

**Proserpine
Travelling Issues Briefs Index
March 2022**

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 - 4% increase in offences
 - 31% decrease in the number of proven offences (young people)
 - 50% increase in number of distinct 10-17-year-old offenders
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REGION PROFILE	MACKAY-WHITSUNDAY
ELECTORATE	SITTING MEMBER
Burdekin	Mr Dale Last (LNP)
Gregory	Mr Lachlan Millar (LNP)
Mackay	Mrs Julieanne Gilbert (ALP)
Mirani	Mr Steve Andrew (ONP)
Whitsunday	Ms Amanda Camm (LNP)

Queensland Government FTEs		2021	2015
Doctors	Mackay HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data</i>	337.16	207.60
Nurses		1,070.49	751.70
Other health professionals		364.49	207.02
Ambulance officers	source: PSC supplied MOHRI data	190.67	154.81
Police officers		351.91	336.43
Fire officers		101.30	71.76
Teachers		1781.83	1,698.40
Teacher aides		445.85	402.31

Employment – annual rate change	2022 (Jan)	2015 (Feb)
Queensland employment	3.8%	1.6%
Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday employment (SA4)	0.7%	0.3%
Unemployment Rate		
Queensland unemployment	4.4%	6.5%
Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday unemployment (SA4)	2.4%	5.6%
Queensland youth unemployment	10.8%	14.1%
Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday youth unemployment (SA4)	3.5%	9.3%

Employment by industry (2016 census)	Number	Percent
Mining	11,300	14.4%
Retail trade	7,259	9.3%
Health care and social assistance	7,146	9.1%
Accommodation and food services	6,429	8.2%
Education and training	5,557	7.1%

	Queensland	MW Region
Median age (estimated as at 30 June 2020)	37.8 years	37.6 years
Population (estimated as at 30 June 2020)	5,176,186	174,816
Crime rate (per 100,000 persons) 2020-21	9,154	11,612

Tourism (Sep 2021)	Tourism Region	Visitors	Expenditure
Domestic tourism	Mackay	965,000	\$418.7M
International tourism		1,000	\$0.8M
Domestic tourism	Whitsundays	720,000	\$926.9M
International tourism		not published	\$0.2M

ECONOMIC PROFILE

Budget 2021-22	Mackay-Whitsunday
Infrastructure	\$672.0M
<u>Utilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teemurra Dam improvement project Airlie Beach Sustainable Water Project Eungella Water Pipeline increased pumping capacity – planning 	
<u>Community Wellbeing</u> Mackay Community Mental Health Service	
<u>Government services</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flagstaff Hill Conference and Cultural Centre Future Foods Biohub Mackay Lake Proserpine Barramundi Fishing and Recreational Precinct Manufacturing Hub in Mackay Salisbury Plains Industrial Precinct 	
<u>Transport and Roads</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce Highway (Mackay-Proserpine). Hampden to Kuttabul, rehabilitate and widen Mackay Port Access, Bruce Highway to Mackay – Slade Point Road, construct new two lane road Peak Downs Highway (Clermont to Nebo) Walkerston Bypass 	
<u>Justice and safety</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clermont police facility 	
<u>Recreation and culture</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous Bush Tucker Trail and Paddock to Plate Venue Whitsunday Sportspark Proserpine Entertainment Centre Hook Island Cockermouth Island Day Tours Harrup Park Great Barrier Reef Arena Upgrade Proserpine Whitsunday Junior Rugby League Football Club Whitsunday Islands National Park Ngaro walking track upgrade 	
Health	\$514.6M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bowen Hospital – facility improvements including new Computed Tomography Scanner 	

Budget 2021-22	Mackay-Whitsunday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proserpine Hospital – refurbishment of clinical assimilation training area, and acute primary care clinic upgrade • Sarina Hospital – new greenfield site • Clermont Multi-Purpose Health Service 	
Education	\$26.8M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Centre of Excellence – Bowen TAFE • Aquaculture Training Centre – Cannonvale TAFE • Bowen State High School – skills development and training facilities • Clermont State High School – upgrade skills development and training facilities • Dysart State High School – skills development and training facilities • Mackay Northern Beaches State High School – to upgrade facilities and construct a new building • Mackay Ooralea Trade Training Centre expansion – expand heavy automotive facilities • Moranbah East State School – new building for additional learning spaces 	
Total jobs supported in this region	2,100

Local Government	Mayor
Isaac Regional Council	Cr Anne Baker
Mackay Regional Council	Cr Greg Williamson
Whitsunday Regional Council	Cr Andrew Wilcox

PREVIOUS VISITS		
<p>Since 2015, the Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • held 1 Community Cabinet in the Mackay-Whitsunday region (9 Community Cabinets have been held across the State); and • held an off-site Cabinet meeting, with a reception in Mackay-Whitsunday (21 off-site Cabinet meetings have been held across the State, of which 6 included community receptions). 		
DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
21 October 2021	Mackay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Media conference, Mackay Vaccination Hub – Meet with Mayor of Mackay Regional Council
29 September 2020	Mackay/ Moranbah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit Isaac Plains Coal Mine, Resources Sector Investment and Jobs – meeting and media conference, Mackay Whitsunday Regional Economic Recovery Plan and Jobs

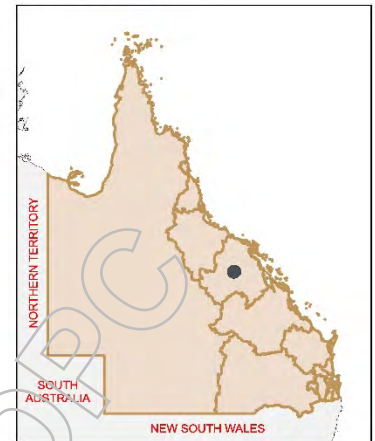
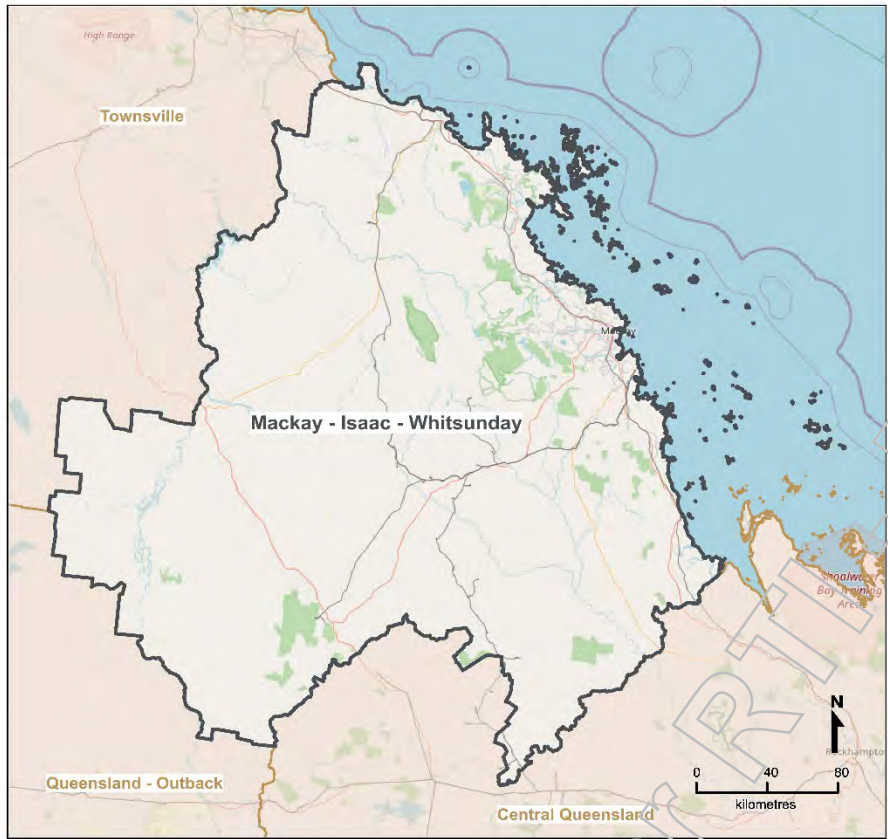
DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
15 September 2020	Mackay/ Proserpine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend state funeral of Hon. Tim Mulherin, MP – attend Official Opening of Proserpine Administration Building, Disaster Coordination Centre and Climate Change Innovation Hub – meeting and media conference, Proserpine Entertainment Centre Construction and Jobs
28 July 2020	Proserpine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend media conference, Gregory River Prawn Farm Expansion and Jobs
9 June 2020	Mackay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend media conference, Support for Queensland manufacturing – visit Jayden Enterprises, Support of Queensland Jobs
3 June 2020	Whitsundays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend Whitsunday airport
16-17 August 2019	Whitsundays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – open and inspect Hayman Island Redevelopment – attend Hamilton Island Race Week Welcome Event and Dinner
18 June 2019	Mackay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend Kynaston Engineering Event – attend 140th Mackay Regional Show
22 May 2019	Mackay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend Hay Point Coal Terminal
18 August 2018	Whitsundays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend Hamilton Island Race Week Welcome Event and Dinner
21 – 24 May 2018	Mackay/ Proserpine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-site Cabinet meeting and Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meet with Mayors of Isaac, Mackay and Whitsunday regional councils – attend Cannonvale Community Forum, community Government reception and various meetings – attend Official Opening of the Mackay Fire Station and Disaster Recovery Centre – visit Police Communications Centre, Mackay

DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit and inspect Lambert Beach damage from Tropical Cyclone Debbie
22 September 2017	Mackay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meet with Sir Elton John and Mayor Mackay Regional Council and attend Elton John Concert
17 August 2017	Clermont/ Tieri/ Moranbah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meet with local MP and mine workers and families – tour Moranbah town centre and visit Workers Club – meet with Mayor Isaac Regional Council – inspect chickpea farm, Clermont – visit Tieri State School
27 May 2017	Bowen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meeting with Mayor Whitsunday Regional Council – attend Bowen Gumlu Growers Association gala dinner
26 April 2017	Mackay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – onsite pre-brief, Vines Creek Bridge, Mackay – visit Ergon Energy depot
11 April 2017	Whitsunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meet with CEO, Whitsundays Tourism and community members and cruise Whitsunday and visit Shute Harbour
8 April 2017	Bowen / Proserpine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – inspect Phantom Produce farm, Bowen – visit Queens Beach – visit Koorelah Farms, Bowen – visit Proserpine Recovery Centre and Australian Defence Force Staging area – walking tour of main street, Proserpine
4 April 2017	Airlie Beach / Hideaway Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit Airlie Beach PCYC Recovery Centre and inspect the Orange Sky Mobile Laundry – walking tour of Airlie Beach to inspect damage to shops and homes – visit North Queensland Toyota Cowboys Fun Day, Airlie Beach – vehicle survey of damage of Hideaway Bay

DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
1 April 2017	Mackay- Whitsunday region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meet with Mayor Mackay Regional Council, Mackay-Whitsunday region Members of Parliament, and Leader of the Opposition – view damage in the Mackay area
29 March 2017	Bowen Proserpine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – inspect damage by Tropical Cyclone Debbie
21 February 2017	Mackay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meet with Mayor Mackay Regional Council
23-25 October 2016	Proserpine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – delegation meetings – Community Cabinet Official Government Reception – meeting with Mayor Mackay Regional Council, and Mackay-Whitsunday region Members of Parliament – attend Advancing Small Business Queensland Strategy 2015-20 Business Breakfast – attend and address DestinationQ Forum Dinner, officially open and attend DestinationQ Forum and networking reception – various community meetings
18 May 2016	Moranbah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend the Official Opening of the Isaac Plains Mine
2 March 2016	Mackay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Queensland Cabinet Committee meeting
10 February 2016	Sarina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biofutures Cabinet Committee meeting
16 December 2015	Mackay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend official opening of Hay Point Coal Terminal third expansion
30 July 2015	Mackay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend official opening of the Marian Water Treatment Plant – tour Wilmar BioEthanol Sarina Distillery

MAP – Mackay-Whitsunday region

Queensland Statistical Areas, Level 4 (SA4), 2021 - Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday (ASGS Code 312)



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Election Commitments – Proserpine region

2020 Election Commitments

- The implementation status of 53 commitments, within this region, as at 30 September 2021, is:

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

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions
BRUCE HIGHWAY AND OTHER ROADS			
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	A REAL BRUCE PLAN 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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Implement the Bruce Highway Trust's 15 year vision and five year upgrade action plans		✓
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Continue our \$1 billion per year Bruce Guarantee, with a 2-year path of \$1.6 billion committed in 2021-22, \$1.9 billion in 2022-23 on an 80:20 Federal: State basis		✓
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	A REAL BRUCE PLAN 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		✓
Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Provide funding of \$126 million for priority safety upgrades including flood mitigation between Mackay and Proserpine		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions
Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Provide \$100 million towards a \$500 million jointly funded boost for priority upgrades between Mackay and Proserpine, and between Gladstone and Rockhampton	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burdekin Mackay Whitsunday	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Require every tenderer on Bruce Highway projects that are over \$100 million to submit a skills and apprentices plan and to demonstrate how locals will be given the chance to work on the project		✓
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	A REAL BRUCE PLAN 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		✓
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Task the Bruce Highway Trust to prepare the Safer Bruce 2030 Action Plan		✓
Burdekin Mackay Whitsunday	A REAL BRUCE PLAN 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		✓
Whitsunday Mackay	\$750,000 to plan and build a business case for the duplication of Mackay-Bucasia Road and the Rural View roundabout		
Whitsunday	GETTING ACTIVE \$100,000 for the Bucasia Road/ Sologinkin Road Shared Path Improvements Design		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions
EDUCATION			
Burdekin Gregory Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	\$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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Whitsunday	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$500,000 for an extension and to upgrade the tuckshop at Bucasia State School		
Whitsunday	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$500,000 to refurbish the amenities block at Eimeo Road State School		
Mackay Whitsunday	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$460,000 to provide equitable access to core classrooms at Glenella State School		
Mackay Whitsunday	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$60,000 to install a lifting hoist at Mackay District Special School		
Mirani Whitsunday	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$500,000 for an extension/upgrade to the tuckshop, including a commercial kitchen at Marian State School		
Mirani Whitsunday	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$500,000 to upgrade the administration block at Mirani State High School		
Whitsunday Mackay	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$1.2 million to upgrade facilities to industry standards for digital engineering, early childhood, arts and business sectors at Mackay Northern Beaches State High School		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions	
Whitsunday Burdekin	Upgrade the tuckshop at Proserpine State School	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet		
Whitsunday	EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE \$2 million on a new aquaculture training facility at the Cannonvale TAFE campus to provide training in areas like commercial fish farms, hatchery and pond management			
HEALTH				
Burdekin Gregory Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	Deliver a business case for the expansion of Mackay Hospital	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet		
Burdekin Gregory Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	Deliver a business case for the expansion of Bowen Hospital			
Burdekin Gregory Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	\$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			✓
Burdekin Gregory Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	Deliver a business case for the redevelopment of Moranbah Hospital			
Burdekin Gregory Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	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			✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions
Burdekin Gregory Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	\$490,000 over four years to extend the HIV self-testing project for people living in regional Queensland	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
JUSTICE			
Whitsunday	Establish the Youth Justice Co-Responder program in Mackay	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
COMMUNITY and RECREATION			
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	\$30 million over four years to support Surf Life Saving Queensland	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burdekin Gregory Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	COUNTRY RACING \$35.2 million for Country Racing over 2 years from July 2021 to June 2023 which includes: – \$15 million per year for prize money – \$2.6 million per year for maintenance of racetracks		✓
Burdekin Gregory Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	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		✓
Burdekin Gregory Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	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		✓
Burdekin Gregory Mirani Whitsunday	Work with the LGAQ on finalising an agreed Bush Councils Compact		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions
AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT			
Burdekin Gregory Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	Identify Queensland agricultural seasonal workforce needs and immediately implement local solutions that connect agribusinesses with relevant and appropriate workforce solutions	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
TOURISM / INDUSTRY			
Burdekin Gregory Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	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	✓
Burdekin Gregory Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	REBUILDING QUEENSLAND TOURISM \$15 million for a Regional Tourism Organisation Recovery fund to provide a special one-off funding injection to regional tourism organisations		✓
Whitsunday	Invite Giya Gia Kaiyu to engage in discussions regarding the proposed Whitsunday Skyway project including through a Traditional Owner Working Group		
ENVIRONMENT			
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	\$1 million to deliver a business case for a BioHub in the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsundays regions	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Whitsunday	Back the Whitsunday Skyway project by providing \$1 million towards land offsets through the purchase of 11 hectares in Conway National Park		
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	\$3 million over two years to expand the QCoast2100 program to enable eligible local governments to develop and implement Coastal Hazard Adaption Strategies		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	Healthy Reef, Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy \$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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	Healthy Reef, Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy \$10 million in the Reef Assist Program which will include 11 projects in partnerships with local government and natural resource management organisations		✓
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	Healthy Reef, Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy \$10 million into a Reef Credits program to accelerate water quality improvements by incentivising land management activities		✓
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	Maintain reef protection laws and associated measures which are critical to the health of the Great Barrier Reef		✓
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	Continue the Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Program		✓
Whitsunday	Healthy Reef, Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy – Investing in Nature Upgrade and build new nature-based visitor experiences of the next stage of the Ngaro Walking Track on Whitsunday Island		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions
Whitsunday	Healthy Reef, Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy \$3.9 million to develop two Reef Trails to improve access to the Great Barrier Reef with 30 new public moorings and 20 new non-anchoring zones in Whitsunday and Townsville areas	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
MARINE RESCUE SERVICES			
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	Boosting Marine Rescue Services Establish an integrated Volunteer Marine Rescue and Coast Guard service to bring 47 volunteer organisations together, and provide operational funding and capacity building for marine rescue services	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	Boosting Marine Rescue Services Increase funding for insurance costs and provide for additional operational expenses incurred by Squadrons and Flotillas		✓
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	Boosting Marine Rescue Services Invest \$17.38 million over four years to replace ageing vessels. This will deliver up to 27 new boats across the state		✓
Burdekin Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	Boosting Marine Rescue Services Establish a Marine Rescue Queensland implementation Working Group with representatives from Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Queensland and Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association to progress the transition to an integrated state-wide Marine Volunteer service. The Marine Rescue Queensland Implementation Working Group will be in the field in the first 100 days		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 30 Sep 2021	Commitment also delivered in other regions
WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND			
Burdekin Gregory Mackay Mirani Whitsunday	Keeping Queensland Working \$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	✓

