoring Project**

- The Wet Tropics Major Integrated Project (MIP) is one of two MIPs undertaken in response to the 2016 recommendations from the Queensland Government's Great Barrier Reef Water Science Taskforce.
- The MIPs took an innovative place-based approach, involving local landholders in the design of the projects.
- Commencing implementation in late 2017, the Wet Tropics MIP (WTMIP) was delivered across the Tully and Johnstone catchments and finished on-ground delivery in late September 2021.
- It was delivered by Terrain NRM with a Consortium of over 40 partners including CANEGROWERS, Australian Banana Grower's Council, Mamu and Gulnay Traditional Owners, and Cassowary Coast Regional Council.
- Following the success of the Wet Tropics MIP, an additional \$3M is being invested to continue support for the Local Scale Monitoring (LSM) activities commenced under the MIP.
- The LSM collects water quality monitoring data from a range of locations across the Tully and Johnstone catchments, from at a paddock scale, to a catchment scale, and feeds the information back to local cane and banana farmers, including via on-farm shed meetings.
- The provision of the data to the landholders has proved crucially important in helping landholders understand the potential impact of different land uses on local waterways and encouraging growers to consider what changes they can make on farm to further reduce loss of farm products to waterways.

### **Reef Assist Program**

- The Reef Assist program has also supported Reef regions hit hardest in 2020 by the economic downturn caused by COVID-19-based tourist travel restrictions.
- Initially a \$10M program, this funding increased to \$12M in December 2021.
- The Wet Tropics region received over \$4.3M of funding through the initial stage of the program, announced in July 2020, with projects commencing in October 2020.
- Job creation through the Reef Assist program was aligned with the achievement of on-ground environmental restoration objectives, which also had the co-benefit of addressing the Queensland Government's broader objective of protecting the Great Barrier Reef.

### **UNESCO's World Heritage Committee**

- 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 is due to be considered at the 45th session of the WHC, however the planned session in Russia has been postponed.
- The Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan is a strong framework for coordinated action in partnership between governments, Traditional Owners and stakeholders.

## Health Overview – Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Services

### Recommended response

- All data as at 24 May 2022.

#### Covid-19 cases

- Across Queensland, 1,149,145 recorded cases of Covid-19, of which 36,244 were active cases and 998 people had died.
- Across the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service (HHS), there were 53,347 recorded cases of Covid-19, of which there were 714 active cases and 63 recorded deaths.
- Cairns and Hinterland HHS was managing:
  - 13 in-patients with Covid-19 (in ICU); and
  - 32 people with Covid-19 at home.
- There have been 38,154 recorded cases of Covid-19 within the Cairns Regional Council, all of which were recorded since 13 December 2021.

#### Vaccinations – Percentage of Queensland population vaccinated

	At least 1 dose	2 doses	booster
16 yrs & over	93.86%	92.31%	62.88%
12-15 yrs	92.78%	91.03%	
5-11 yrs	43.52%	30.55%	

- Cairns and Hinterland HHS has administered a total of 246,102 vaccine doses.

#### Staff impacts

- Cairns and Hinterland HHS had:
  - 5 staff registered as being Covid-19 positive; and
  - 2 staff were quarantined.

### Key facts

- The 2021-22 Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service (HHS) budget is over \$1.08 billion in operational funding. They have a budget of \$77.0M for COVID-19 operational expenditure. As at 30 April 2022, Cairns and Hinterland West HHS has spent \$16.3M in vaccination costs.

- Currently Cairns and Hinterland HHS has a staff head count of approximately 6,959.
- Since 2015, within Cairns and Hinterland HHS, my Government has hired:
  - 244.6 FTEs more doctors;
  - 601.81 FTEs more Nurses and Midwives; and
  - 297.01 FTEs more Allied Health Professionals.

Cairns and Hinterland HHS Infrastructure projects

- The Queensland Government is working hard to provide infrastructure that facilitates high level healthcare services in the Cairns and Hinterland region.
- Over **\$108.0M** has been expended on major infrastructure work completed within Cairns and Hinterland HHS, including **\$14.9M for the Cairns South Health Precinct** as part of the \$230M Advancing Queensland's Health Infrastructure Program (AQHIP), delivered in September 2020; **\$10.0M for improvements to Cairns Hospital** including a paediatric upgrade and mental health refurbishment, delivered in December 2019; **\$34.9M for the regional eHealth initiative** to introduce electronic health record system for FNQ, delivered May 2020; **\$4.54M for a hybrid theatre at Cairns Hospital**, delivered in December 2020 and; **\$4.45M for additional beds** in Block D4 at Cairns Hospital, delivered July 2020.
- Cairns and Hinterland HHS also has **10 projects worth over \$207.5M** in the delivery phase, including 5 projects in the Cairns Regional Council Area:

Facility	Budget	Project	Exp delivery date	Jobs
Cairns Hospital	\$70.0M	New mental health unit at Cairns Hospital (Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package)	Dec-2023	204
Cairns Hospital	\$30.0M	Cairns Hospital Emergency Department expansion including preadmissions Clinic and Endoscopy	Oct-2023	87

