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August 2022**

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13. Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 229 new social homes to be built in the region by 30 June 2025• \$67.7M investment supporting 214 FTE jobs
14. Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct Water Supply
15. Major Road Upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivering \$996.3M for road infrastructure for North Queensland in 2022-23 budget, 3,100 jobs
16. Policing and Youth Crime <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19% increase in total reported crime from 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022 compared to the same period in 2020• Data from 2020-21 compared to 2018-19:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– 5% decrease in the number of proven offences by young offenders– 33% increase in the number of distinct 10-17-year-old offenders
17. Port of Townsville – Townsville Channel Capacity Upgrade Project

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18. Schools Overview - UPDATED

- 39 schools in the Townsville City Council and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council areas
- Around \$65M of major infrastructure completed at 35 schools
- Around \$50.7M worth of works at 23 schools in progress or being planned
- All facilities have air conditioning and solar panels

19. Townsville City Deal

STATE-WIDE BRIEFS

20. Bruce Highway (Bowen-Cardwell)

21. Great Barrier Reef

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

22. Insurance Affordability

23. Teacher Supply

- DoE working to fill 896 current or emerging vacancies – less than 2% of teaching workforce
- Throughout 2021-2022, DoE has filled over 6200 teacher vacancies across the State with existing teachers and new teacher hires.

VISIT BASE PACK - UPDATED

Townsville – Townsville City Council

Population	As at 30 June		
	2011	2016	2021 (estimated)
	180,114	191,348	195,515
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average annual growth rate of 0.4 per cent over five years • Average annual growth rate of 0.8 per cent over 10 years 		
Building our Regions / Works for Queensland projects			
Building our Regions – Townsville City Council (TCC)	Jobs	Funding	
	116	\$11.15M	
<u>Works for Queensland</u> <u>Completed projects within TCC, include:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4.25M kerb and channel renewals, completed June 2021 • \$3.20M road reconstruction renewals, completed June 2021 • \$7.59M core water reticulation renewals water pipes replacement, completed June 2021 	Since 2016, TCC has received \$102.68M for 113 projects, supporting 1,864 jobs. 103 projects are complete.		
	Funding round	No of projects	Act Jobs
	2016-17	60	909
	2017-19	18	554
	2019-21	17	201
	2020-21 COVID Rnd	7	85
<u>Current projects, include:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.45M city board walk/ pedestrian bridge, expected completion July 2023 • \$2.0M National level skate park, expected completion December 2024 	2021-24	11	115
	Total	113	1,864
			\$102.68M
Transport and Roads			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering \$996.3M for road infrastructure for North Queensland in 2022-23 budget - 3,100 jobs 			
Education			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 39 schools in the TCC and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council areas • Around \$65M of major infrastructure completed at 35 schools • Around \$50.7M worth of works at 23 schools in progress or being planned 			
Health			
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REGION PROFILE		TOWNSVILLE REGION
ELECTORATE	SITTING MEMBER	
Burdekin	Mr Dale Last (LNP)	
Hinchinbrook	Mr Nick Dametto (KAP)	
Mundingburra	Mr Leslie Walker (ALP)	
Thuringowa	Mr Aaron Harper (ALP)	
Townsville	The Hon Scott Stewart (ALP)	
Traeger	Mr Robbie Katter (KAP)	

Queensland Government FTEs		2022	2015
Doctors	Townsville HHS <i>source: QH supplied MOHRI data (20 March 2022)</i>	778.00	595.70
Nurses		2,449.50	2,160.14
Other health professionals		816.66	581.02
Ambulance officers	<i>source: PSC supplied MOHRI data (31 March 2022)</i>	300.87	254.64
Police officers		708.73	630.85
Fire officers		161.50	152.62
Teachers		2,107.70	2096.08
Teacher aides		499.84	476.59

Employment – annual rate change	2022 (June)	2015 (Feb)
Queensland employment	4.6%	1.6%
Townsville employment (SA4)	9.1%	-2.4%
Unemployment Rate		
Queensland unemployment	4.0%	6.5%
Townsville unemployment (SA4)	3.0%	8.6%
Queensland youth unemployment	10.1%	14.1%
Townsville youth unemployment (SA4)	5.0%	17.4%

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

	Queensland	T'ville Region
Median age (estimated as at 30 June 2020)	37.8 years	36.3 years
Population (estimated as at 30 June 2021)	5,221,233	239,859
Crime rate (per 100,000 persons) 2020-21	9,154	14,444

Tourism (March 2022)	Tourism Region	Visitors	Expenditure
Domestic tourism	Townsville	1.15 million	\$760.2M
International tourism		not published	not published

ECONOMIC PROFILE

Budget 2022-23	Townsville
Infrastructure	\$996.3M
<u>Community wellbeing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Oasis Townsville funding 	
<u>Utilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kidston Hydro 275kV transmission network connection • Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct – enabling infrastructure • Ayr water supply – infrastructure project • Big Rocks Weir – planning • Burdekin Falls Dam improvements project – planning • Haughton Pipeline Stage 2 	
<u>Transport and roads</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port or Townsville initiatives • Townsville Ring Road – stage 5 • Garbutt-Upper Ross Road (Riverway Drive, Stage 2), Allambie Lane to Dunlop Street – duplicate to four lanes • Burdekin River Bridge – rehabilitation program 	
<u>Justice and Safety</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palm Island multi-agency community safety facility • Kirwan replacement police facility • Mobile Police Beats • South Townsville replacement fire and rescue station land acquisition and detailed design 	
<u>Government services</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W4Q 2021-24 Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council – job-creating maintenance and infrastructure works 	
<u>Recreation and culture</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museum of Underwater Art – stage 3 • Magnetic Island Trails network • Museum of Tropical Queensland • Joint field management – Great Barrier Reef 	
Health	\$1.2B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Burdell Ambulance station and Townsville district office 	

Budget 2022-23	Townsville
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Townsville University Hospital - adult acute mental health inpatient unit • Charters Towers Hospital – additional renal dialysis treatment spaces • Health Capacity Expansion program 	
Education	\$41.0M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Manufacturing Hub at Bohle TAFE • Bohle Renewable Energy Centre at Bohle TAFE • Pimlico State High School – performing arts facility, skills development and training facilities and additional classrooms • Townsville Community Learning Centre – a State Special School • Ayr State High School – new hall 	
Total jobs supported in this region	3,100

	Jobs	Funding	
Building our Regions (Rounds 1-5) (3 May 2022)			
Townsville region	163.3	\$19.37M	
Works for Queensland (Summary) – Townsville region (18 Jul 2022)			
2019-21 Rnd	535.0	\$35.35M	
2020-21 COVID Rnd	239.0	\$21.37M	
2021-24 Rnd	243.0	\$29.48M	
Back to Work (Total across all programs)	Employers	Jobs	Funding
<u>Initial</u> Back to Work (closed 30 June 2021)	1,542	3,678	\$37.59M
<u>Revitalised</u> Back to Work (30 June 2022)	76	96	\$607,300
Skilling Queenslanders for Work (30 June 2022)			
Total Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative	2,607	\$30.98M	

* *estimated FTEs*

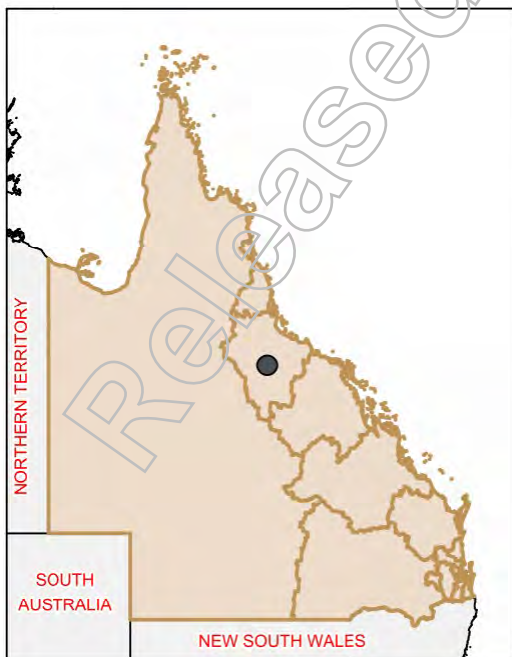
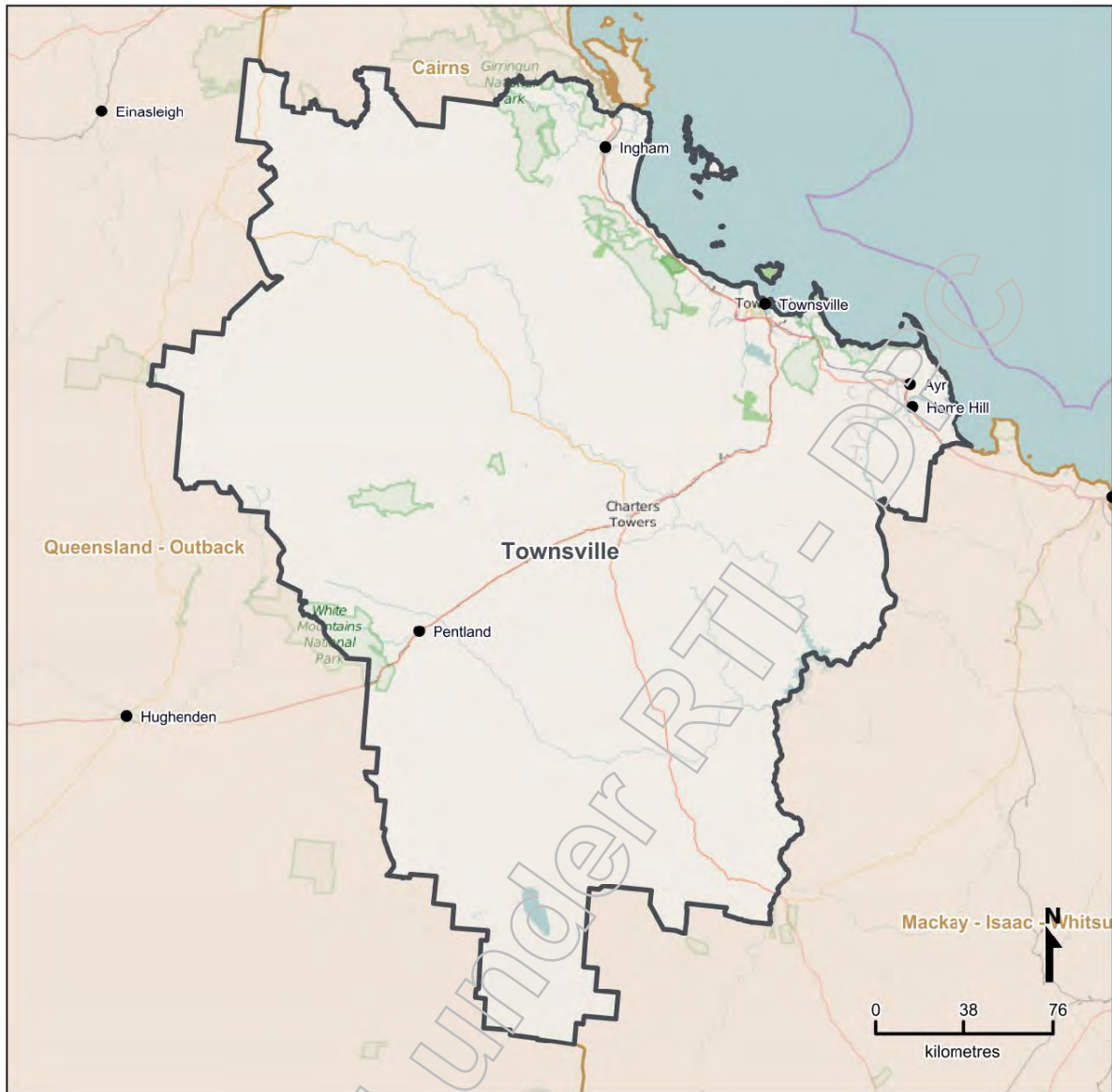
Local Government	Mayor
Burdekin Shire Council	Cr Lyn McLaughlin
Charters Towers Regional Council	Cr Frank Beveridge
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	Cr Ramon Jayo
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	Cr Mislam Sam
Townsville City Council	Cr Jenny Hill