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Building our Regions and Works for Queensland

Building our Regions

- Through Building our Regions, the Mackay-Whitsunday region has received \$34.656M for 16 projects supporting around 234 jobs; to date 10 projects are now completed.
- The **Whitsunday Regional Council** received **\$13.6M** for **7 projects** supporting around **104 jobs**; to date **4 projects are now completed**.
- Expressions of Interest for Round 6 closed on 23 November 2021. The detailed application stage for construction projects runs until 19 April 2022. All successful applications will be advised late June 2022.

Projects	Electorate	Rd	Approved Funding	Total Cost	Jobs (Est)	Project Stage
Revitalisation of the Collinsville Showground	Burdekin	02	\$254,000	\$508,000	1.6	completed 30/3/2018
Airlie Beach Foreshore Revitalisation Project	Whitsunday	03	\$2.83M	\$6.34M	19.0	completed 28/6/2019
Greening and Growing Bowen – recycled water network expansion	Burdekin	03	\$2.02M	\$4.05M	12.1	completed 16/12/2019
Lake Proserpine Barramundi Fishing and Recreational Precinct	Whitsunday	03	\$1.50M	\$3.15M	10.4	exp completion Dec-2021
Flagstaff Hill Conference and Cultural Centre	Burdekin	04	\$2.00M	\$3.00M	9.9	exp completion Jun-2022
Collinsville Aerodrome Ind Precinct Stg 1 <i>(funding t'ferred to Flagstaff Hill proj)</i>		04	\$500,000	\$1.221M	4.0	<i>withdrawn funding transferred</i>
Airlie Beach Sustainable Water Project	Whitsunday	05	\$5.00M	\$14.36M	47.4	completed 2/8/2021

Works for Queensland

- Since 2016, through Works for Queensland the Mackay-Whitsunday region has received **\$76.13M for 193 projects** supporting around **1730 jobs**; to date **165 projects are now complete**.
- **Whitsunday Regional Council** has received **\$18.6M for 67 projects** supporting, to date, **477 jobs** with **46 projects completed**.

	No of Projects	Actual Jobs	W4Q Project Budget	Completed projects
2016-17	24	223.0	\$4.36M	24
2017-19	6	87.0	\$4.07M	6
2019-21	7	66.0	\$3.61M	7
2020-21 covid	15	101.0	\$2.72M	9
2021-24	15	0.0	\$3.84M	

2019-21 Works for Queensland Projects	Electorate	Budget	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Division 1 Improving Beach Communities	Whitsunday	\$613,464		10.0	completed 30/9/2021
Division 2 Improving Beach Communities	Burdekin	\$589,869		8.0	completed 30/9/2021
Division 3 Improving Rural Communities	Whitsunday	\$591,049		15.0	completed 24/12/2020
Division 4 Improving Beach Communities	Whitsunday	\$112,075		7.0	completed 19/6/2021
Division 4 Improving Rural Communities	Burdekin	\$488,412		8.0	completed 31/8/2021
Division 5 Improving Beach Communities	Burdekin	\$613,464		12.0	completed 30/6/2021
Division 6 Improving Beach Communities	Burdekin	\$601,667		6.0	completed 1/7/2021

2020-21 COVID Works for Queensland Projects	Electorate	Budget	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Bowen Aerodrome Sewerage Treatment Renewal	Burdekin	\$35,000		6.0	completed 6/3/2021

2020-21 COVID Works for Queensland Projects	Electorate	Budget	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Bowen Aerodrome Workcamp	Burdekin	\$95,865	2.0	4.0	exp completion Sep-2021
Bowen Aquatic Facility Town Pool Amenity Upgrade - Stage 1 & 2	Burdekin	\$367,235	12.0	6.0	exp completion Sep-2021
Bowen Water Park Renewal	Burdekin	\$100,000	7.0	6.0	exp completion Oct-2021
Cannonvale Depot Office Roof Replacement	Whitsunday	\$119,000		10.0	completed 15/12/2020
Cannonvale Foreshore Hall - New Playground	Whitsunday	\$41,000		10.0	completed 9/12/2020
Cannonvale Foreshore Hall - Roof Renewal (After School Care)	Whitsunday	\$42,000		10.0	completed 2/11/2020
Collinsville Pool amenity and kiosk upgrade	Burdekin	\$142,610	10.0	6.0	exp completion Sep-2021
Collinsville Youth Coalition – Amenities Renewal	Burdekin	\$99,000		4.0	completed 4/6/2021
Continuation of Pedestrian Path Lighting Airlie Foreshore	Whitsunday	\$100,000	5.0	7.0	exp completion Oct-2021
Les Stagg Oval Grandstand renewal	Whitsunday	\$70,000		4.0	completed 28/5/2021
Proserpine aquatic facility residence demolish & kiosk renewal	Whitsunday	\$313,800	16.0	6.0	exp completion Sep-2021
Proserpine Water & Sewer Admin Reroof	Whitsunday	\$80,000		10.0	completed 15/12/2020
Wangaratta Caravan Park pool refurbishment	Burdekin	\$75,600		4.0	completed 5/6/2021
Whitsunday Coast Airport roof renewal	Whitsunday	\$1.039M		8.0	completed 30/6/2021