Cairns Hospital	\$13.07M	Cairns Hospital high voltage remediation	Dec-2022	38
Cairns Hospital	\$8.53M	Cairns Hospital B Block chiller replacement	Jan-2023	25
Cairns Hospital	\$1.46M	Refurbish a bunker at the Cairns Hospital to accommodate the new linear accelerator	Jun-2023	4
Atherton Hospital	\$74.8M	Redevelopment of Atherton Hospital, including emergency department and operating theatres as part of the \$230M AQHIP.	Nov-2022	221
Atherton Hospital	\$4.24M	Atherton Specialised Outpatient Department compliance works	Jul-2022	13
Atherton Central Sterile Supply Department	\$3.44M	Resolve compliance issues for the Atherton Central Sterile Supply Department	Apr-2023	10
Atherton	\$0.60M	relocation of the bulk oxygen to the new engineering and medical gases building and the associated required road upgrades	Jul-2022	2
Mareeba Hospital	\$1.78M	Upgrade the mechanical and electrical components of the Mareeba Hospital's nursing quarters facilities	Dec-2022	-

- There is also one planned **\$14.36M project** (state and capital project funding) to **develop a purpose-built research, education and innovation centre as a component of the Far North Queensland Health and Innovation Precinct**. In collaboration with James Cook University, the project is a short-term strategy to achieve capacity for additional beds by relocating non-clinical functions from the hospital campus. Project commencement and practical completion dates are yet to be determined.



## Waiting Lists

- *Elective Surgery Waiting Lists* – between 1 June 2020 and 30 April 2022, 21,170 patients were added to the elective surgery wait list, with:
  - the ready for surgery wait list increasing from 2,977 to 3,132 – an increase of 155; and
  - the ready for surgery long wait list decreasing from 440 to 302 – a reduction of 138.
- *GIE Procedures Waiting Lists* – between 1 June 2020 and 31 March 2022, 12,406 patients were added to the GIE wait list, with:
  - the ready for GIE care wait list decreasing from 1,889 to 1,542 – a reduction of 347; and
  - the ready for GIE care long wait list increasing from 945 to 958 – an increase of 13.
- *Specialist Outpatients Waiting Lists* – between 1 June 2020 and 30 April 2022, 78,600 referrals were added to the specialist outpatient waitlist, with:
  - the ready for care wait list increasing from 15,284 to 17,462 – an increase of 2,178; and
  - the ready for care long wait lists increasing from 7,881 to 8,313 – an increase of 432.

## **Achievements**

- The Queensland Government funded **\$14.9M to deliver the Cairns South Health Precinct, completed in September 2020**. The precinct was established as an alternative facility for the delivery of critical care in the event of a natural disaster and will provide community health services to meet the needs of an expanding local community. Announced as a commitment in the 2016-17 State Budget as part of the \$230M AQHIP, the project generated 44 jobs during construction.

## **LNP**

- The Newman Government cut 306 health staff from hospitals in the Cairns and Hinterland HHS.

## Housing – Far North Queensland

### Key Facts

- In the **Far North Queensland Region**, under the QuickStarts Qld program, we will commence **234** new social homes over four years with a planned investment of **\$74.9 million** supporting **232** full-time equivalent jobs.
- This is in addition to the **128** new social homes already commenced in the former Cairns region under the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017–2027* (Housing Strategy) and **25** through Works for Tradies (**17** of these are in the Cairns Regional Council (CRC) area).
- More broadly, the Queensland Government is increasing Queensland's supply of social and affordable housing by almost 10,000 over the life of the Housing Strategy, including:
  - 6,365 social housing commencements over the next four years;
  - in addition to the 2,480 commencements under the first four years of the Housing Strategy; and
  - 1,034 affordable housing commencements over the life of the Housing Strategy.
- Between 2015-16 to 30 April 2022 in the Far North Queensland Region contracts have been awarded for the commencement of **212** dwellings, of which **181** dwellings have been completed. This includes **163** commencements in the CRC, of which **146** have been completed.

### Housing Investment

- This budget's \$2.9 billion total housing investment is the largest concentrated investment in social housing in Queensland's history.
- The Queensland Government launched a bold new housing action plan backed by a \$1.9 billion investment over four years and the establishment of a \$1 billion *Housing Investment Fund* (HIF) to boost housing supply and increase housing and homelessness support across Queensland.
- This investment, through the Palaszczuk Government's *Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021-2025* (the Action Plan) strengthens the momentum created since the 10-year *Queensland Housing Strategy* was launched in 2017 and responds to the current housing market conditions we are now facing.

## Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative

- The *Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative* (QHIGI) procurement process launched on 28 October 2021 to invite interest in any one of three initiatives and will deliver accelerated social housing supply of **6,365 social housing commencements** through:
  - **HIF – a \$1 billion investment** which will generate an **estimated \$40M to deliver 3,600 new social housing dwelling commencements** and additional affordable housing between 2021-2025:
    - the EOI for the HIF remains open for proposals to be submitted
    - regional allocation of the 3,600 commencements under the HIF will be determined by demand and opportunities.
  - **QuickStarts Qld** – a capital investment program to commence **2,765 new social housing dwellings over four years**, primarily through partnerships with Community Housing Providers (CHPs), for social housing eligible clients:
    - **727 new social housing homes are targeted to commence** under QuickStarts Qld by the end of June 2022
    - the Request for Detailed Proposal process for QuickStarts Qld closed on 21 January 2022 and evaluation of proposals are underway, with priority given to spot purchases and 2021-22 commencements.
  - **Help to Home (H2H)** – a **\$40M dollar investment to deliver private market outcomes for 1,000 households** and additional spot purchase for two years with the first stage being to engage Registered Community Housing Providers to manage the properties and deliver services to eligible social housing customers
    - the EOI for H2H closed on 3 December 2021
    - the program is progressing through two stages
    - the first stage involved procuring the registered housing providers to manage tenancies and is currently being finalised
    - the next stage will focus on sourcing suitable properties from the market, and this will commence in the coming months.
    - most of these homes will be newly built properties that are yet to come onto the rental market, or existing homes that haven't been on the rental market before.

## Delivering essential housing and homelessness services to Queenslanders

- The Action Plan supports the Queensland Government's continued commitment to deliver essential frontline services and provide enhanced housing and support options for vulnerable people, moving towards ending homelessness.
- The Action Plan:
  - establishes the QHIGI
  - accelerates the construction, redevelopment and spot purchase of social housing homes
  - tailors housing responses for First Nations peoples and communities, to continue to close the gap
  - provides **\$20M for homelessness initiatives**, improving services and support to provide accommodation to people in crisis
  - provides **\$20M to enhance frontline responses to domestic violence**, through a specialist response team and flexible assistance packages
  - provides **\$54.9M to fund essential housing and homelessness services** established under the *Queensland Housing Strategy Action Plan 2017-2020*
  - puts in place measures and protections to ensure fairer private rental and retirement living systems
  - supports the creation of new construction jobs in the regions.

### Specialist Homelessness Services

- As at 1 July 2021, \$12,497,548 (GST exclusive) in Homelessness Funding in 2021-22 has been allocated to six organisations to deliver 17 Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in the CRC area:

Organisation Name	Service Name	Service Type	Service Users
St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland	Cairns Accommodation and Support Services	Mobile Support, Immediate Supported Accommodation	Families, Adults
Anglicare North Queensland Ltd	Cairns Homelessness Services Hub	Centre-Based Access, Centre-Based Support	All People
Anglicare North Queensland Ltd	Cairns HomeStay Support Service	Mobile Support	All People
Anglicare North Queensland Ltd	Cairns Integrated Crisis Accommodation Service (CICAS)	Immediate Supported Accommodation	Adults
St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland	Homelessness Early Intervention Cairns	Mobile Support	All People
Mission Australia	Mission Australia - Street To Home	Outreach Access, Mobile Support	All People

The Salvation Army (Qld) Property Trust	Salvation Army Centennial Lodge Cairns	Immediate Supported Accommodation	Adults
Shelter Housing Action Cairns Association Inc	Shelter Housing Action Cairns	Mobile Support, Immediate Supported Accommodation	Families
Shelter Housing Action Cairns Association Inc	Shelter Housing Action Cairns - My Money Program	Mobile Support	All People
Anglicare North Queensland Ltd	St John's Boys Shelter	Immediate Supported Accommodation	Young People
Anglicare North Queensland Ltd	St. Margaret's Girls Shelter	Immediate Supported Accommodation	Young People
Mission Australia	Supported Accommodation Facility (Cairns)	Mobile Support, Supported Housing On-Site	Adults
Mission Australia	Supported Accommodation Facility (Woree)	Mobile Support, Supported Housing On-Site	Adults
Youth Service Providers Inc	Youth Link Centre based Access and Support Program	Centre-Based Access, Centre-Based Support	Young People
Youth Service Providers Inc	Youth Link Housing and Information Program	Transitional Supported Accommodation	Young People
Youth Service Providers Inc	Youth Link Housing Mobile Service - Cairns	Mobile Support	Young People
Youth Service Providers Inc	Youth Link Transitional Accommodation Program	Transitional Supported Accommodation	Young People

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan

- The *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan 2019-2023* (ATSIH Action Plan) funding of \$67.1M over four years from 2019-2023 is focussed on improving housing outcomes for First Nations peoples, including an investment of \$24.1M in 2021-22.
- The Government is committed to reframing our relationship with First Nations peoples and will deliver improved housing outcomes through genuine partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.
- Key actions under the Action Plans include commitments to:
  - develop place-based, community led, local housing plans with communities to identify and respond to local housing challenges and priorities
  - establish the new peak body, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland, to strengthen housing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, supporting the sustainability of Indigenous housing providers and the community housing sector
  - increase home ownership opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



- provide culturally responsive housing support through a service offer for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- In 2021-22, \$1.6M has been provided towards the recently established Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Housing Body as part of a \$5.5M investment over five years – funding will support sector development of Indigenous Community Housing Organisations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Councils.
- The ATSIH Action Plan also provides for the ongoing delivery of the **\$75M commitment to home ownership in remote and discrete communities** – this allocation **enabled the transfer of 167 social housing dwellings** entitlements into the private ownership of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.
- Increased home ownership and access to safe, appropriate and sustainable housing not only provides a foundation to close the gap but reflects our commitment to listening to First Nations Peoples in Queensland about their housing concerns and committing to a better future.