PREVIOUS VISITS

DATE	LOCATION	SUMMARY OF PURPOSE
25-26 January 2022	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend media conference, COVID-19 update – attend Flag Raising & Citizenship Ceremony
9-10 June 2021	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – officially open The Oasis Townsville – attend press conference re State of Origin – attend State of Origin (Game 1) – host 2021 Queensland Energy Forum
26-27 January 2021	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-site Cabinet meeting and Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend Australia Day events – visit Heatley Secondary College – attend meeting and media conference, Townsville Stadium jobs
23 September 2020	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meeting and media conference, Townsville Regional Economic Recovery Plan and Jobs – visit Drive It NQ, Investment and Jobs
2 June 2020	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – meet with local MPs – meet with Mayor of Townsville City Council – attend meeting and media conference regarding Haughton Pipeline – attend Roundtable with Townsville Tourism Operators on Economic Recovery – meet with Craig Warhurst of Townsville Bulletin
13 March 2020	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend the Queensland Country Bank Stadium official opening game and plaque unveiling
21-22 February 2020	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend unveiling of the Johnathon Thurston Statue, Queensland Country Bank Stadium – attend thank you BBQ for workers who worked on the stadium – attend North Queensland Cowboys Member Preview – attend North Queensland Stadium Open Day
25-26 January 2020	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attend Australia Day events
2-6 September 2019	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-site Cabinet meeting • Regional Parliament • Community Government reception and various meetings
18 June 2019	Townsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – visit North Queensland Stadium

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

MAP – Townsville region



LEGEND

-  Selected SA4
-  Neighbouring SA4s

Map features

-  City/Town
-  Main road
-  Railway
-  Park
-  Waterway

Achievements – Townsville Area

TRANSPORT/ ROADS

- \$230M jointly funded Townsville Ring Road Stage 5 (200 jobs): construction is expected to commence by mid-2021, with completion in mid 2023
- \$514.3M jointly funded Haughton River Floodplain project (544 Jobs) at Giru: 40km south of Townsville – completed October 2021 with ancillary works expected to continue till late June 2022
- \$30.67M Bruce Highway safety upgrades, Bambaroo (Hechts Road to Easter Creek) – supporting 48 jobs and completed late 2021;
- \$13.1M Hervey Range Road (Townsville – Battery) supporting 48 jobs and completed September 2021.
- \$5M Flinders Highway intersection upgrade (Woodstock Giru Road / Glenn Road) – wholly funded by the Queensland Government, supported 9 jobs – completed December 2020; and
- \$44.14M Bruce Highway safety upgrades between Mackenzie Creek and Mailman Road – supported 89 jobs – completed November 2020.
- Almost \$1M for the design and construction of the Railway Avenue service road shared path (cycleway)
- \$200,000 for a carpark upgrade at the new Mount Louisa walking tracks – election commitment delivered

EDUCATION / TAFE

- \$59.1M for the North Shore State School – opened in 2018 with Stage 2 completed in 2020
- \$11M Heatley Secondary College for refurbishment and upgrade works, including new covered walkways – completed December 2020
- \$6.4M Kirwan State High School – multi-purpose hall – delivered by Jun-2019
- \$5.185M Northern Beaches State High School for a new two-storey learning centre
- Pimlico State High School:
 - \$3.4M - additional classrooms and learning spaces
 - \$931,000 covering the sports court at (\$570,000 + \$361,000 school contribution)

- \$700,000 - security fence, election commitment delivered by November 2021
- \$3.4M Townsville Community Learning Centre - a State Special School – 7 additional general learning areas (delivered by June 2017) and prefabricated buildings (delivered by June 2021)
- \$1.97M Bohlevale State School – upgraded school – delivered by June 2018
- \$1.1M Townsville State High School – upgrade multipurpose hall – completed 2019
- \$579,148 Townsville South State School – amenities replaced, election commitment delivered by November 2021
- \$1.68M Bwgcolman Community School – refurbished classrooms – Block A (completed by June 2021), Block D (completed by June 2018) and science lab (completed by June 2019)
- William Ross State High School:
 - \$568,502 for improved learning space to support STEM curriculum, election commitment delivered by November 2021
 - \$50,000 for a planning/feasibility study for a new hall, election commitment delivered
- Cranbrook State School:
 - \$700,000 for a security fence, election commitment delivered
 - \$199,996 - new playground for Year 6 students, election commitment delivered
- \$700,000 at Bohlevale State School for a security fence – election commitment delivered
- \$495,000 at Hermit Park State School refurbishment
- \$231,591 Bluewater State School to install a ramp to the administration, election commitment delivered by June 2021
- \$172,500 Kelso State School to install a covered walkway – election commitment delivered by November 2021
- \$35M upgrade to the TAFE Pimlico campus – creating 100 full time construction jobs

- \$12.0M over four years to expand remote kindy program to include an extra 20 state schools at least 40km from the nearest Kindergarten Program provider – election commitment delivered

HEALTH

- \$16.22M Palm Island Primary Healthcare Centre – completed December 2018, supporting 49 jobs during construction. The new centre incorporates an adult clinic including a Maternal and Child Health Clinic, and a Social and Emotional Wellbeing Clinic for the Palm Island community.
- \$9.3M joint funding for The Oasis in Townsville to provide a one stop shop for support services for veterans and their families. (\$5M:\$4.3M Fed:State)
- Townsville University Hospital
 - \$334M hospital expansion – completed 2018
 - \$6.6M Children's Ward – delivered in May 2018
 - \$10.4M clinical services redevelopment – completed March 2020, generating 31 jobs during construction
 - \$44.7M new Surgical Outpatients (Ear Nose and Throat) Department – completed July 2018
 - \$5.94M for second magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine and associated refurbishment works – completed January 2021, supporting 11 jobs during construction
 - \$10.9M Pharmacy Cytotoxic Laboratory (joint Federal (\$4.7M) and State (\$6.2M) government funded project) – completed June 2021 and supported 13 FTE during construction.
 - \$1.28M Emergency Department (ED) Paediatric Redevelopment – officially opened in June 2021 and supported 2 FTEs during construction.
- \$2.63M Hughenden Hospital Electrical Infrastructure end of life refurbishment and upgrade – generated 8 jobs during construction – completed July 2021
- \$2.5M Hughenden and Richmond Hospitals Rural Staff Accommodation – supporting 7 jobs during construction – completed August 2019
- \$2.12M Rural and Regional Renal Program – Charters Towers – supported 6 jobs during construction – installed four chairs at Charters

Towers Hospital (part of the Advanced Kidney Care 2026 plan) – completed April 2022

- \$1.89M Rural and Regional Renal Program – Ingham Hospital – supported 6 jobs during construction – installed four chairs at Ingham Hospital (part of the Advanced Kidney Care 2026 plan) – completed March 2022
- \$3.2M replace Kirwan Ambulance Station – officially opened December 2020

INFRASTRUCTURE

- \$293.5M joint funded Queensland Country Bank Stadium, 25,000 seat capacity opened in 2020
- \$40M joint funded North Queensland Cowboys High Performance Training Centre, opened in May 2021
- \$193.5M Port of Townsville Channel Capacity Upgrade, to allow larger vessels to access the Port of Townsville
- \$410M joint Haughton Pipeline Duplication projects to address long-term water security needs (\$225M from the State Gov)
- \$54.2M Townsville Marine Tourism Precinct will replace the Blackwater Terminal and facilitate a new integrated tourism hub and mixed-use facility.
- \$15.98M CopperString 1100km transmission line, total project cost of \$1.5 billion
- \$500,000 for a feasibility study to investigate the suitability of the 1300 SMILES stadium site at Kirwan – election commitment delivered

POLICE / JUSTICE

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

ENVIRONMENT

- \$10M in the Reef Assist Program which will include 11 projects in partnerships with local government and natural resource management organisations – election commitment delivered