2021-24 Works for Queensland Projects	Electorate	Budget	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Airlie Lagoon Lighting Improvements	Whitsunday	\$500,000	4.0		exp completion Jun-2022
Astro-turfing, Airlie Beach Lagoon 'beach area'	Burdekin	\$125,711	8.0		exp completion Jun-2022

2021-24 Works for Queensland Projects	Electorate	Budget	jobs created /supported		Project Status
			Est	Act	
Bowen WTP Intake, Switchboard and Structure	Whitsunday	\$300,500	8.0		exp completion Dec-2022
Brandy Creek – new amenities	Burdekin	\$140,332	6.0		exp completion Jun-2022
Case Park Walking Track, Bowen	Whitsunday	\$383,500	9.0		exp completion Jun-2022
Collinsville Aquatic Facility – pool retiling renewal	Whitsunday	\$140,400	5.0		exp completion Jun-2022
Collinsville Community Centre – exterior painting program	Burdekin	\$68,000	4.0		exp completion Feb-2022
Dingo Beach Bollards	Burdekin	\$107,500	4.0		exp completion Jun-2022
Front beach skate bowl timber replacement Bowen	Burdekin	\$172,000	5.0		exp completion Jun-2022
Gloucester sports park access and car park reconstruction and seal	Whitsunday	\$300,000	9.0		exp completion Jun-2021
Greening & Growing Bowen 3 – recycled water network extension	Whitsunday	\$428,000	8.0		exp completion Jun-2022
Hydro therapy rehabilitation above ground pool	Burdekin	\$75,000	6.0		exp completion Jun-2022
Lions Lookout & Carpark Upgrade – Shute Harbour	Burdekin	\$475,000	12.0		exp completion Jun-2022
Mullers Lagoon Bridge x 2 upgrade - Bowen	Whitsunday	\$124,057	10.0		exp completion Jun-2022
Sewer reining – regional possible PFAS infiltration	Burdekin	\$500,000	5.0		exp completion Jun-2022

Achievements – Proserpine, Whitsunday Regional Council area

HEALTH

- **\$1.49M** Proserpine Hospital Emergency Department refurbishment – redevelopment and expansion of the existing Acute Primary Care Clinic Emergency Department – commenced 28 June 2016, completed 6 November 2017 – 4 jobs supported during construction.
- **\$1.17M** Proserpine Hospital Kitchen upgrade – kitchen upgrade to meet food safety standards and covered walkway – commenced 29 September 2017, completed 21 March 2018 – 3 jobs supported during construction.

EDUCATION / TAFE

- **ACES Installation completed at Bucasia State School** 90 kw system, 272 panels.

ROADS

- Recent projects completed include:
 - \$39.13M (Mackay – Proserpine) Hampden to Kuttabul, rehabilitate and widen – jointly funded by the State (20) and Federal (80) governments – supported 95 jobs – completed December 2021;
 - \$12.1M Bruce Highway (Mackay – Proserpine), Powell Road North, improve safety – jointly funded by the State (20) and Federal (80) governments – supported 40 jobs – completed March 2022;
 - \$15M Bowen Developmental Road (Collinsville 0 Belyando Crossing), Deception Creek to Bulgonunna Creek, pave and seal – fully funded by the State government – supported 28 jobs – completed December 2021;
 - \$3.63M Proserpine – Shute Harbour Road and Gregory – Cannon Valley Road, improve intersection – fully funded by the State government 0 expected to be complete late March 2022.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- \$15M jointly funded Whitsunday Coast Airport Terminal Expansion, completed in July 2019.

POLICE / JUSTICE

- \$8.3M replacement Bowen Police Station opened mid-2018.
- Police strength increased by 20 positions.

WORKS FOR QLD

- Summary of funding for projects within Whitsunday Regional Council

Funding round	No of projects	Act Jobs	Funding
WFQ 2016-17	24	223.0	\$4.36M
WFQ 2017-19	6	87.0	\$4.07M
WFQ 2019-21	7	66.0	\$3.61M
2020-21 COVID-19	15	101.0	\$2.72M
WFQ 2021-24	15	0.0	\$3.84M
Total	67	477.0	\$18.6M

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REGIONAL ACTION PLAN



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Mackay-Whitsunday

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

Infrastructure	for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around
\$672M	2,100 jobs in this region.
Health	for Mackay Hospital and Health Services.
\$514.6M	
Education	to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Mackay-Whitsunday.
\$26.8M	

Mackay-Whitsunday will also benefit from:

Reef water quality	across the State over five years to continue the Government's commitment to the protection of the Great Barrier Reef.
\$270.1M	
Recovery and Resilience against natural disasters	estimated for the provision of financial assistance for capital works to disaster affected communities in 2021-22.
\$36.4M	
Social housing	in 2021-22 to expand and improve social housing in Mackay-Whitsunday.
\$18.1M	

Delivering for the Mackay-Whitsunday region



Building our Regions
\$34.7 million allocated to 16 critical infrastructure projects in Mackay-Whitsunday, supporting economic development and supporting 234 jobs.
(March 2015 to June 2021)



COVID-19 Jobs Support Loan Scheme
206 loans approved in Mackay-Whitsunday totalling \$29.8 million to assist local business through the pandemic, supporting 2,439 jobs.
(March 2020 to October 2020)



Jobs and Regional Growth Fund
\$28.9 million capital expenditure supported and 88 new full-time jobs generated in Mackay-Whitsunday.
(February 2017 to May 2021)



Back to Work
\$27 million paid to 1,102 employers in Mackay-Whitsunday to help employ 2,508 eligible unemployed jobseekers.
(July 2016 to May 2021)

Restoring frontline services in Mackay-Whitsunday

Growth from March 2015 to March 2021



117 extra teachers
up 6.8%



300 extra nurses
up 39.9%



140 extra doctors
up 68.0%



26 extra firefighters
up 36.3%

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Mackay-Whitsunday

1 Salisbury Plains Industrial Precinct

\$500,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$9.1 million total spend to help establish significant industrial developments and provide for the establishment of essential services and infrastructure corridors.

2 Agricultural Centre of Excellence

\$3.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.4 million total spend to build a new Agricultural Centre of Excellence at Bowen TAFE.

3 Bowen State High School

\$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.4 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities.

4 Bowen Hospital

\$4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5.9 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Bowen Hospital site, including a new Computed Tomography Scanner. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

5 Flagstaff Hill Conference and Cultural Centre

\$400,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.5 million total spend to build a conference and cultural centre at Flagstaff Hill that will complement the site's visually stunning natural environment.

6 Indigenous Bush Tucker Trail and Paddock to Plate Venue

\$645,242 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend to redevelop the restaurant on Flagstaff Hill (cafe/kitchen/kiosk) to support the delivery of Indigenous activities, festivals, events, cooking classes and markets. Part of the Tourism Recovery Fund and the TDDI Recovery Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

7 Whitsunday Sportspark

\$735,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2.1 million total spend for the construction of a second storey on the clubhouse to include a licensed club and associated amenities to support multi-sports at Airlie Beach.

8 Aquaculture Training Centre

\$1.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend for a new Aquaculture Training Centre at Cannonvale TAFE.

11 Proserpine Whitsunday Junior Rugby League Football Club

\$78,807 in 2021-22 out of a \$153,807 total spend to install lighting to support rugby league at Proserpine. Part of the Activate! Queensland program.