## **Background**

### ***Housing market – Cairns Local Government Area (CRC)***

- The Queensland housing market has been impacted by significant increases in home purchase prices. In Cairns prices grew by 7.4 per cent in the 12 months to December 2021, more than 8 times the average annual growth of the past five years (Source: QGSO).
- In addition, Queensland's private rental sector is experiencing significantly low vacancy rates due to several factors, including impacts on tenants and rental property owners from the COVID-19 pandemic as well as recent severe weather in South East Queensland. Vulnerable people and those on low incomes have been most affected by reduced availability of private rentals and increased rent rates.
- The vacancy rate in Queensland has decreased from 1.15 per cent in March 2021 to 0.58 per cent in March 2022 (Source: SQM Research).
- In Cairns, the vacancy rate has decreased from 1.04 per cent in March 2021 to 0.53 per cent in March 2022.
- Median rent in Cairns increased 9.8 per cent for a three-bedroom house and 9.1 per cent for a two-bedroom flat/unit from March 2021 to March 2022 (Source: QGSO derived from RTA Rental Bonds data).
- Queensland Government offers a range of private market products and services designed to assist people to purchase a home or access the private rental market, including RentConnect services, rental grants, bond loan products and the Queensland Housing Finance Loan.

## Natural disaster support and preparedness

### Recommended response

- The Government is committed to ensuring the recovery of all communities impacted by natural disasters.
- Since the establishment of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) in 2011, approximately **\$48.5M** has been approved in disaster recovery and resilience funding for Cairns.

### Key Facts

- Cairns Regional Council (CRC) has been activated for joint State-Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) assistance for the following event currently in delivery:
  - *North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough, 25 January-14 February 2019*
- CRC's combined program of DRFA funded works from this event is estimated at approximately \$4.8M.
- These works are mostly complete, except for a \$260,000 project to improve flood warning infrastructure in the Cairns region, now due for completion by 30 June 2022.
- In addition, primary producers in the Cairns region were severely affected by Tropical Cyclone Niran in March 2021.
- The DRFA assistance measures available for eligible primary producers in response to TC Niran include low interest loans of up to \$250,000, freight subsidies of up to \$5000 and Special Disaster Recovery Grants of up to \$75,000.
- To date, 85 primary producers in the Cairns region have accessed DRFA grants totalling more than \$1M to assist their recovery.

### Achievements

#### Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements

- Prior to the introduction of the DRFA in November 2018, CRC was activated for NDRRA assistance following natural disasters in 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2018, with the combined estimate of public infrastructure damage from these events approximately \$43.1M.

- These works are complete and were jointly funded by the Commonwealth and State under the NDRRA.

### **Get Ready Queensland**

- Since 2017, CRC has had a total of \$331,355 approved in Get Ready Queensland funding rounds, including \$67,900 in 2021-22, to improve the community's resilience to natural disasters.

### **Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund**

- CRC had \$100,000 approved in the \$13.1M 2019-20 Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund program for drainage improvements at Mount Whitfield. This project is due for completion by 30 June 2022.

### **Background**

- The eligibility guidelines for reconstruction projects under DRFA and NDRRA are set by the Commonwealth and administered by the QRA.

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## Policing and Youth Crime

### POLICE NUMBERS

- **Far North Police District has 903 permanent positions, up 84 since 2015.**
- It was fantastic to announce late last year 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 March 2022, the overall rate of Total Reported Crime for the Far North Police District **increased by 8,592 offences or 29 per cent** compared with 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.
- From 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022, compared with 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021, the rate of:
  - Offences Against the Person **increased by 2,969 or 84 per cent;**
  - Offences Against Property **increased by 5,023 or 50 per cent;** and
  - Other Offences **decreased by 600 offences or 3 per cent.**

### 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; and
- empowering local communities in the war on crime with \$2M for community-based organisations for local solutions.
- Building on these measures, the Government is targeting hardcore youth criminals who repeatedly offend and put the community at risk.
- For noting, compared to 2019, data for 2020 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).
- Within the Cairns Regional Council area, based on data provided by the courts, comparing 2021 to 2019 there has been:
  - a **15 per cent increase in the number of proven offences** committed in Cairns **by 10-17-year-olds**; and
  - a **9 per cent decrease in the number of distinct 10-17-year-old offenders**, with at least one proven offence committed in Cairns.
- For the year ending 31 December 2021, there were **70 restorative justice conferences** held in Cairns.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

- \$11.4M Woree (Cairns) replacement police facility – the construction contract was awarded in December 2021, with completion expected in October 2022 - the project is expected to support around 37.7 FTE jobs.
- \$2.3M new Cairns West Police Facility – the construction tender was awarded in November 2021; with completion scheduled for August 2022 - expected to support 7.59 FTE jobs.
- \$17.4M Cairns Police Station upgrade:
  - \$10.4M for external works, completed in October 2020, and internal refurbishment works commenced in late-May 2021;
  - an additional \$7M for further upgrades, announced in May 2021, commenced in August 2021, expected to be completed in early 2023; and
  - the total \$17.4M project expected to support about 57 FTE jobs.