Building our Regions

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

Works for Queensland

- Summary of funding for projects within Townsville City Council

Funding round	Total No of projects	No of projects completed	Act Jobs	Funding
WFQ 2016-17	60	all	909.0	\$21.85M
WFQ 2017-19	18	all	554.0	\$23.25M
WFQ 2019-21	17	all	201.0	\$24.50M
2020-21 COVID-19	7	all	85.0	\$13.54M
WFQ 2021-24	11	1	115.0	\$19.54M
Total	113	103	1,864	\$102.68M

Released under DPIC

Election Commitments – Townsville region

2020 Election Commitments

- The implementation status of 105 commitments, within this area, as at 31 March 2022, is:

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

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 March 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Bruce Highway and other Roads			
Townsville Thuringowa	GETTING ACTIVE \$2.8 million to construct a pedestrian and bicycle facility for North Townsville Road, Ingham Road to Shaw Road, Bohie River Bridge and approaches	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Thuringowa	\$19 million to upgrade Riverway Drive, Townsville		
Mundingburra	\$46.4 million to upgrade the intersection at Stuart Drive and Mervyn Crossman Drive in Mundingburra		
Townsville	\$7 million to Magnetic Island roads, including Horseshoe Bay Road, working with the council to undertake repairs and look at a longer term overhaul of the drainage systems		
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa	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		✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Implement the Bruce Highway Trust's 15 year vision and five year upgrade action plans		✓
Burdekin Traeger	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Provide \$200 million towards a \$1 billion jointly funded plan to improve Queensland's Inland Freight route, activating an alternative to the Bruce Highway		✓
Mundingburra	GETTING ACTIVE \$400,000 for the Bruce Highway Stuart Drive intersection and shared path design		

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Burdekin Hinčinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa	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	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burdekin Hinčinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa	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 Mundingburra Townsville Traeger	A REAL BRUCE PLAN As part of the \$200 million, allocate \$1.2 million to match the Federal Government's \$4.8 million commitment to the Roads of Strategic Importance Townsville to Roma corridor		✓
Burdekin Hinčinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa	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 Hinčinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa	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		✓
Burdekin Hinčinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa	A REAL BRUCE PLAN Task the Bruce Highway Trust to prepare the Safer Bruce 2030 Action Plan		✓
Education			
Townsville	EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE \$3.6 million for an Advanced Manufacturing Skills Lab attached to Bohle TAFE. The Lab will also support high-end manufacturing via a production line facility, augmented reality activation space, automation and a robotics lab	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Townsville	EQUIPPING TAFE FOR OUR FUTURE \$10.6 million to build a new Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Training facility at Bohle TAFE		
Thuringowa Mundingburra Townsville	\$1 million to deliver a catering hall at Heatley Secondary College		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 March 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Mundingburra	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$7.6 million for additional school infrastructure at the Townsville Community Learning Centre	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Thuringowa Burdekin Mundingburra	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$700,000 to deliver new security fencing and tuckshop replacement for the Weir State School at Thuringowa		
Mundingburra Townsville	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE Up to \$500,000 to deliver a covered cloister to the school hall and a cover for the second basketball court at Oonoonba State School		
Townsville Mundingburra	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$5 million for a new performing arts centre at Pimlico State High School		
Mundingburra	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$5.75 million for a new multipurpose hall at Townsville Community Learning Centre		
Thuringowa Burdekin Hinchinbrook Mundingburra	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$5.75 million for a new multipurpose hall at Thuringowa State High School		
Townsville	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$3 million for additional infrastructure at Bwgcolman Community College on Palm Island		
Townsville	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$500,000 for improved learning space to support hospitality curriculum at Bwgcolman Community School		
Hinchinbrook	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$1.5 million to replace the existing amenities block at Bluewater State School		
Thuringowa Townsville	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$1.5 million for additional infrastructure at Kirwan State School		
Townsville	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$100,000 to heat the Magnetic Island State School pool		
Burdekin	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$5.75 million for a multipurpose hall for Ayr State High School		
Townsville Mundingburra	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$1.4 million for an enhanced aquaponics facility at Pimlico State High School		
Burdekin	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$500,000 to support agricultural infrastructure at Home Hill State High School		

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Townsville Mundingburra	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$700,000 for a security fence at Pimlico State High School	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Townsville Mundingburra	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$500,000 to replace amenities at Townsville South State School		
Hinchinbrook	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$160,000 to install a ramp to the administration at Bluewater State School		
Hinchinbrook	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$125,000 to install a covered walkway at Ingham State High School		
Thuringowa Burdekin	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$77,300 to install a covered walkway at Kelso State School		
Mundingburra Burdekin Townsville	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$600,000 for improved learning space to support STEM curriculum at William Ross State High School		
Mundingburra Burdekin Townsville	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$50,000 for a planning/feasibility study for a new hall at William Ross State High School		
Mundingburra Thuringowa	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE Up to \$200,000 to deliver a new playground for Year 6 students at Cranbrook State School		
Mundingburra Thuringowa	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$700,000 for a security fence at Cranbrook State School		
Hinchinbrook Townsville	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$700,000 for a security fence at Bohlevale State School		
Hinchinbrook	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$250,000 to relocate the administration at Ingham State School		
Traeger	GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT FUTURE \$300,000 to refurbish amenities at Charters Towers Central State School		
All	\$12 million over four years to expand the remote kindy program to include an extra 20 state schools		✓
Thuringowa Burdekin Hinchinbrook Mundingburra	LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL JOBS \$1.2 million to refurbish the science lab at Thuringowa State High School		

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 March 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
Health			
All	\$27.8 million for 33 renal dialysis treatment spaces in regional Queensland at Proserpine, Clermont, Charter Towers, Ingham and Longreach hospitals, and at the Cooktown Multipurpose Health Service and Kowanyama Primary Health Care Centre	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
All	\$1.5 million for a preliminary business case for the expansion of Townsville University Hospital		
All	\$17 million for a new hybrid theatre at the Townsville University Hospital expected to be completed in 2022-23		
All	\$4 million to upgrade the persistent pain management service at the Townsville University Hospital expected to be completed in 2021-22		
Hinchinbrook	Deliver a new 24/7 ambulance station in Burdell as part of the \$31 million commitment for six new and replacement ambulance stations across Queensland		
All	Work with the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia and other stakeholders to design and implement a trial of pharmacists practising to their full scope in North Queensland		✓
All	\$4 million to expand the outpatient department at the Townsville University Hospital		
All	\$40 million for the Stage 1 expansion to Kirwan Health Campus including expanding the existing centre to provide midwifery community clinics, upgrades to dental services, upgrading the existing car park and installation of technology to support the telehealth boom		
Townsville	A new Ambulance Deputy Commissioner for regional Queensland to be based in Townsville to deliver better collaboration between hospitals and ambulance services		
All	Assist with the purchase of a robotic surgical arm that will be available to both public and private patients at the Mater Hospital in Townsville		
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		✓

Electorate	2020 Election Commitments	Status as at 31 March 2022	Commitment also Delivered in Other Regions
All	\$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	✓
All	\$6.2 million to the McGrath Foundation to allow them to employ 13 more breast care nurses including two additional breast care nurses in Cairns		✓
Police / Justice			
Mundingburra	Trial retrofitting food/medical service hatches in Townsville, Capricornia, Woodford and Brisbane Correctional Centre. The terms of reference of the trial will conclude by 31 December 2020	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Thuringowa	As part of the \$300 million Police Infrastructure Pipeline, build a new \$30 million police facility in Kirwan		✓
Townsville Mundingburra Thuringowa	Deliver modern, mobile and flexible policing across Queensland, including 25 new mobile police beat vans across the state, to meet strategic and operational priorities, as well as local needs		✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa Townsville	Consider the results of the dedicated sexual violence liaison officers pilot program underway in Townsville and Logan		✓
Infrastructure			
Burdekin	Invest \$12 million at the Lansdown Industrial Precinct in Woodstock	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Townsville Traeger	BACKING QUEENSLAND MARITIME JOBS 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		✓
Traeger	\$30 million for Big Rocks Weir, Townsville		
Thuringowa	\$500,000 for a feasibility study to investigate the suitability of the 1300 SMILES stadium site at Kirwan for a multi-agency, emergency services headquarters		

Business and jobs			
Mundingburra Thuringowa Townsville	Permanently establish a new office for rural and remote health, which will be based in Townsville with locations in Cairns, Toowoomba and the Western Corridor and a presence in Brisbane to complement existing units in Cairns and the Darling Downs. The Office will be guided by an Advisory Group that will have membership from within Queensland Health and external agencies	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Townsville	BACKING QUEENSLAND MARITIME JOBS Undertake an expressions of interest process to partner with industry on coastal shipping proposals to establish a new Brisbane to Townsville service and to convert existing ships to a Queensland based workforce. This will include a commitment by proponents to employ new trainees and apprentices		✓
Townsville	BACKING QUEENSLAND MARITIME JOBS Provide incentives to new and existing operators to commence a new regular Brisbane to Townsville shipping service and for existing operators to switch to Queensland crews		✓
All	Promote and support businesses in regional Queensland providing side-by-side vehicle recreation opportunities on private land		✓
All	Identify Queensland agricultural seasonal workforce needs and immediately implement local solutions that connect agribusinesses with relevant and appropriate workforce solutions		✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Townsville Traeger	Work with the LGAQ on finalising an agreed Bush Councils Compact		✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa Traeger	Work with the Mount Isa to Townsville Economic Zone group to identify opportunities for future investment in freight, transport and logistics hubs to maximise on freight movement efficiency		✓
Community and Recreation			
Mundingburra	Provide funding to upgrade the changerooms, lights and field irrigation at the Saints Eagles South Soccer Club	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Mundingburra Thuringowa Townsville	\$500,000 to the Australian Martial Arts Youth Development Alliance to deliver a two-year anti-bullying pilot program in partnership with local schools outside of school hours		✓