12 Airlie Beach Sustainable Water Project

\$1.3 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5 million total spend to double the water supplied to Airlie Beach to meet the needs of current and future tourism and community requirements.

16 Bruce Highway (Mackay - Proserpine), Hampden to Kuttabul, rehabilitate and widen

\$8.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$37 million total spend to complete the widening formation and rehabilitation of the Bruce Highway between Hampden and Kuttabul. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

17 Mackay Northern Beaches State High School

\$5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$7.9 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities and construct a new building for additional learning spaces.

18 Mackay Port initiatives

\$15.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$26.2 million total spend includes \$8.7 million towards wharf renewals, \$1.5 million for road upgrades, and \$5.6 million for other infrastructure facilities to support trade growth.

19 Cockermouth Island Day Tours

\$591,600 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.2 million total spend for a 17 metre catamaran to provide day tours to Cockermouth Island (part of the South Cumberland Islands). Part of the Growing Tourism Infrastructure (2020) program.

20 Future Foods Biohub Mackay

\$661,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend to support the development of a business case for the Future Foods Biohub Mackay.

21 Mackay Community Mental Health Service

\$1.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$6 million total spend for the refurbishment of Mackay Community Mental Health to provide purpose designed clinical spaces and therapy rooms.

22 Harrup Park

\$5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$10 million total spend towards the Harrup Park Great Barrier Reef Arena upgrade.

23 Mackay Ring Road (Stage 1)

\$17.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$497.4 million total spend to continue construction works of the ring road, including works between the intersection of Bruce Highway and Bald Hill Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

9 Whitsunday Islands National Park - Ngaro walking track upgrade

\$1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$4.5 million total spend to extend the Ngaro walking track in the Whitsunday Islands National Park. Part of the \$10.1 million investment in Ecotourism and World Heritage Areas.

10 Lake Proserpine Barramundi fishing and recreational precinct

\$600,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend to enhance tourism opportunities for the region by providing the infrastructure needed to better service the fishing, caravan and camping markets.

13 Proserpine Hospital

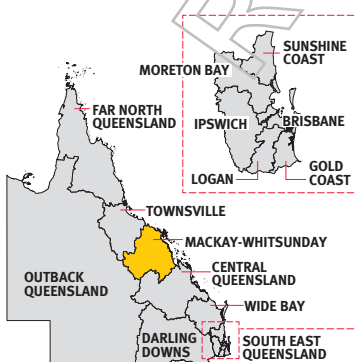
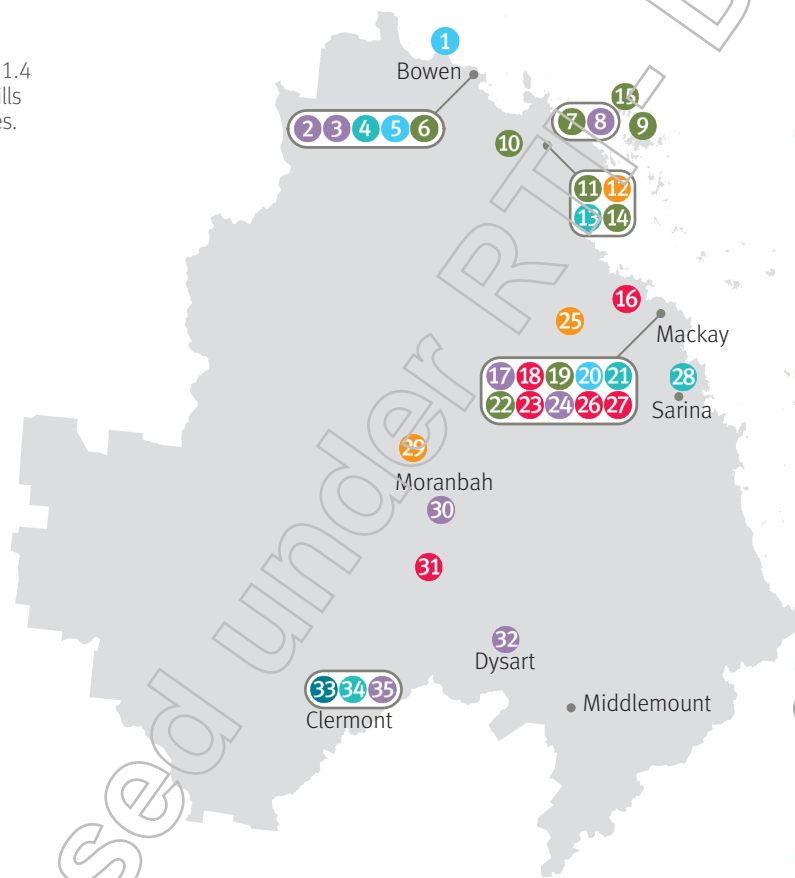
\$1.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5 million total spend for the refurbishment of the clinical assimilation training area, and acute primary care clinic upgrade.

14 Proserpine Entertainment Centre

\$5.7 million in 2021-22 out of \$13.7 million in State funding to rebuild the Proserpine Entertainment Centre following Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie.

15 Hook Island

\$582,084 in 2021-22 out of a \$4.3 million total spend for cleaning up of resort site and installation of a range of day trip facilities including amenities block and walkways for public use. Part of the Great Barrier Reef Resort Rejuvenation Fund program, delivered in partnership with the private sector.



\$7M centre puts Mackay on METS map

Mackay's \$7 million Resources Centre of Excellence is ensuring the region remains one of the world's best sources for mining expertise and innovation in the mining equipment, technology and services (METS) sector.

The centre is one-of-a-kind in Queensland and was jointly funded by the Queensland Government through its Jobs and Regional Growth Fund and Mackay Regional Council to drive research and innovation, increase export opportunities, and provide safer and more accelerated training options for students and apprentices.

With Mackay as one of Queensland's major resource industry hubs, the centre will create jobs and skills for the future through providing training and education, biomedical research, product innovation and demonstration. It features a simulated underground coal mine for training and research, including emergency response strategies. The construction of the centre created around 22 direct and indirect jobs.



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Harrup Park

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Tourism boost for Mackay-Whitsunday

A world-class sport, community, entertainment and leisure destination is coming to Mackay-Whitsunday with the development of the Great Barrier Reef Arena at Harrup Park.

The Queensland Government has committed \$10 million for Stage One of the development project, the Australian Government has matched that funding and Harrup Park Country Club is contributing \$4.2 million.

Once built, the arena will become a tourism drawcard as one of Australia's largest regional sporting facilities, including seating for more than 6,000 people, media and broadcast facilities for the AFL and cricket, and corporate and event facilities. It's expected the 18-month construction period will create 90 local jobs and generate \$43.2 million for the region's economy.

Tourism in the Mackay-Whitsunday region is also benefiting from the Queensland Government's Great Barrier Reef Island Resorts Rejuvenation Program, a \$25 million investment to fund a range of projects on the reef focusing on growing, greening and cleaning.

24 **Mackay Ooralea Trade Training Centre expansion**
\$7.5 million in 2021-22 to expand the heavy automotive facilities at Mackay Ooralea Trade Training Centre.

25 **Teemburra Dam improvement project - planning**
\$4.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$10.5 million total spend to continue planning works for dam improvements to comply with safety standards for extreme weather events.

26 **Mackay Port Access, Bruce Highway to Mackay - Slade Point Road, construct new two lane road**
\$4.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$350 million total spend to construct a new two lane road to connect the Bruce Highway with Mackay-Slade Point Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

27 **Walkerston Bypass**
\$36.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$150 million total spend to construct a new two lane highway connecting Peak Downs Highway to the Mackay Ring Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

28 **Sarina Hospital**
\$16.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$31.5 million total spend for a new greenfield site, to deliver a purpose-built hospital and staff accommodation.