- \$6.7M Aurukun Police Station and Watch-House upgrade – project is expected to be completed in August 2022 and to support 22.11 FTE jobs.

## LNP

- A total police budget increase of 2.8%. Given the rate of inflation, that's a cut to police funding in real terms
- Sacked 110 senior police and cut a further 212 police positions
- Cut police training, reduced firearms training, forced police to pay for their own body worn video cameras
- Slashed the auto theft squad from 18 to 3
- Axed funding to the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council – we reinstated it
- Wasted millions of dollars on a failed boot camp experiment to breed fitter, faster criminals
- Failed to fund the roll out of automatic number plate recognition technology that helps police track stolen vehicles
- 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.**

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## Major Road Upgrades

### Recommended response

- Queensland's economic recovery plan is about building the infrastructure we need to create jobs.
- **That's why we have committed to \$50 billion over 4 years towards job creating infrastructure across the state.**
- That plan includes a **jointly-funded \$13 billion of works over 15 years or the Bruce Highway** to improve flood resilience and safety and increase capacity.
- My Government is delivering **\$1.45 billion** for roads and transport in the far north.

### Key facts

- **Projects underway right now include:**
  - **\$481M** Bruce Highway upgrade (\$384.8M AG / \$96.2M QG) (Cairns Southern Access Stage 3) from Edmonton to Gordonvale in Cairns – **460 jobs** – construction due to be completed mid-2023;
  - **\$30M** Kuranda Range Intelligent Transport System (ITS) upgrade (\$24M AG / \$6M QG) – **49 jobs** – with ITS stations expected to be fully operational in late-2022;
  - **\$45M** Kennedy Highway – Cairns to Mareeba – road safety enhancement works – **284 jobs** – Queensland funding – constructed started in March 2020, with completion expected early 2023;
  - **\$37.5M** Kennedy Highway (\$30M AG / \$7.5M QG) – Mareeba to Atherton – targeted road safety improvements – **121 jobs** – construction expected to be complete mid-2022;
  - **\$24M** Bruce Highway, Cairns Southern Access Cycleway (\$19.2M AG / \$4.8M QG) – supporting 75 jobs, construction commenced on 27 August 2021 and is expected to be complete mid-2022; and
  - **\$19.3M** Gillies Range Road – safety upgrades – fully funded by Queensland Government – **71 jobs** – completion late December 2022.
- **We're also planning for:**
  - **\$359M** Cairns Ring Road (\$287.2M AG / \$71.8M QG) (Cairns CBD to Smithfield) – **387 jobs** – master planning expected to be completed

in late 2022 with Airport Avenue to James Street package expected to commence construction in June 2022;

- **\$300M** CWAR (Redlynch Connector Road and Captain Cook Highway duplication) (\$240M AG / \$60M QG) planning project – expected to support **185 jobs** – Detailed design commenced on 8 April 2022. Construction is expected to commence on Stage 1 (Captain Cook Highway to Lake Placid Road) in early 2023;
- **\$225M** Bruce Highway, Cairns Southern Access Corridor (Stage 5), (\$180M AG / \$45M QG) Foster Road, upgrade intersection – **240 jobs** – planning commenced in February 2022 and is expected to be complete in early 2024; and
- **\$2.1M** Kennedy Highway (Cairns – Mareeba) Barron River bridge upgrade, planning – Queensland Government funding – preliminary evaluation is expected to be complete in late 2022.

- **Completed projects include:**

- **\$164M** Smithfield Bypass (Captain Cook Highway) in Cairns – **175 jobs** – Queensland funding – completed November 2021;
- **\$123.7M** Bruce Highway upgrade (\$98.96M AG / \$24.74M QG) (Cairns Southern Access Stage 4) Kate Street to Aumuller Street – **135 jobs** – completed in July 2021; and
- **\$16.3M** Cairns Western Arterial Road (CWAR) – Harley Street intersection upgrade – **16 jobs** – Queensland funding – completed in July 2021.

## **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.

## Schools – Overview

### Recommended response

- **Since 2015, around \$160M has been invested** in the Cairns region for new schools, halls and classrooms, for example:
  - \$18.5M for the new Cairns State Special School;
  - \$11M for multi-purpose hall at Cairns State High School;
  - \$11M for a Centre for Athlete Development and Performing Arts at Tropical North Learning Academy – Smithfield State High School;
  - \$8M for a multi-storey learning centre at Tropical North Learning Academy – Trinity Beach State School; and
  - \$9.3M for a 2020 Ready multi-storey learning centre at Trinity Bay State High School.
- We are investing **\$1.4 billion in 2021-22 to build, maintain and improve schools across the state**.
- We opened 3 new schools this year (2022) and are planning for a new school in Brisbane's inner west over the coming years and substantially expanding 13 existing schools by the end of June 2022.
- Since coming to Government in 2015, we have opened **21 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 38 schools in the Cairns Regional Council (CRC), Douglas Shire Council (DSC) and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council (YASC) areas:
  - \$18.5M for the Cairns State Special School which opened in 2017;
  - major infrastructure work carried out at **26 schools totalling over \$108M**;
  - **more than \$40M worth of works at 14 schools** in progress; and
  - **all schools have air conditioning** and solar panels installed.
- All Queensland state school classrooms, libraries and staff rooms are now air conditioned, delivering more comfortable teaching and

learning environments for our students, teachers and school communities.