Burdekin	\$1 million to Burdekin Rugby League for a new clubhouse at Ayr Rugby Park including four player dressing rooms and showers, a new office, referee room, first aid room, toilets and disability amenities	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Townsville	\$1 million to construct a skate park at Harold Phillips Park, Garbutt		
Burdekin	\$10 million for Drivelt NQ, Townsville		
Townsville	\$4 million for the Townsville Sailing Club to purchase the land it currently occupies from Toprise Australia Pty Ltd and to support initial development plans for a water sports hub at the Mariners Drive site		
Townsville	\$400,000 for new changerooms and field lighting at Estates Football Club		
Mundingburra	\$566,000 to upgrade the Townsville Basketball Inc. facilities at the Murray Sporting Complex in Annandale including new security fencing for the courtyard, new undercover seating adjacent to the canteen and landscaping		
Townsville Traeger	Conduct a review of funding arrangements for Indigenous Councils including the State Government Financial Aid rate of funding and the Revenue Replacement Program and Indigenous Economic Development Grant		✓
All	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		✓
Mundingburra	\$250,000 towards establishing Townsville Cycling as a Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) legal velodrome		
Townsville	\$200,000 for a carpark upgrade at the new Mount Louisa walking tracks		
Mundingburra	\$10,000 to the Townsville Darts Association for roof repairs at Greg Atkins Memorial Hall		
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Thuringowa Townsville	\$30 million over four years to support Surf Life Saving Queensland		✓
Mundingburra	20 women's basketball games to be played in Cairns, Townsville and Mackay		✓
All	Review the final Australian Competition and Consumer Commission report on insurance in northern Australia, and consult with northern Queensland businesses and the community on an appropriate response		✓

Mundingburra	\$500,000 for female changerooms, shade structure and field lighting at the Mundingburra Aitkenvale Olympic Football club	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Environment			
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Townsville	HEALTHY REEF, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY ECONOMY \$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		✓
Townsville	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		✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Townsville	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		✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Townsville	Maintain reef protection laws and associated measures which are critical to the health of the Great Barrier Reef		✓
Burdekin Hinchinbrook Townsville	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 Hinchinbrook Townsville	Continue the Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Program		✓
Marine Rescue Services			
Burdekin Townsville Traeger	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 Townsville Traeger	BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES Increase funding for insurance costs and provide for additional operational expenses incurred by Squadrons and Flotillas	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Burdekin Townsville Traeger	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 Townsville Traeger	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		✓
Tourism			
All	REBUILDING QUEENSLAND TOURISM \$15 million for a Regional Tourism Organisation Recovery fund to provide a special one-off funding injection to regional tourism organisations	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	✓
Veterans			
Hinchinbrook Mundingburra Thuringowa Townsville	SUPPORTING QUEENSLAND VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES Up to \$600,000 to support an 18 month pilot service, based in Townsville, to expand and improve access to claims advocacy and legal assistance services, including outreach to other regions	Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(a) Submitted to Cabinet	
Mundingburra	SUPPORTING QUEENSLAND VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES \$1 million for The Oasis Townsville to commence delivering services in early 2021		
Works for Queensland			
All	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	✓

Building our Regions and Works for Queensland

Building our Regions

- As at 3 May 2022, under Rounds 1-5, the Townsville region received **\$19.37M** for 14 projects supporting 163.3 jobs, to date 11 projects are completed and 2 projects were withdrawn.
- The **Townsville City Council (TCC)** has received **\$11.15M** for **3 projects** supporting almost **116 jobs**, and **all 3 projects** are now **complete**.
- Funding received by the regional councils (RC) and shire councils (SC) in the region include:

Building our Regions (Rounds 1-5)	Jobs	Funding
Burdekin SC	11.4	\$1.61M
Charters Towers RC	9.4	\$1.56M
Hinchinbrook SC	18.2	\$2.64M
Palm Island Aboriginal SC	8.4	\$2.41M
TCC	115.9	\$11.15M
TOTALS	163.3	\$19.37M

Building our Regions projects (Round 1-5) within TCC

Rd	Projects	Approved Funding	Total Cost	Jobs (Est)	Project Stage
Townsville City Council					
02	Townsville Southern Suburbs Sewerage Main	\$5.00M	\$24.29M	75.3	completed 4/12/2020
03	Townsville Airport Industrial Area Water Main	\$1.15M	\$2.30M	6.9	completed 20/12/2018
04	Townsville Waterfront Promenade	\$5.00M	\$10.20M	33.7	completed 24/6/2020

Works for Queensland

- Since 2016, through Works for Queensland, the Townsville region has received **\$153.0M** for **303 projects** supporting, to date **3,361 jobs** with **257 projects completed**.
- **TCC** has received **\$102.68M** for **113 projects** supporting, to date, **1,864 jobs** with **103 projects completed**.

Summary of W4Q Council Projects (as at 19 July 2022)

Works for Queensland <i>*within council region</i>	2019-21 Rnd		2020-21 COVID Rnd		2021-24 Rnd	
	Jobs	Funding	Jobs	Funding	Jobs	Funding
Burdekin SC*	197.0	\$2.69M	109.0	\$1.95M	50.0	\$2.48M
Charters Towers RC	111.0	\$2.97M	5.0	\$1.97M	55.0	\$2.38M
Hinchinbrook SC	25.0	\$2.40M	40.0	\$1.74M	23.0	\$2.15M
Palm Island ASC	1.0	\$2.80M	Nil	\$2.17M	Nil	\$2.93M
Townsville CC	201.0	\$24.50M	85.0	\$13.54M	115.0	\$19.54M
TOTALS	535.0	\$35.36M	239.0	\$21.37M	243.0	\$29.48M

W4Q Projects - TCC

2019-21 Works for Queensland projects – all completed	Funding	jobs created /supported		Project Status
		Est	Act	
Townsville City Council				
Allambie Lane	\$284,836		6.0	completed 30/6/2021
Drainage improvements / flood issues	\$258,387		11.0	completed 30/6/2020
Florida Place	\$126,756		7.0	completed 30/1/2021
Footpath upgrades	\$7.27M		31.0	completed 1/7/2021
Fulham Road car park	\$75,185		7.0	completed 31/12/2020
Furniture	\$404,005		6.0	completed 1/7/2020
Kerb & channel renewals	\$4.25M		27.0	completed 30/6/2021
Lighting and security upgrades	\$544,843		7.0	completed 30/6/2021
Nathan Street	\$423,946		8.0	completed 30/1/2021
Park upgrades	\$2.26M		6.0	completed 30/6/2021
Playground upgrades	\$1.53M		10.0	completed 28/2/2021
Ponti Road	\$87,034		7.0	completed 30/1/2021

2019-21 Works for Queensland projects – all completed	Funding	jobs created /supported		Project Status
		Est	Act	
Road reconstruction renewals	\$3.20M		18.0	completed 30/6/2021
Road resurfacing and widening	\$778,127		8.0	completed 30/6/2021
Rural roads sealing	\$1.59M		11.0	completed 30/4/2021
Smart water initiatives	\$61,239		7.0	completed 31/12/2020
Street enhancements	\$1.40M		24.0	completed 1/7/2021
TOTALS	\$24.50M		201.0	

2020-21 COVID Works for Qld projects – all completed	Funding	jobs created /supported		Project Status
		Est	Act	
Townsville City Council				
Cleveland Bay sewerage treatment plant - AC water supply main replacement	\$566,335		12.0	completed 20/4/2021
Core water reticulation renewals water pipes replacement	\$7.59M		24.0	completed 30/6/2021
Hillside Cres Townsville water main	\$937,983		11.0	completed 31/8/2021
Major water pipelines construction Armstrong St & Queens Rd	\$1.60M		11.0	completed 13/8/2021
Major water pipelines construction Yeatman St Hermit Park	\$550,000		9.0	completed 13/8/2021
Palmetum Botanical Gardens, irrigation renewal stage 1	\$500,000		6.0	completed 30/6/2021
Ross River Dam - aerator	\$1.80M		12.0	completed 30/6/2021
TOTALS	\$13.54M		85.0	

2021-24 COVID Works for Qld projects	Funding	jobs created /supported		Project Status
		Est	Act	
Townsville City Council				
103 Walker St customer service centre upgrade	\$1.50M	13.5	11.5	exp completion Jan-2023
Bus stops, car parks & pathway renewals	\$850,000	10.5	8.5	exp completion Jun-2024

2021-24 COVID Works for Qld projects	Funding	jobs created /supported		Project Status
		Est	Act	
City board walk/ pedestrian bridge	\$2.45M	13.4	24.0	exp completion Jul-2023
Corcoran Park netball courts renewal	\$750,000		7.5	Completed 1/07/2022
Hervey Range push pit	\$2.0M	14.0	12.0	exp completion Jun-2023
Horseshoe Bay sports courts refurbishment	\$300,000	3.0	3.0	exp completion TBC
Irrigation reticulation network renewal	\$2.175M	14.0	12.0	exp completion Jun-2023
National level skate park	\$2.0M	14.0		exp completion Dec-2024
Northern Beaches Leisure Centre - 50m pool replacement	\$5.0M	20.0	15.0	exp completion Nov-2022
Parks & playgrounds renewals	\$1.515M	12.5	10.5	exp completion Sep-2022
Townsville City north yard entry development	\$1.0M	13.0	11.0	exp completion May-2023
TOTALS	\$19.54M		115.0	

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Magnetic Island - Tourism and Events Queensland

The 2022-23 Queensland Budget supports **good jobs**, provides **better services** for all Queenslanders and protects our **great lifestyle**. In Townsville it provides:

\$996.3M

on infrastructure

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works estimated to support around

3,100 JOBS in this region.

\$232M

for the Townsville Channel Capacity Upgrade

including \$47.8 million in 2022-23 to widen the channel for access by larger vessels. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

\$1.2B

on health

for the Townsville Hospital and Health Services.

\$49.7M

for social housing

to expand and improve social housing in Townsville.

\$41M

on education

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Townsville.

\$5.8M

for Skilling Queenslanders for Work

to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation.