29 **Eungella Water Pipeline increased pumping capacity - planning**
\$2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$10.9 million total spend to upgrade Eungella Water pipeline to allow delivery of 15,000 megalitres per annum through increased pumping capacity.

30 **Moranbah East State School**
\$1.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$6.2 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.

31 **Peak Downs Highway (Clermont - Nebo), Wuthung Road to Caval Ridge Mine**
\$16.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$35 million total spend to strengthen and widen pavement on the Peak Downs Highway between Wuthung Road and Caval Ridge Mine. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

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 **Dysart State High School**
\$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$900,000 total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities.

33 **Clermont replacement police facility**
\$50,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$3.5 million total spend to progress the replacement police facility at Clermont.

34 **Clermont Multi-Purpose Health Service**
\$81,334 in 2021-22 out of a \$989,580 total spend for the internal demolition and refurbishment of the five units of staff accommodation at Clermont Hospital.

35 **Clermont State High School**
\$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.3 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities.

36 **Manufacturing Hub in Mackay**
\$2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$4 million total spend to create a new manufacturing hub and grants program focusing on the manufacturing of bioproducts from crops grown in the region.

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

BUDGET 2021-22 AT A GLANCE

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

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 330 employers in Mackay Whitsunday will also benefit in 2021-22 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

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.

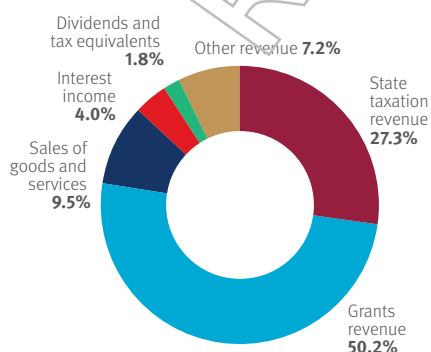
\$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund

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

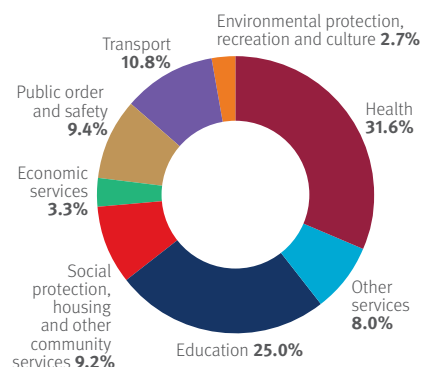
The Fund will increase investment by government-owned corporations in commercial renewable energy and hydrogen projects, along with supporting infrastructure, including in partnership with the private sector.

Forming part of the new \$3.34 billion Queensland Jobs Fund, this investment will ensure Queensland capitalises on economic development opportunities and creates more jobs and industries through cheaper, cleaner energy.

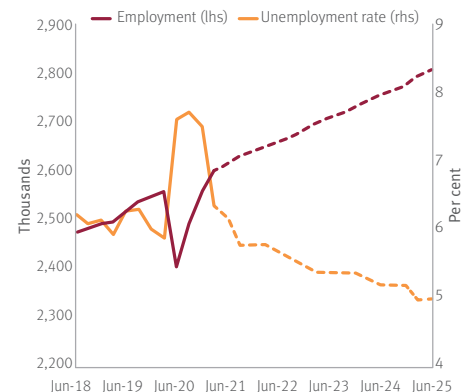
2021-22 revenue



2021-22 expenses



Queensland's labour market forecasts



Health Overview – Mackay Hospital and Health Service

- All data as at 20 March 2022.

Covid-19 cases

- Across Queensland, **672,275 recorded cases** of Covid-19, of which **41,852** were active cases and **685 people** had died.
- Across the **Mackay Hospital and Health Service (HHS)**, there were **11,816 recorded cases** of Covid-19, of which there were **351 active cases**. There have been **10 deaths** recorded in the Mackay HHS area.
- Mackay HHS was managing 60 cases of COVID-19:
 - 10 in-patients with Covid-19, including 1 in ICU; and
 - 50 people with Covid-19 at home.
- There have been:
 - within the Whitsunday Regional Council area, 2,193 recorded cases of Covid-19, of which 2,183 cases were recorded since 13 December 2021.

Vaccinations – Percentage of Queensland population vaccinated (19/3/22)

	At least 1 dose	2 doses	booster
16 yrs & over	93.27%	91.49%	61.10%
12-15 yrs	92.27%	90.25%	
5-11 yrs	43.15%	14.59%	

- Mackay HHS has **administered a total of 135,920 vaccine doses**, and **3,017 paediatric vaccine doses** have been administered since 10 January 2022.

Staff impacts

- Mackay HHS had:
 - 21 staff registered as being Covid-19 positive;
 - 27 staff were quarantined; and
 - no staff were in the workplace under *critically essential worker provision*

Key facts

- The 2021-22 Mackay HHS budget is more than **\$494M in operational funding**.
- In addition, we've committed hundreds of millions of dollars in upgrades to Mackay health infrastructure.
- There are around **2,560 staff in the Mackay HHS**.
- Since 2015, in the Mackay HHS my Government has hired:
 - more than 140 doctors;
 - almost 300 more nurses and midwives; and
 - more than 150 health professionals.

Mackay HHS Infrastructure projects within the Whitsunday Regional Council area

Infrastructure projects – completed

- **\$1.49M** Proserpine Hospital Emergency Department refurbishment – redevelopment and expansion of the existing Acute Primary Care Clinic Emergency Department – commenced 28 June 2016, completed 6 November 2017 – 4 jobs supported during construction.
- **\$1.17M** Proserpine Hospital Kitchen upgrade – kitchen upgrade to meet food safety standards and covered walkway – commenced 29 September 2017, completed 21 March 2018 – 3 jobs supported during construction.

Infrastructure – Current Projects

- **\$7.0M** Bowen Imaging Department – refurbishment of the medical imaging facility at Bowen Hospital and the installation of a Computed Tomography (CT) scanner – project construction began 16 April 2021 and is forecast to reach practical completion on 31 May 2022 and to support 21 jobs during construction.
- **\$2.87M** Rural and Regional Renal Program – Proserpine – part of the Advanced Kidney Care 2026 plan, project will deliver renal dialysis treatment spaces to operate from Proserpine Hospital — construction expected to commence 31 March 2022 until 30 November 2022.
- **\$1.45M** Proserpine Hospital Acute Primary Care Clinic (APCC) refurbishment – works to comply with guidelines relevant to heritage listed properties – construction expected to be undertaken between

September 2022 and June 2023 and support 3 jobs during construction.

Infrastructure – Planned Projects

- **\$5.0M** Proserpine Acute Primary Care Clinic Upgrade – refurbishment of clinical assimilation training area, clinical assessment rooms and management office space – project is currently in planning phase and is expected to support 14 jobs during construction.
- **\$0.7M** Bowen Hospital Redevelopment – a preliminary business case to investigate options to refurbish or replace the facility – project still in planning phase.

Waiting Lists

Elective Surgery Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 28 February 2022, 7,993 patients were added to the Elective Surgery Waitlist.
- As at 1 March 2022, the Elective Surgery – Ready for Surgery Waitlists showed:
 - ready for surgery waitlist **increased** from 1,316 (as at 1 June 2020) to 1,434 – a growth of 118; and
 - ready for surgery long waitlist **increased** from 122 (as at 1 June 2020) to 214 – a growth of 92.

Specialist Outpatient Department (SOPD) Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 28 February 2022, an estimated 41,500 patients were added to the SOPD Waitlist.
- As at 1 March 2022, the SOPD Ready for Care Waitlists showed:
 - the SOPD ready for care waitlist **increased** from 5,722 (as at 1 June 2020) to 9,141 – a growth of 3,419; and
 - the SOPD ready for care long waitlist **increased** from 2,092 (as at 1 June 2020) to 4,214 – a growth of 2,122.

Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Waitlist

- Between 1 June 2020 and 28 February 2022, 7,087 patients were added to the Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (GIE) Procedures Waitlist.
- As at 1 March 2022, the GIE ready for care waitlists showed:
 - the GIE ready for care waitlist **decreased** from 592 (as at 1 June 2020) to 501 – a reduction of 91; and

- the GIE ready for care long waitlist **increased** from 59 (as at 1 June 2020) to 69 – a growth of 10.

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Major Road and Transport 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 on the Bruce Highway** to improve flood resilience and safety and increase capacity.

Key Facts

Road Projects underway right now

- **\$23M Bruce Highway (Mackay-Proserpine), Jumper Creek, upgrade flood immunity** – jointly funded by the State (20) and Federal (80) governments - supporting 72 jobs – construction to commence April 2022 and expected to be complete by June 2023
- **\$7M Bruce Highway (Mackay-Proserpine), Knobels Road, upgrade intersection and approaches** – jointly funded by the State (20) and Federal (80) governments - construction to commence April 2022 and expected to be complete by June 2023
- **\$16M Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road, Paluma Road to Valley Drive (Cannonvale) duplicate to four lanes** - jointly funded by the State (20) and Federal (80) governments – supporting 30 jobs - construction commenced June 2021
- **\$13M Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road, Valley Drive to Tropic Road (Cannonvale) duplicate to four lanes** – fully funded by the State government – supporting 20 jobs – construction commenced June 2021
- **\$22M Bruce Highway (Bowen-Ayr) Bowen Connection Road to Champion Street intersection, widen pavement** – jointly funded by the State (20) and Federal (80) governments - supporting 35 jobs – construction commenced February 2021
- **\$8.03M Bruce Highway (Proserpine-Bowen) Bowen Connection Road, improve intersection** – jointly funded by the State (20) and Federal (80) governments - construction commenced August 2021

- **\$44.07M Bruce Highway (Proserpine-Bowen) Ten Mile Creek to Yeates Creek, improve safety** - jointly funded by the State (20) and Federal (80) governments – supporting 69 jobs – construction commenced August 2021, expected to be complete September 2023
- **\$38.8M Bruce Highway (Proserpine-Bowen) Emu Creek to Drays Road, various locations, widen formation** – fully funded by the State government – supporting 62 jobs – construction commenced October 2020

Road Projects in the planning stage

- **\$23M Bruce Highway, Goorganga Plains, plan and preserve** – jointly funded by the State (20) and Federal (80) governments

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Policing and Youth Crime

POLICE NUMBERS

- **The Mackay-Whitsunday Police District has 371 permanent positions, up 20 since 2015.**
- It was fantastic to announce in September 2020, an additional 2,025 police personal across the state.
- **This is a \$624M investment over five years for 2,025 new police personnel.** Of those 1,450 will be deployed to the frontline which means **at least 150 positions will be located per key region** across the state.
- We're also investing in 25 mobile police vans that will take police into the heart of the community.
- There are more than 12,000 police officers in Queensland – a record number. **Under Labor, there are more police in Queensland than ever before with more on the way.**
- **And we back police 100% in what they do best – keeping communities safe,** providing them with the necessary equipment, like body worn cameras, new vehicles and tasers.

CRIME STATS

- For the six months up to 31 December 2021, the overall rate of Total Reported Crime for the Mackay-Whitsunday Police District **increased by 509 offences or 4 per cent** compared with the same period the previous year.
- For the 6 months up to 31 December 2021, the rate of Offences Against the Person **increased by 351 offences or 43 per cent**, Offences Against Property **increased by 607 offences or 16 per cent** and Other Offences **decreased by 449 offences or 9 per cent**, compared with the same period the previous year.

CAPITAL WORKS

- \$4M Mackay police facility upgrade – in 2021-22, \$0.5M budgeted to commence planning works – expected to support 13.2 jobs over the life of the project.
- \$3.5M to replace the Clermont police facility – in 2021-22, \$0.5M budgeted to commence planning works – expected to support 11.55 jobs over the life of the project.

RECENT POLICE OPERATIONS

- Between 1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021, Mackay-Whitsunday Police District had 160 unique occurrences related to the drug ice and seized approximately 832 grams of the substance.

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.

Youth crime facts

- As at 30 September 2021, in the Mackay area, data shows an **50 per cent decrease in the number of distinct young people offending**, and a **31 per cent decrease in offences**, compared to the previous year.

Recent youth programs

- In partnership with community agencies, the Mackay Youth Justice Service Centre provides various programs and services to young people that address offending behaviours and responsivity factors.
- In the 12 months to 30 September 2021, 3 restorative justice conferences have been held in Mackay. 77 per cent of offenders either do not reoffend or reduce their offending magnitude in the six months after a conference.

LNP

- In the LNP's Police budget in 2012-13:
 - Townsville Police were told to tighten their belts.
 - Funding for new operational equipment for police fell from \$77.5M to \$53.8M.

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

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Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road

Recommended response

- The Queensland Government is delivering a coordinated approach to address flood impacts on the road network in the Whitsunday region.
- By improving Myrtle Creek, Hamilton Plains and Goorganga Plains together, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will be able to improve flood resilience in the area.
- The Hamilton Plains flood immunity upgrade project will significantly reduce the impact of road closures for the community.
- This project is currently in detailed design and due to start construction mid-2023.
- Upgrades are also being delivered to Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road between Paluma Road and Tropic Road in Cannonvale.

Key Facts

- Proserpine–Shute Harbour Road is the sole arterial road, which links the Bruce Highway and township of Proserpine to the Whitsunday township of Cannonvale, Airlie Brach, Jubilee Pocket and the Port of Shute Harbour.
- The Hamilton Plains flood plain contributes to the flood immunity issues in the Whitsunday area. It has a one in two-year flood immunity. The duration of flooding varies from one to two days between minor and major events.
- Access to the Proserpine Airport and the local hospital is not possible by road during flood events.
- The airport at Proserpine is the gateway to the Whitsunday Region, and a vital utility for the tourist destinations of Shute Harbour, Airlie Beach and the Whitsunday Islands. Tourism is a key economic driver in the region and the industry relies on a reliable road link to and from the airport.
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- Residential and industrial growth in the Whitsunday region has increased traffic along Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road in Cannonvale, with an average of 24,640 vehicles using this section every day.
- By upgrading this section of Proserpine–Shute Harbour Road, TMR will be able to improve safety and road capacity in this location.
- Projects currently programmed for delivery on Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road include:
 - \$21 million Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road, Hamilton Plains flood immunity upgrade
 - jointly-funded by the Australian and Queensland governments (80:20) under the Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) program
 - will support an average of 55 jobs over the life of the project
 - currently in detailed design, with construction due to start in mid-2023
 - \$16 million Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road, Paluma Road to Valley Drive, duplicate to four lanes
 - jointly-funded by the Australian and Queensland governments (80:20) under the ROSI program
 - will support an average of 30 jobs over the life of the project
 - currently in detailed design
 - \$13 million to the Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road, Valley Drive to Tropic Road, duplicate to four lanes project
 - fully-funded by the Queensland Government's Infrastructure Economic Stimulus package
 - will support an average of 20 jobs over the life of the project
 - currently in detailed design
 - \$2.6 million Proserpine - Shute Harbour Road, Paluma Road to Tropic Road (Cannonvale), construct shared path
 - jointly-funded (50:50) by the Australian and Queensland governments under the Road Safety Program – Tranche 1
 - early works as part of the shared path project commenced in June 2021 and are being delivered by Whitsunday Regional Council.