## Key facts

### New Schools

- \$18.5M for the new Cairns State Special School – opened in 2017.

### Major infrastructure work

- Over \$108M worth of major works completed at 26 schools in the Cairns region since 2017.

<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Schools</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Project</b>
Mulgrave	Aloomba State School	\$0.95M	new building – completed May-2020
Hill	Babinda State School	\$0.21M	repaint and replace the hall roof, completed Apr-2022
Cairns	Balaclava State School	\$1.1M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1.1M refurbishment of Prep building – completed 2020</li> <li>• \$25,000 – shade enhancement around the school – completed by Jun-2021</li> </ul>
Mulgrave	Bentley Park College	\$3.0M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1.4M Upgrade and refurbishment of hall – completed by Jun-2020</li> <li>• \$932,900 – school security fence– completed by Jun-2021</li> <li>• \$90,910 – equitable access to medical facility– completed by Jun-2020</li> <li>• \$285,464 to replace wireless network – completed by Jun-2020</li> <li>• \$272,728 - install stop, drop and go zone – completed Oct-2021</li> </ul>
Cairns	Cairns School of Distance Education	\$0.55M	work on Secondary buildings, completed by June 2018

Electorate	Schools	Budget	Project
Cairns	Cairns State High School	\$13.6M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2M – refurbishment of Blocks L and G (6 GLAs) – completed in 2018-19</li> <li>• \$11M – multi-purpose hall – completed Feb-2021</li> <li>• \$165,000 additions and improvements under the DDA</li> <li>• \$400,000 refurbish amenities block, completed Apr-2022</li> </ul>
Cairns	Cairns West State School	\$6.3M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$4.8M – 6 GLAs – completed in 2018-19</li> <li>• \$835,539 – replaced roof and rectified structure – completed Jan-2020</li> <li>• \$750,000 – replace Amenities block – completed May-2022</li> </ul>
Barron River	Caravonica State School	\$5.8M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1.5M flood mitigation for relocation carpark</li> <li>• \$4.3M new multi-purpose hall – completed by Jun-2019</li> </ul>
Cairns	Edge Hill State School	\$0.2M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$92,658 refurbishment of prep building, completed by Jun-2018</li> <li>• 117,634 renewal internal GLAs</li> </ul>
Barron River	Freshwater State School	\$0.5M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$430,390 – security fencing installation, completed by Jun-2020</li> <li>• \$75,851 to provide equitable access to amenities, completed by Jun-2021</li> </ul>
Mulgrave	Gordonvale State High School	\$4.4M	indoor sports facility – completed by Jun-2019
Mulgrave	Isabella State School	\$0.7M	school security fence – completed Apr-2021



Electorate	Schools	Budget	Project
Barron River	Machans Beach State School	\$1.3M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$55,418 to provide disabled access pathways, completed by Jun-2019</li> <li>• \$914,053 new building with 2 GLAs – completed Jan-2020</li> <li>• \$325,000 to increase the capacity for OSHC program, completed Oct-2021</li> </ul>
Cook	Mossman State High School	\$4.2M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1.54M hall upgrade, completed by Jun-2020</li> <li>• \$577,516 roof replacement, manual arts block, completed by Jun-2020</li> <li>• \$2.08M Manual Arts building upgrade, completed by Jun-2020</li> </ul>
Cook	Mossman State School	\$1.1M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$188,998 – refurbish Block A, completed by Jun-2021</li> <li>• \$234,233 – replace stairs/verandah floor and wiring, completed by Jun 2020</li> <li>• \$650,138 – refurbishment 2 x blocks and covered walkways, completed by Jun-2020</li> </ul>
Cairns	Parramatta State School	\$0.8M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$494,879 – enhance special education and amenities, completed by Jun-2019</li> <li>• \$222,941 – install/modernise lift</li> <li>• \$53,174 replace the sliding doors – completed by Jun-2021</li> <li>• \$25,000 – shade sails, completed by Jun-2021</li> </ul>