Delivering for the Townsville region



Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

An estimated \$284 million total grants paid and payable to Local Government Authorities in Townsville for reconstruction, betterment and other projects to recover from natural disaster events that occurred between 2019 and 2022. The program is jointly funded by the Queensland Government and the Australian Government.



First Home Owners' Grant

2,189 grants worth \$37.3 million paid to home buyers to help them buy their first home in Townsville.
(July 2015 to April 2022)



Back to Work

\$41.7 million of payments have been paid to 3,778 employers in Townsville to employ 1,566 eligible unemployed jobseekers.
(July 2017 to April 2022)



Works for Queensland

\$29.5 million provided to regional councils to undertake 40 maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Townsville.
(July 2021 to June 2024)

Delivering better services in Townsville

Growth from March 2015 to March 2022



185 extra doctors
up 30.9%



82 extra police officers
up 13.1%



46 extra ambulance officers
up 18.2%



29 extra teacher aides
up 6.3%



Townsville

1 Palm Island multi-agency community safety facility

\$100,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$18 million total spend to commence the new multi-agency community safety facility at Palm Island.

2 W4Q 2021-24 Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council

\$1.2 million in 2022-23 out of a \$2.9 million total spend to support Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works. Part of the 2021-24 Works for Queensland program.

3 Kidston Hydro 275kV Transmission Network Connection

\$140.3 million in 2022-23 out of a \$258.2 million total spend towards connecting the 250MW Kidston Pumped Storage Hydro Project to the National Electricity Market.

4 Museum of Underwater Art - Stage 3

\$477,583 in 2022-23 out of a \$2 million total spend for Stage 3 works - to create and install a series of storytelling sculptures submerged in the waters off Magnetic Island. Part of the Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund 2020 and Attracting Tourism Fund.

5 Magnetic Island Trails network

\$1.5 million in 2022-23 out of a \$3.1 million total spend to upgrade the Magnetic Island National Park visitor trails network. Part of the COVID-19 World and National Heritage Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

6 Port of Townsville initiatives

\$56 million in 2022-23, including \$47.8 million to widen the existing shipping channels to allow access for larger vessels and \$8.2 million for wharf facility and port upgrades.

7 New Burdell station and Townsville district office

\$2 million in 2022-23 out of a \$7.2 million total spend to deliver the new 24/7 Burdell Ambulance Station and LASN Office to support communities through the delivery of pre-hospital ambulance response services.

8 Museum of Tropical Queensland

\$944,000 in 2022-23 to deliver temporary exhibitions, programming and learning activities at the Museum of Tropical Queensland.

9 Advanced Manufacturing Hub

\$2.9 million in 2022-23 out of a \$3.6 million total spend for a new Advanced Manufacturing Skills Lab at Bohle TAFE. Part of the Equipping TAFE for Our Future program.

10 Bohle Renewable Energy Centre

\$5.3 million in 2022-23 out of a \$10.6 million total spend for a Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Training facility at Bohle TAFE campus in Townsville. Part of the Equipping TAFE for Our Future program.

11 Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct (enabling infrastructure)

\$26 million to construct a 13km raw water pipeline and pumping station connecting the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct to the Haughton Pipeline, and a water reservoir, subject to an assessment and a contribution from the Australian Government.

12 Pimlico State High School

\$7.2 million in 2022-23 out of a \$12.9 million total spend to deliver a new performing arts facility, upgrade skills development and training facilities and construct additional specialist classrooms.

16 Kirwan replacement police facility

\$1.1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$30 million total spend to continue the replacement police facility at Kirwan.

17 Townsville University Hospital

\$17.3 million in 2022-23 out of a \$54.3 million total spend for the reconfiguration of the Adult Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit to improve safety and refurbishment of shell space into a new 33 bed ward. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

18 Garbutt - Upper Ross Road (Riverway Drive, Stage 2), Allambie Lane to Dunlop Street, duplicate to four lanes

\$5 million in 2022-23 out of a \$95 million total spend towards duplication of Riverway Drive between Allambie Lane and Dunlop Street in Townsville. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

19 Ayr State High School

\$2.4 million in 2022-23 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to deliver a new hall.

20 Ayr Water Supply - infrastructure project

\$4.6 million in 2022-23 out of a \$12 million total spend to install 3 bores, a 10 megalitre reservoir, associated pumps and water main to move Ayr's primary water source from Nelson's Lagoon borefield to South Ayr.

21 Burdekin River Bridge, rehabilitation program

\$4 million in 2022-23 out of a \$96.9 million total spend to rehabilitate the Burdekin River Bridge on the Bruce Highway, north of Home Hill. Includes an agreed contribution from Queensland Rail. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

22 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program

\$658,000 in 2022-23 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Home Hill. Part of the Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program, providing \$21 million statewide in 2022-23.

13 The Oasis Townsville funding

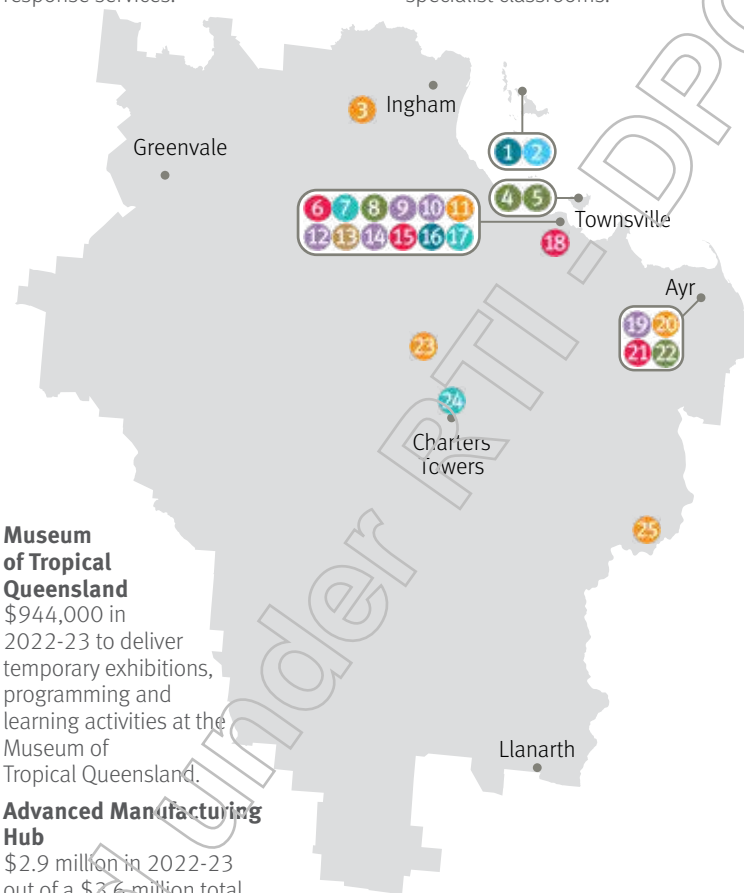
\$250,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$1 million total spend for The Oasis Townsville to provide support services to veterans and their families, following the official opening of the \$9.3 million centre in 2021.

14 Townsville Community Learning Centre - A State Special School

\$4.6 million in 2022-23 out of a \$13.4 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces and a new hall.

15 Townsville Ring Road (Stage 5)

\$83.5 million in 2022-23 out of a \$230 million total spend towards the duplication of the Townsville Ring Road between Vickers Bridge and Shaw Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.



23 Big Rocks Weir - planning
 \$1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$6 million total spend to undertake planning and pre-construction activities for a new conventional concrete weir and saddle dam at Big Rocks. Part of the National Water Grid Fund, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

24 Charters Towers Hospital
 \$6,280 in 2022-23 out of a \$2.1 million total spend to deliver additional renal dialysis treatment spaces at Charters Towers Hospital as part of the government's Rural and Regional Renal program.

25 Burdekin Falls Dam improvement project - planning
 \$19.5 million in 2022-23 out of a \$38.8 million total spend to continue planning works for dam improvements to comply with safety standards for extreme weather events.

26 Continuation of fisheries reform
 \$16.2 million in 2022-23 out of a \$82.8 million total spend for improvements to on-ground biological monitoring, stock assessments and compliance to support evidence-based catch limits and fishing rules. Part of the *Queensland Sustainable Fisheries Strategy 2017-2027*.

27 Houghton Pipeline Stage 2
 \$50 million in 2022-23 out of a \$195 million total spend to construct a water pipeline from the Burdekin River near Tom Fenwick Pump Station, connecting with earlier stages of the Houghton Pipeline.

28 Health Capacity Expansion Program
 \$9.785 billion over 6 years for the Capacity Expansion Program to deliver around 2,200 additional overnight beds at 15 facilities across Queensland, including expansion of the Townsville Hospital.

KEY	
	Community wellbeing
	Utilities
	Health
	Education
	Transport and roads
	Justice and safety
	Government services
	Recreation and culture
	Statewide/region-wide
	Relates to government election commitment

29 Hear her voice - Report one
 \$71.9 million in 2022-23 out of a \$363 million total spend over 5 years to respond to the recommendations of the Queensland Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce in *Hear her voice - Report one - Addressing coercive control and domestic and family violence in Queensland*.

30 Joint field management - Great Barrier Reef
 \$19.2 million in 2022-23 for joint management of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

31 Mobile Police Beats
 \$1.6 million in 2022-23 out of a \$3.8 million total spend as part of the commitment for 25 new mobile police beats across the state.

32 South Townsville replacement fire and rescue station land acquisition and detailed design
 \$3.2 million in 2022-23 for land acquisition and detailed design for a replacement fire and rescue station at South Townsville.

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

Townsville to process renewable energy minerals

The Queensland Government has committed at least \$10 million to deliver a vanadium common user facility in Townsville as part of its plan to make Queensland a leading global producer and exporter of renewable energy minerals.

The new facility will help lower costs for smaller or start-up mining companies that do not have the available capital to set up their own testing facilities. These companies will be able to transport ore from their mining tenements to Townsville and use the facility to trial extraction and production processes. Support for these smaller companies will ultimately attract investment into the region, create jobs and see vanadium and other minerals exported from the Port of Townsville.