Achievements

- A total of \$37 million has been allocated to upgrades on Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road under the jointly-funded ROSI program on an 80:20 basis.
- The Queensland Government has also committed \$13 million to the Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road, Valley Drive to Tropic Road, duplicate to four lanes project.
- The Hamilton Plains flood immunity upgrade project will significantly reduce the impact of road closures for the community.
- Upgrades to the section of Proserpine–Shute Harbour Road in Cannonvale will improve safety and road capacity in this location.

Background

Proserpine Shute Harbour Road (Cannonvale)

- The Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road duplication project in Cannonvale is made up of three projects including:
 - \$16 million Proserpine – Shute Harbour Road, Paluma Road to Valley Drive (Cannonvale), duplicate to four lanes, jointly funded (80:20) by the Australian and Queensland governments as part of the ROSI program
 - \$13 million Proserpine – Shute Harbour Road, Valley Drive to Tropic Road (Cannonvale), duplicate to four lanes, wholly funded by the Queensland Government as part of the Queensland Government Economic Stimulus
 - \$2.6 million Proserpine – Shute Harbour Road, Paluma Road to Tropic Road (Cannonvale), construct shared path, jointly funded (50:50) by the Australian and Queensland governments as part of the Queensland Road Safety Program – Tranche 1.
- Detailed design for this project is being finalised. Future key milestones are impacted due to delay in procurement of public utility plant (PUP) materials and redesign to accommodate PUP. A review of project scope and funding requirements is underway.
- TMR has received multiple stakeholder enquiries related to concerns about the protection of trees adjacent to the Proserpine – Shute Harbour Road, Paluma Road to Tropic Road duplication project.
- The majority of this correspondence has been issued on behalf of various members of local advocacy groups – Residents Traffic Action group and Whitsunday Conservation Council (WCC).
- Some vegetation has been removed as part of the early works for this project. This includes a total of 12 trees, undertaken by the contractor, as part of PUP service relocations in late 2021. This was required as the vegetation was growing over the top of service cables.
- Guardrails were installed to protect existing mature blue gum trees adjacent to Waite Creek.

- While every effort has been made to retain established trees, some trees need to be removed in cases where engineering solutions cannot be included.
- Concerns from the wider community about the matter of tree protection is considered to be limited as TMR has not received any additional correspondence from stakeholders outside of the WCC or its call to action.
- These groups have also been vocal about the proposed traffic signal treatment for this project.
- Engagement with key stakeholders has been ongoing for the duration of the project and overall, the design concept and project scope has been met with positive feedback by all stakeholders.

Hamilton Plains

- A total of \$37 million has been allocated to upgrades on Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road under the jointly-funded ROSI program on an 80:20 basis.
- Of this, \$21 million has been allocated to the Proserpine Shute Harbour Road, Hamilton Plains Immunity Upgrade project.
- Detailed design is due to be completed in late 2022.
- Construction is due to start in mid-2023 and be completed in early 2024.
- Ms Amanda Camm MP, Member for Whitsunday has been very vocal about the issues being experienced by residents due to the flooding in the Hamilton Plains and Goorganga Plains on the Bruce Highway near Proserpine and the status of these flood projects.
- Mr George Christensen MP, Member for Dawson has also been vocal in the media, on social media and in Parliament about this location, claiming the Queensland Government was stalling on the projects that would fix flooding issues at Hamilton Plains and Goorganga Plains. Mr Christensen has said the Australian Government's contribution for the projects had been available since 2019 and 2018 respectively.

WBHO Infrastructure Pty Ltd voluntary administration

Recommended response

- WBHO was the main construction contractor for three safety upgrade projects currently being delivered on the Bruce Highway between Proserpine and Ayr.
- Construction activity has ceased and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is working to ensure the project sites are maintained in a safe condition until project delivery can continue.
- TMR is assessing the quantum of remaining works and developing a strategy to ensure delivery of the projects can be achieved.

Key Facts

- WBHO Infrastructure is the principal construction contractor for three safety projects currently being delivered in the Central Queensland region under the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program.
- The three projects include:
 - \$38.82 million Bruce Highway (Proserpine – Bowen), Emu Creek to Drays Road, various locations, widen formation
 - jointly funded by the Australian (\$31.06 million) and Queensland (\$7.76 million) governments under the Bruce Highway Safety Upgrade Program (BHSUP)
 - an average of 62 jobs are expected to be supported over the life of this project
 - \$22 million Bruce Highway (Bowen – Ayr) Bowen Connection Road to Champion Street intersection, widen pavement
 - jointly funded by the Australian (\$17.6 million) and Queensland (\$4.4 million) governments under the BHSUP
 - an average of 35 jobs are expected to be supported over the life of this project
 - \$8.03 million Bruce Highway (Proserpine – Bowen) Bowen Connection Road, improve intersection
 - jointly funded by the Australian (\$6.424 million) and Queensland (\$1.606 million) governments under the BHSUP
- The three projects were due to be completed in December 2022.

Achievements

- TMR's routine maintenance performance contractor, Whitsunday Regional Council, has been mobilised to ensure the sites are maintained in a safe condition until construction activity resumes.
- TMR is continuing to work towards a resolution to ensure project delivery continues and subcontractor obligations are met.

Background

- WBHO Infrastructure Pty Ltd is the principal construction contractor for three safety projects under two contracts currently being delivered in the Central Queensland region under the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program.
- The projects include:
 - \$38.82 million Bruce Highway (Proserpine – Bowen), Emu Creek to Drays Road, various locations, widen formation (ID: 295492)
 - contract awarded to WBHO Infrastructure Pty Ltd on 15 September 2020
 - construction started in October 2020 and was expected to be complete by December 2022
 - \$22 million Bruce Highway (Bowen – Ayr) Bowen Connection Road to Champion Street intersection, widen pavement (ID: 12269)
 - contract awarded to WBHO in February 2021
 - construction started in March 2021 and was expected to be complete December 2022
 - \$8.03 million Bruce Highway (Proserpine – Bowen) Bowen Connection Road, improve intersection (ID: 721425)
 - contract awarded to WBHO in February 2021
 - construction started in March 2021 and was expected to be complete December 2022.
- TMR received verbal advice from WBHO about this matter on Thursday 24 February 2022, followed by written advice on Monday 7 March 2022.
- The appointed administrator is Deloitte.
- On Friday 11 March 2022, TMR issued Notices of Breach to WBHO regarding works to be taken out of the hands of the contractor (Pursuant to Clause 44.4 of the General Conditions of Contract, relating to a Substantial Breach of the Contract).
- Both contracts rely heavily on local suppliers and resources in the Bowen and Proserpine regions.
- TMR awarded the tenders for construction to WBHO following a detailed contractor pre-qualification and tender evaluation process.
- This procurement process included a detailed assessment of the contractor's financial and other information to ensure the contractor was deemed to have suitable resources and capacity to deliver the projects and meet its obligations.
- 'Emergent' works need to be undertaken in order to make the projects sites safe until a replacement contractor is in place and construction activity can resume.
- These works will be undertaken under TMR's existing Routine Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) with Whitsunday Regional Council (WRC).

- This contract gives WRC possession of site at these locations and allows the maintenance contractor to work as soon as the sites are handed back to TMR.
- Under the RMPC, WRC has the necessary plans in place to maintain safety of the sites and open them to traffic.
- TMR is currently working with WRC to address rough pavement issues on sections of the Emu Creek to Drays Road project
- The impact of WBHO's voluntary administration on the three Bruce Highway projects has received some media attention since 24 February 2022. This includes local media coverage by *The Daily Mercury*, *Mackay and Whitsunday Life* and *Seven News*.
- This coverage addressed the impact of the voluntary administration on completion of the projects; the remaining reduced speed limits despite works ceasing; subcontractor claims; and comments made by Member for Burdekin, Mr Dale Last MP about the impact of the project on local subcontractors.
- The voluntary administration of WBHO and the actions of its South Africa-based parent company has also received national media coverage.

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