Electorate	Schools	Budget	Project
Barron River	Redlynch State College	\$10.1M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$240,000 improve stop drop and go area, completed by Jun-2021</li> <li>• \$1.3M new learning spaces, completed by Jun-2021</li> <li>• \$8.6M new building for GLAs – completion Dec-2021</li> </ul>
Cairns	Trinity Bay State High School	\$17.4M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5.1M new multi-purpose hall – completed by Jun-2019</li> <li>• \$9.3M – multi-storey building with 12 GLAs – completed Dec-2020</li> <li>• \$1.9M modernised manual arts learning area – completed Apr-2021</li> <li>• \$1.1M to refurbish Industrial Technology and Design Centre – completed by Mar-2021</li> </ul>
Barron River	Tropical North Learning Academy – Smithfield State High School	\$18.8M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$11M Centre for athlete development and performing arts – completed Mar-2021</li> <li>• \$885,329 refurbishments, to 2 x blocks, completed by Jun-2019</li> <li>• \$6.9M additional GLS and specialist spaces, plus provision of 8 hire spaces completed by Mar-2022</li> </ul>
Barron River	Tropical North Learning Academy – Trinity Beach State School	\$11.6M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$600,000 for partial refurbishment to 6 x Blocks, completed Oct-2021</li> <li>• \$8M for a multi-storey learning centre – completed Dec-2020</li> <li>• \$3M to refurbish special education unit – completed Mar-2021</li> </ul>

<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Schools</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Project</b>
Mulgrave	White Rock State School	\$0.88M	install a covered walkway – completed by Jun-2021
Cairns	Whitfield State School	\$0.5M	Repairs to fence and playground roof upgrade – completed by Jun-2020
Mulgrave	Woree State High School	\$2.4M	\$1.5M - technology upgrade and a new design technology lab – completed Apr-2021 \$763,950 – refurbishment of Library – completed by Jun-2019 \$166,843 – roof replacement – completed by Jun-2019
Mulgrave	Woree State School	\$0.3M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$148,844 classroom refurbishment – completed by Jun-2019</li> <li>• \$169,437 classroom upgrades – completed by Jun-2021</li> </ul>
Mulgrave	Yarrabah State School	\$0.6M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$469,500 – CCTV, residence alarm systems and security fencing residences – completed by Jun-2020</li> <li>• \$40,711 - provide equitable access to amenities, completed by Jun-2021</li> <li>• \$61,946 – replace stairs and deck – completed by Dec-2021</li> </ul>

Electorate	Schools	Budget	Project
Barron River	Yorkeys Knob State School	\$1.6M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$147,799 construction of covered walkway, completed by Jun-2019</li> <li>• \$233,609 undercover walkways, completed by Jun-2020</li> <li>• \$1.1M double prep space, completed by Jun-2020</li> <li>• \$100,000 for equitable access to amenities, completed by Mar-2022</li> </ul>

Notes:

- GLAs – general learning areas
- **Going forward, we're also investing more than \$40M** worth of works in 14 schools including:

Electorate	Schools	Budget (GST excl)	Project
Cairns	Balaclava State School	\$1.1M	<i>Refurbish resource centre, library and hall, expected completion Sep-2022</i>
Mulgrave	Bentley Park College	\$0.7M	<i>establish an on-site medical training room, exp completion Jun-2022</i>
Cairns	Cairns West State School	\$0.75M	<i>Replace amenities block – exp completion by Jun-2022</i>
Cairns	Edge Hill State School	\$5.2M	<i>renew administration building</i>

Electorate		Schools	Budget (GST excl)	Project
Barron River		Freshwater State School	\$1.7M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$175,000 to provide all weather wheelchair access</li> <li>• \$480,000 refurbish E Block</li> <li>• \$150,000 modify existing walkways and paths</li> <li>• \$890,000 enhance outdoor learning area, expected completion Sep-2022</li> </ul>
Mulgrave		Gordonvale State High School	\$0.8M	Refurbish science laboratories C12 and C14, expected completion Oct-2022
Mulgrave		Hambleton State School	\$0.4M	refurbish the OSHC space and school hall, contract to be awarded by Jun-2022, expected completion by start of school, 2023
Barron River		Redlynch State College	\$6.95M	for extension to the existing hall, awaiting contract award by end Nov-2022, expected completion by start of school, 2024
Cairns		Parramatta State School	\$0.3M	New OSHC building, contract to be awarded by Jul-2022, expected completion Nov-2022
Cairns		Trinity Bay State High School	\$12.5M	to construct a performing arts centre, awaiting contract award by end Aug-2022, expected completion by start of school, 2024

Electorate		Schools	Budget (GST excl)	Project
Barron River		Tropical North Learning Academy – Smithfield State High School	\$0.5M	<i>Replace outdoor courts</i>
Barron River		Tropical North Learning Academy – Trinity Beach State School	\$5.1M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$595,455 construct a carpark</li> <li>• \$4.5M – replace junior amenities and covered outdoor learning area, expected completion Sep-2022</li> </ul>
Mulgrave		Woree State School	\$0.21M	<i>extend the existing hall and upgrade the carpark, awaiting contract award by end Jul-2022, expected completion by end Jun- 2024</i>
Mulgrave		Woree State High School	\$2.0M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1.0M Roof replacement</li> <li>• \$980,000 Create technology hub – contract awarded Apr-2022, expected completion Sep-2022</li> </ul>
Mulgrave		Yarrabah State School – Primary Campus	\$1.2M	<i>New covered outdoor learning area, expected completion Aug-2022</i>
		- Secondary Campus	\$1.4M	<i>New covered outdoor learning area, expected completion Jul-2022</i>

Note: \* OSHC – Outside School Hours Care



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### Air conditioning and solar panels

- On 27 February 2020, the Government announced the Cooler Cleaner Schools Program (CCSP) which will provide more than \$477M over 4 years to air condition state schools and expand the existing ACES program.
- On 19 April 2022, the Government announced the CCSP has been fully delivered, providing all Queensland state school classrooms, libraries and staff rooms with air conditioning. Installations were completed over two months ahead of schedule to ensure air-conditioned spaces were available from the start of Term 2, 2022.
- The CCSP replaced the Government's former Cooler Schools Program.