An emerging use of vanadium is to create a reliable and safe solution for the storage of renewable energy that is used in large-scale batteries around the world. Queensland's North West Minerals Province has a significant deposit of vanadium and the new Townsville facility will help fuel the state's future as a global resources supplier for decades to come.



Announcing the new Vanadium Common User Facility in Townsville
 (L to R) Member for Thuringowa Aaron Harper, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment Cameron Dick, Minister for Resources and Member for Townsville Scott Stewart, Member for Mundingburra Les Walker



New police precinct to boost community safety

The Queensland Government is investing \$30 million in a new police facility in Townsville, as the first stage of a proposed police precinct to boost community safety in Kirwan and surrounding areas. It will provide a base for police servicing the people of Kirwan and the wider Townsville Police District.

Planning is underway for the new facility which is being built on the site of the Willow Sports Complex, the former headquarters for the North Queensland Cowboys. Demolition at the old stadium site will start later this year, with work on the new police facility commencing in 2023. Construction of the new police precinct is expected to create almost 100 jobs over the life of the project.

The new facility is part of the government's \$300 million, 5-year capital works program delivering new and improved police infrastructure across the state.

At a Glance

Total health funding in 2022-23	\$23.6B	New jobs since COVID-19 began – the largest rise in the nation	206,000
Health capacity expansion: estimated additional beds over 6 years	2,200	Total infrastructure program over 4 years	\$59.1B
Total education and training funding in 2022-23	\$19.6B	Percentage of capital spend outside of Greater Brisbane in 2022-23	63.3%
Recovery and reconstruction following the 2021-22 disaster season	over \$3B	Concessions lowering the cost-of-living for Queenslanders in 2022-23	\$6.8B

Good jobs. Better services. Great lifestyle.

More jobs in more industries

Good, secure jobs in our traditional and emerging industries

Queensland is building on its advantages in traditional and emerging industries that support good, secure jobs. The Queensland Government's economic strategy will help Queensland businesses to take advantage of these opportunities and grow the economy.



Better services

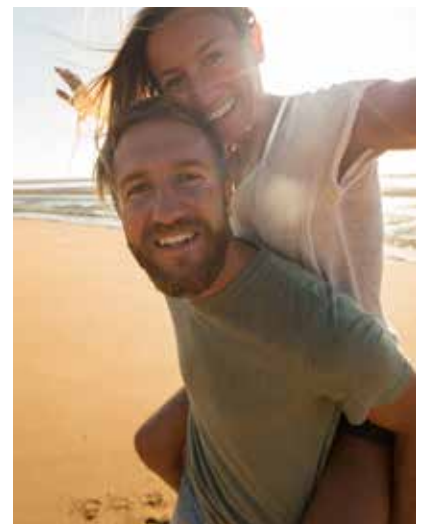
Deliver even better services right across Queensland

A growing economy will allow the government to deliver better services across the state, including in education, justice and social services. High-quality services improve the lives of Queenslanders and help everyone to participate fully in our economy and our community.

Protecting Queenslanders' lifestyle

Protect and enhance our Queensland lifestyle as we grow

Our great Queensland lifestyle will be protected while the economy grows. The Queensland Government is investing in crucial infrastructure to support our growing population, reducing cost-of-living pressures and taking care of our natural environment.



Adani (Bravus) – Sales Permits for Quarry Material

Recommended response

- The Government aims to ensure the appropriate use of the State's quarry material resources.
- Bravus (formerly Adani) has required significant quantities of state-owned quarry material for its Carmichael Coal Mine Project in the Galilee Basin, including for the rail corridor and the mine.
- The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries issued two *Forestry Act 1959* sales permits to remove and use state-owned quarry material for the Carmichael Coal Mine Project.
- One sales permit is held by the Carmichael Rail Network Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Ltd, to provide material for the construction of rail infrastructure for the proposed mine.
- The other sales permit is held by Adani Mining Pty Ltd, and its purpose has been to provide material for the construction and maintenance of the mine's infrastructure, such as for roads and other required works.
- Bravus has met all permit conditions in their quarry operations since operations commenced in June 2020.
- However, as the purpose of quarry material sourced under each of these permits has now shifted to maintenance, rather than infrastructure development, quarrying activity has substantially reduced.

Key Facts

- The value of the royalty paid by Bravus is commercial-in-confidence.
- However, no subsidies have been provided and Bravus is required to pay a royalty price for all quarry material removed that is commensurate with an appropriate market value.

Background

- Adani changed its trading name to Bravus in early November 2020. The sales permits, however, are still held by Adani Mining Pty Ltd and Carmichael Rail Network Pty Ltd.
- To date, about 6.7 million tonnes of quarry material has been removed under both the Adani and Carmichael Rail Network sales permits.

Alligator Creek Redevelopment Project

Recommended response

- The Department of Environment and Science (DES) is undertaking a major redevelopment of the Alligator Creek visitor site at Bowling Green Bay National Park to better support the change in usage of the area as a day use visitor location.
- Various issues including heavy rainfall, flooding in the area, COVID-related setbacks, demands on the construction industry, materials supply issues, and technical design and engineer complexities have delayed completion of the project.
- Currently, completion of the project is scheduled for late August 2022, with re-opening of the site to the public soon after.

Key Facts

- DES has invested \$2.8M on this redevelopment project which will provide a dedicated day-visitor site within Bowling Green Bay National Park, with increased parking capacity to accommodate increasing visitor numbers.
- The site will also provide disability access pathways to support people of all abilities enjoying this unique location.
- To ensure the safety of park visitors, Bowling Green Bay National Park will remain closed until the works at Alligator Creek visitor site are complete.
- DES staff are working to ensure the works are completed in the earliest possible timeframe.

Background

- The decision to convert Alligator Creek to a day-use area and decommission the camping area was made after considering visitor trends over the past five years.
- Day use had increased at a faster rate than camping and over-crowding became evident – particularly on weekends, and public and school holidays.
- Since 2016, available camping capacity was under-utilised by 75 per cent.
- The physical restrictions of the site dictated that camping and day-use activities could no longer co-exist without compromising the experience of the users, public safety and the environmental values of the site.

- At least 18 other camping opportunities exist in the wider Townsville area, including at Big Crystal Creek in Paluma Range National Park; and establishment of a new seasonal camping area is planned.

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COVID-19 – Economic Support and Recovery

Recommended response

- The Government has been quick to respond to COVID-19 pandemic.
- To support business and families, the Government has committed **\$15.2 billion in a range of assistance initiatives and job creating projects.**
- As part of our \$200M Attracting Aviation Investment Fund, we've now secured **direct flights from San Francisco to Brisbane**, in partnership with United Airlines and Brisbane Airport Corporation – **supporting 385 local jobs and injecting \$73M into the economy.**
- On **2 June 2022, Queensland also welcomed its first cruise ship since COVID-19** – the P&O Pacific Explorer, into the \$177M Brisbane International Cruise Terminal.
- The Port of Cairns also welcomed its first international cruise ship recently – placing Cairns in the pilots' seat to further grow cruise ship tourism in the North.
- To support the safe return of our state's \$1 billion cruise industry, we worked with New South Wales, Victorian and Australian Governments to finalise the Eastern Seaboard Protocols.
- These Protocols outline national minimum standards for vaccination, case and contact management, surveillance, testing, outbreak management, and communication relating to COVID-19 on cruise vessels.
- Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, my government has provided a range of support measures for those industries impacted the most, including:
 - **\$1.3 billion** in payroll tax relief and land tax relief
 - **\$1 billion** in interest free or low interest Jobs Support Loans with 86 per cent going towards small businesses
 - **\$1.1 billion** for Tourism Industry support
 - **\$600 million** 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Package in partnership with the Federal Government
 - **\$196 million** Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grants.

- In the Townsville region, we have assisted businesses through:
 - **\$10.87M in Small Business support and adaption grants** supporting 1,195 businesses;
 - **\$37.7M from our \$1 billion Jobs Support Loan scheme** to 249 businesses supporting 3,131 jobs locally; and
 - **\$1.16M in Payroll Tax Relief** to 38 businesses.

Key facts

Government commitment	Progress				
	<i>Townsville City Council (TCC), Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council (PIASC) and Townsville SA4 area (Townsville SA4)</i>				
2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants	• As at 28 April 2022:				
	Council area	No of grants paid			Funding
		Businesses	Border zone hardship	Sole traders	
	Statewide	30,792	391	4,304	\$320.87M
	TCC	201	n/a	11	\$2.07M
	• In the PIASC area, no payments made to businesses or sole traders				
\$200M for <u>Small Business Adaption grants</u> of up to \$10,000 (Rounds 1 and 2)	• Final payments October 2021:				
			No of Grants Paid	Funding	
	Rnd 1	QLD	9,161		\$81.8M
		TCC	347		\$3.1M
	Rnd 2	QLD	11,337		\$100.5M
		TCC	636		\$5.7M
	• In the PIASC area, no payments made to businesses or sole traders				
\$1 billion <u>concessional Jobs Support Loan scheme</u>	• The loan scheme finalised as at 31 October 2020:				
	– State-wide – 6,928 applications approved receiving \$996M and supporting 86,464 jobs				
	– TCC – 249 applications approved receiving \$37.7M and supporting 3,131 jobs				
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	• No repayments due in year 1 with interest only repayments due in years 2 and 3.				

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COVID-19 – Tourism Support and Recovery

Recommended response

- The Queensland Government's support for the tourism, events and hospitality sectors has assisted the industry since the onset of COVID-19, with approximately \$1.1 billion provided in economic recovery funding and support.
- The Townsville region has been a key focus for the government – with over \$27.4M in economic recovery funding and support provided to the region.
- Tourism, hospitality, and event businesses have benefitted from a range of major economic recovery and support programs such as the 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants, the Tourism and Hospitality Sector Hardship Grant, COVID-19 Adaption Grant, International Tourism Adaptation Grant, Marine Tourism Support, and the COVID-19 Jobs Support Loan Scheme.
- Other key recovery programs assisting the industry have included aviation route development and support, fee relief and payroll tax deferrals, tourism and events marketing, national park infrastructure upgrades and funding for infrastructure projects.
- On 21 June 2022, the Tourism Industry Reference Panel (the Panel) released their Final Action Plan titled *Towards 2032: Reshaping Queensland's visitor economy to welcome the world*, which sets out 75 recommendations to government for the next decade.
- An interim government response has been released alongside the 2022-23 budget which included \$66.4M closely aligned to the Panel's recommendations, including:
 - up to \$4M over two years as Queensland's contribution toward a First Nations Tourism Program;
 - \$20M over three years for Queensland Music Trails;
 - up to \$15M over two years for the Tourism Experience Development Fund;
 - a two-year, \$22.4M investment in the budget will support priority ecotourism and cultural attractions; and
 - the \$5M Act Eco Infrastructure initiative.

- Funding from the **\$15M Queensland Domestic Aviation Route Restart Program across the State** was used by Townsville Airport to support Airnorth Darwin-Townsville - additional one service per week to generate \$0.1M in overnight expenditure and support 1 job.
- For the week commencing 13 June 2022, schedules for the Townsville Airport indicates it is operating at 23,000 inbound seats – 3% more capacity compared to 2019.
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Tourism industry sentiment

- The region enjoyed a strong Easter period, with an increase in domestic traffic through the airport.
- New airline routes, which started in April, are expected to general close to pre-COVID numbers in coming months.
- Average accommodation occupancy across the sector was around 70 per cent for April.
- Although visitation has been great, weather has impacted reef and marine boat operators recently.
- Initiatives including Phase two of the Great Queensland Getaway Campaign provided some uplift for Townsville tours and attractions and has welcomed the publicity benefit stemming from this activity.
- The Drive North Queensland partnership in conjunction with Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ) marketing awareness push commenced in March 2022 and a drive campaign 'Explore Next Door' went live in February 2022 to drive publicity and encourage regional dispersal along the drive routes of Charters Towers, Burdekin and Hinchinbrook sub-regions.
- A month-long 'Sun & Sea, You & Me' campaign in March, promoting the region to inbound domestic markets to generate awareness and drive bookings secured 6,656 passenger bookings.
- Pro-Dive commenced its new experience development and operations at the Museum of Underwater Art (MOUA) during late 2021. Eight new Indigenous Guides have been trained through Savannah Guiding Program and Reef Ecologic and some have been placed in employment as at early 2022. MOUA's VIP Townsville based launch took place on 11 March.
- The Thorsborne Trail on Hinchinbrook Island is operating at full or close to 100% capacity, with occupancy and forward bookings for the next six months. This has resulted in some hopeful travellers expressing disappointment regarding the limited availability. Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service is reviewing the current capacity and booking options and requested that the trail not be actively promoted in the short term.
- Key tourism related projects for the RTO include Magnetic Island Masterplan and attraction and retention of a record 400,000 new aviation seats for the region, central to the Townsville Aviation Strategy

(currently unavailable for public release). The announcement of Bonza Airlines' new routes is also a welcome boost.

- Despite aviation gains, the Darwin to Townsville route has been paused and under review to September due to staffing challenges, even with good forward loads.

Total Visitation and Expenditure in Townsville

Year ending December	Expenditure	Annual change	Visitors (000)	Annual change
2019	\$885.4M	-4.7%	1,424	-3.3%
2020	\$542.5M	-38.7%	820	-42.4%
2021	\$779.6M	43.7%	1,050	28.1%

\$5M Covid-19 International Tourism Adaption Grant

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

\$25M Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund 2020-21

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

\$48.6M Attracting Tourism Fund

- Museum of Underwater Art Ltd – Stage 3 – \$1M and \$1M from Growing Tourism Infrastructure (GTI) 2020 Fund – total \$2M, expected to generate 38 jobs during construction and 119 ongoing jobs.
- *WITHDRAWN* – Townsville Marine Tourism Precinct – \$3.5M towards \$50M total project cost – in January 2021, Sealink withdrew support for the project and in May 2021, Honeycombes and DTIS agreed to terminate the financial incentive agreement.

\$25M GTI 2020

- \$500,000 for Oasis Lifestyle Village Pty Ltd – 17 construction jobs and 10 ongoing.

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

- \$25,000 – Townsville-based Gugu Badhun Aboriginal Corporation developed a whole of Country tourism plan on Gugu Badhun traditional lands 200 km northwest of Townsville. The business plan was to leverage future opportunities for tourism on country.
- The project was completed and closed out in January 2022.

\$25M Great Barrier Reef Island Rejuvenation Program

- \$868,229 – Orpheus Island Lodge (Hinchinbrook Regional Council) – completed August 2021
 - jobs: 1 during construction.

\$7.5M Work in Paradise

- On 14 July 2021, the new Work in Paradise campaign began to attract people to work in regional Queensland. Since opening, to 14 October 2021, the Queensland Government has provided incentive payments totalling \$1.15M and approved 1,846 applications, with 1,224 relocating to take the job.
- In the Townsville region a total of 76 applications had been approved (as at 19 October 2021) for \$52,000.

– Burdekin	1 application	\$ 750
– Charters Towers	2 applications	\$ 1,500
– Hinchinbrook	10 applications	\$ 7,000
– Townsville	63 applications	\$42,750

Tourism Recovery Package – Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

- Under a joint funding arrangement with the Federal Government the following projects in the Townsville region have been allocated funding:
 - Paluma to Wallaman Falls Trail \$450,000
 - Magnetic Island Master Plan \$130,000

- Cable Car (Castle Hill)
(options analysis and concept design) \$ 80,000
- Australian Gallery of Light
(Project mobilisation and situation
Analysis) \$583,388

Museum of Underwater Art

- The Queensland Government has committed \$4M to support the development of the Museum of Underwater Art (MOUA) located on the Great Barrier Reef in Townsville:
 - \$2M was from the Jobs and Regional Growth Fund to support stage one's installation of an intertidal signature artwork and an underwater 'coral greenhouse' at John Brewer Reef, completed in December 2019;
 - \$1M from the Attracting Tourism Fund and a further \$1M from the Growing Tourism Infrastructure 2020 Fund to support the museum's installation at Magnetic Island expected to include a freely accessible series of near-to-shore artistic sculptures to experience via snorkelling or swimming;
- The MOUA project is estimated to increase tourism to the region by 50,000 visitors per annum, generating an annual increase of more than \$22.5M in overnight visitor expenditure and support the creation of 157 jobs.
- MOUA is a series of globally significant artworks that have been created to inspire and educate the community about reef conservation and share the stories of the Great Barrier Reef and the culture of its First Nations people.
- MOUA is the only underwater art museum in the Southern Hemisphere, and artworks allow for coral planting to support reef restoration.
- The State Government is committed to the development of innovative tourism experiences that balance protection of our natural environment and benefit local regions.

LNP

- If the Leader of the Opposition and the LNP had their way, Qld borders would have opened at the worst possible time, exposing

Queenslanders to the health risks of community transmission of COVID-19 and wreaking havoc on the economy.

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

Background

CONFIDENTIAL – Museum of Underwater Art:

- MOUA are awaiting the Great Barrier Reef Marine Permit Authority's decision regarding the approved location of their Ocean Sirens installation proposed for Magnetic Island.
- All eight unique sculptures are complete, and five sculptures are currently on public display at Townsville's Museum of Tropical Queensland.
- The whole of Magnetic Island including the surrounding sea area is subject to the Gurambilbarra Wulgurukada Mada claim (QUD176/2020) registered in 2020 and claimants have indicated Exempt Sch 3(8)(1) Breach of Confidence
- Exempt Sch 3(8)(1) Breach of Confidence
- Discussions are ongoing. Departments are working together to ensure all traditional owner consultation requirements under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* are being met.

Copperstring 2.0

Recommended response

- The Government has fast tracked support for the \$2.5B, 1,100 kilometre, high-voltage transmission line CopperString 2.0 proposal to connect the North West Minerals Province (NWMP) to the National Electricity Market.
- The Government is currently evaluating stakeholder feedback on electricity supply options for the NWMP, including the proposed CopperString 2.0 project, received as part of the recent Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement process which closed on 28 February 2022.
- The Coordinator-General is assessing the Environmental Impact Statement for the project and an evaluation response will be provided in due course.

Key Facts

- CopperString 2.0 is a high voltage transmission line proposed by CuString Pty Ltd (a private consortium) to connect the electricity network in Mt Isa to the National Electricity Market (NEM) in Townsville.
- By extending the national electricity grid from Townsville across to Mount Isa, CopperString 2.0 could underpin the creation of thousands of minerals mining and industrial manufacturing jobs for generations to come and stimulate large-scale renewable energy investment.
- To support this project, the Government has provided the proponents, CuString Pty Ltd, with \$15.98M to continue development activities and has entered into an Implementation Agreement with CuString Pty Ltd and a tripartite arrangement with CuString Pty Ltd and Sun Metals owner Korea Zinc to enable the CopperString 2.0 project to secure further development funding.
- The Government is in active negotiations with CuString in relation to the options to deliver a transmission line connecting the National Electricity Market in Townsville to Mt Isa.

Background

- With the closure of Mica Creek Power Station on 1 January 2021, electricity in the NWMP is predominantly generated from relatively expensive gas at the Diamantina Power Station owned by APA Group – circa \$130 to \$150 per megawatt hour (MWh), versus \$60 to \$80 per MWh in the NEM (usual wholesale excluding transmission charges).
- The cost of CopperString 2.0 is estimated to be in excess of \$2.5B (up from the original estimate of \$1.4B).
- The value proposition of CopperString 2.0 for mining and industrial customers is to provide common user access to cheaper NEM electricity – estimated at around \$100/MWh including CopperString transmission charges. In addition to the reduction in power prices in the North West, it is hoped that CopperString 2.0 will also stimulate large-scale renewable energy investment along its length – such as the recent Iberdrola announcement of a wind farm near Hughenden.
- While the project is expected to support reduced energy costs in the NWMP, the project will increase total transmission costs which will flow through to existing Queensland NEM electricity customers through higher transmission charges (noting the State may seek to offset these higher transmission charges on the rest of Queensland).