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## ***Air Conditioning and Solar Panels in Schools – Cairns Regional Council (CRC), Douglas Shire Council (DSC) and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council (YASC) areas***

<i>Electorate</i>	<i>LGA</i>	<i>School Facility</i>	<i>Air Conditioning</i>	<b>Cost</b> (ex GST)	<i>Solar Panels</i>
			<b>Cooler Schools Program (CSP)</b>		<b>ACES program milestones</b>
Cook	DSC	Alexandra Bay State School	installed – via CSP		installed
Mulgrave	CRC	Aloomba State School	installed – via CSP		installed
Hill	CRC	Babinda State School	installed – via CSP	\$158,698	completed – 178 solar panels
Cairns	CRC	Balaclava State School	installed – via CSP	\$172,262	completed – 208 solar panels
Hill	CRC	Bartle Frere State School	installed – via CSP		installed
Hill	CRC	Bellenden Ker State School	installed – via CSP		installed
Mulgrave	CRC	Bentley Park College	installed – via CSP	\$228,789	completed – 284 solar panels upgraded to 1246 panels
Cairns	CRC	Cairns School of Distance Education	installed – via CSP	\$150,274	completed – 170 solar panels
Cairns	CRC	Cairns State High School	installed – via CSP	\$213,091	completed – 252 solar panels upgraded to 1342 panels
Mulgrave	CRC	Cairns State Special School	installed – via CSP		completed – 273 solar panels
Cairns	CRC	Cairns West State School	installed – via CSP	\$234,489	completed – 285 solar panels
Barron River	CRC	Caravonica State School	installed – via CSP	\$171,139	completed – 203 solar panels
Cook	DSC	Daintree State School	installed – via CSP		installed
Cairns	CRC	Edge Hill State School	installed – via CSP	\$231,177	completed – 285 solar panels
Barron River	CRC	Freshwater State School	installed – via CSP		completed – 243 solar panels
Mulgrave	CRC	Gordonvale State High School	installed – via CSP	\$207,028	completed – 285 solar panels
Mulgrave	CRC	Gordonvale State School	installed – via CSP	\$220,344	completed – 285 solar panels
Mulgrave	CRC	Hambledon State School	installed – via CSP	\$178,870	completed – 200 solar panels
Mulgrave	CRC	Isabella State School	installed – via CSP	\$216,710	completed – 284 solar panels
Barron River	CRC	Machans Beach State School	installed – via CSP	\$111,133	completed – 111 solar panels
Mulgrave	CRC	McDonnell Creek State School	installed – via CSP		installed

Electorate	LGA	School Facility	Air Conditioning	Cost (ex GST)	Solar Panels
			Cooler Schools Program (CSP)		ACES program milestones
Cook	DSC	Miallo State School	installed – via CSP		completed – 88 solar panels
Hill	CRC	Mirriwinni State School	installed – via CSP		installed
Cook	DSC	Mossman State High School	installed – via CSP		completed – 425 solar panels
Cook	DSC	Mossman State School	installed – via CSP		completed – 100 solar panels
Cairns	CRC	Parramatta State School	installed – via CSP	\$236,651	completed – 285 solar panels
Cook	DSC	Port Douglas State School	installed – via CSP		completed – 270 solar panels
Barron River	CRC	Redlynch State College	installed – via CSP	\$225,582	completed – 285 solar panels upgraded to 1156 panels
Cairns	CRC	Trinity Bay State High School	installed – via CSP	\$215,376	completed – 285 solar panels – upgraded to 1634 panels
Barron River	CRC	Tropical North Learning Academy - Smithfield State High School	installed – via CSP	\$220,769	completed – 285 solar panels – upgraded to 679 panels
Barron River	CRC	Tropical North Learning Academy - Trinity Beach State School	installed – via CSP	\$220,427	completed – 285 solar panels – upgraded to 579 panels
Mulgrave	CRC	White Rock State School	installed – via CSP	\$170,579	completed – 206 solar panels
Cairns	CRC	Whitfield State School	installed – via CSP	\$204,789	completed – 272 solar panels – upgraded to 550 panels
Cook	DSC	Wonga Beach State School	installed – via CSP		completed – 99 solar panels
Mulgrave	CRC	Woree State High School	installed – via CSP	\$249,817	completed – 285 solar panels
Mulgrave	CRC	Woree State School	installed – via CSP	\$233,268	completed – 285 solar panels
Mulgrave	YASC	Yarrabah State School	installed – via CSP		completed – 209 solar panels
Barron River	CRC	Yorkeys Knob State School	installed – via CSP	\$109,362	completed – 94 solar panels