Exempt Sch 3(2)(1)(b) Cabinet considerations

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East Coast Spanish Mackerel Fishery

Recommended response

- The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) is seeking feedback from all stakeholders on management options and a harvest strategy to rebuild the east coast Spanish mackerel fishery and ensure its long-term sustainability.
- No decisions have been made yet and none will be made until after the consultation process has been completed. All interested stakeholders are urged to have their say.
- The Queensland Government is committed to Queensland's fisheries reforms to ensure fish stocks will be sustainable for our future.

Key Facts

- Spanish mackerel is a key species for the Townsville region with at least 20 commercial fishing businesses dependant on this species. It is also an important species for recreational and charter fishers.
- Approximately 50 per cent of the total commercial catch of Spanish mackerel comes from water off Townsville.
- On 6 April 2022, DAF released a discussion paper to seek feedback from all stakeholders on possible management measures to rebuild the Queensland east coast Spanish mackerel fishery to sustainable levels (40 per cent biomass).
- This first round of public consultation closed on 5 May 2022 with 1,486 submissions received.
- The majority of respondents identified as recreational fishers (89 per cent) with submissions also received from commercial fishers, charter fishing operators, interested community members, seafood wholesales/marketers, hospitality workers/owners, fishing tackle retailers, Traditional Owners/fishers and environmental, industry peak body and other non-government organisations.
- At the request of the commercial fishing industry, DAF also organised meetings with commercial Spanish mackerel fishers and charter fishing operators who are most likely affected by future management changes to rebuild this fishery:
 - these meetings were held in Cairns, Townsville and the Sunshine Coast, and were attended by 33 commercial fishers
 - no charter fishers accepted invitations to these meetings.

- This first intake of stakeholder feedback has been used to inform a second round of public consultation on proposed management options to rebuild the stock and a draft harvest strategy to guide the long-term management of the fishery.
- The second round of public consultation will involve a discussion paper and online survey and is scheduled to run for 28 days from early July 2022.

Achievements

- The Queensland Government remains well-placed for the delivery of all 33 actions set out under the Sustainable Fisheries Strategy 2017-2027, with almost half of all actions delivered in the first two years.
- Commercial catch limits for 26 species or multi-species groups have been set or reviewed to support these reforms as well as new harvest strategies that began in September last year.
- The Government will continue to consult with industry and 11 fishery working groups are now in place.

Background

- Spanish mackerel are an iconic fish in Queensland and are a highly valued table and sport fish. The 2021 stock assessment of Australian east coast Spanish mackerel was undertaken using the most current biological data, and commercial and recreational catch data.
- The 2021 stock assessment, the independent review and DAFs response to the review are now published on DAFs website for anyone to access.
- The biomass estimate from the most recent assessment for 2020 is between 14 per cent and 27 per cent of unfished levels and most likely at 17 per cent. This is less than the 20 per cent national trigger for urgent management action to rebuild stocks.
- This most recent result is lower than the one in 2016 because there has been four more years of fishing, and four more years of data included in the assessment.
- The key indicator of stock abundance is relative biomass, and it has declined over time including between 2016 and 2020 due to continued levels of fishing that do not allow rebuilding. The key factors illustrating the decline are declining catches and declining catch rates, especially away from the spawning aggregations.
- The fact that the quota is not being caught does not mean the fishery is sustainable. On the contrary, the main reason the quota is not being caught is the fishery cannot sustain the catch. The current level of total harvest is not sustainable.

- The Spanish Mackerel Fishery Working Group met on 21-22 March 2022 to discuss a draft east coast Spanish mackerel management discussion paper and draft harvest strategy prior to public consultation.
- The results of the 2021 stock assessment and discussions on future management arrangements has attracted significant attention from the community including commercial, recreational and charter fishers, the hospitality sector, seafood wholesalers and markets, the fishing tackle retail industry, environmental groups, industry peak bodies and political parties (namely Katter's Australia Party).
- There has been widespread media coverage of this issue across Queensland and particularly in regional locations including Cairns, Townsville and Mackay.

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Health Overview – Townsville Hospital and Health Service

Recommend response

- All data as at 26 July 2022.

Covid-19 and Influenza cases

- Across Queensland:
 - 1,463,230 cases of Covid-19 were recorded, of which 66,569 were active cases and 1,491 people had died; and
 - 36,973 cases of influenza were recorded, of which 878 were active cases and 72 people had died.
- Across the Townsville Hospital and Health Service (HHS):
 - 32,396 cases of Covid-19 were recorded, of which 752 were active cases; and
 - 1,996 cases of influenza were recorded, of which 19 were active cases.
- Townsville HHS was managing:
 - 51 in-patients with Covid-19 and 1 in-patients with influenza; and
 - 22 people with Covid-19 at home.

Covid-19 Vaccinations – Percentage of QLD population vaccinated

	At least 1 dose	2 doses	3 doses	4 doses
65 yrs +	>99%	>99%	92.52%	61.00%
30-64 yrs	96.38%	95.05%	67.65%	22.59%
16-29 yrs	94.42%	92.86%	59.37%	
12-15 yrs	93.27%	91.49%		
5-11 yrs	43.02%	31.95%		

Influenza Vaccinations – vaccine doses reported to Australian Immunisation Register

Under 5 years	78,731
5-64 Years	1,269,531
65+ years	670,171
Total	2,018,433

Staff impacts

- Townsville HHS had a total of 119 (or 1.8 per cent) staff furloughed:
 - 117 Covid-19 positive; and
 - 2 for other Covid-related absences

Key facts

- The 2022-23 Townsville HHS budget is for **\$1.2 billion in operational funding**.
- In addition, we've committed millions of dollars in upgrades to Townsville health infrastructure.
- There are around **6,766 staff in the Townsville HHS making it one of the largest employers in the region**.
- Since 2015, in the Townsville region, my Government has hired:
 - 185 FTE more doctors;
 - 289 FTE more nurses and midwives; and
 - 236 FTE more health professionals.

Townsville HHS Infrastructure projects

- The Queensland Government is working hard to provide infrastructure that facilitates high level healthcare services in the Darling Downs region.
- Over **\$53.0M** has been expended on major infrastructure work **completed within Townsville HHS**, including **\$10.9M (\$6.2M state/\$4.7M Federal)** for **Townsville University Hospital Pharmacy Cytotoxic Laboratory**, delivered in June 2021; **\$10.4M** for **Townsville University Hospital Medical Outpatients Clinics (Renal and Endoscopy)**, delivered March 2020; **\$5.94M** for **Townsville University Hospital magnetic resonance imaging and digital subtraction angiography**, delivered January 2021; **\$1.28M** for **Townsville University Hospital Emergency department paediatric redevelopment**, delivered in June 2021 and; **\$16.22M** for **Palm Island Primary Healthcare Centre**, completed in December 2018.
- Townsville HHS also has **6 projects worth over \$39.5M** in the delivery phase, including 5 projects in the Townsville City Council Area:

Facility	Budget	Project	Exp delivery date	Jobs
Townsville University Hospital	\$12.98M	South Block Level 1 fit out 33 bed ward	Oct-2022	38
Townsville Mental Health	\$10.10M	High Dependency Unit – reconfigure Adult Mental Health Inpatient Unit	Sep-2022	30
Burdell Ambulance Station	\$7.20M	24/7 Burdell Ambulance Station and local Ambulance Service Network	Feb-2024	20
Townsville University Hospital	\$4.70M	Fire detection lifecycle replacement – Douglas campus, main building	Sep-2022	14
Health Facilities	\$3.21M	Ingham, Ayr and Charters Towers health facilities central sterilisation department compliance	design-phase	0
Townsville University Hospital	\$1.53M	Heating, ventilation and air conditioning system mid-life refurbishment	design-phase	4

Planned Infrastructure Projects

- Over \$603.0M for 11 planned projects within Townsville HHS, including:
 - \$530.0M announced in the 2022-23 Budget for the expansion of the Townsville Hospital to add an additional 143 beds (part of the Queensland Health Capacity Expansion Program) – project scope under revision;
 - \$40.0M for Kirwan Health Campus expansion and refurbishment – expected to commence July 2023 and be completed September 2024;
 - \$17.0M for the Townsville Hospital Hybrid Theatre – approval for Stage A project commencement received November 2021; and
 - \$4.0M for the expansion of the Townsville Hospital Outpatient Department to reduce waiting times – expected to commence April 2023 with completion February 2024.

Waiting Lists

- *Elective Surgery Waiting Lists* – between 1 June 2020 and 31 May 2022, 21,829 patients were added to the elective surgery wait list, with:
 - the ready for surgery wait list decreasing from 4,402 to 3,350 – a reduction of 1,052; and
 - the ready for surgery long wait list increasing from 584 to 768 – an increase of 184.
- *GIE Procedures Waiting Lists* – between 1 June 2020 and 31 May 2022, 11,270 patients were added to the GIE wait list, with:
 - the ready for GIE care wait list decreasing from 776 to 657 – a reduction of 119; and
 - the ready for GIE care long wait list increasing from 8 to 19 – an increase of 11.
- *Specialist Outpatients Waiting Lists* – between 1 June 2020 and 31 May 2022, 75,700 referrals were added to the specialist outpatient waitlist, with:
 - the ready for care wait list increasing from 8,644 to 14,212 – an increase of 5,568; and
 - the ready for care long wait lists increasing from 620 to 4,308 – an increase of 3,688.

Achievements

- \$9.3M for The Oasis in Townsville to provide a one stop shop for support services for veterans and their families. (\$5M Fed/\$4.3M State funding) – 24 FTE construction jobs – completed.
- \$334M Townsville University Hospital expansion – completed 2018.
- \$10.9M new pharmacy aseptic manufacturing facility and Cytotoxic laboratory at Townsville university hospital (\$4.7M Fed/ \$6.2M State funding) - completed 24 June 2021.
- \$10.4M redevelopment of clinical services (renal and endoscopy) at Townsville Hospital to increase capacity and meet future service demands – completed 26 March 2020.
- \$6.6M Children's Ward at Townsville University Hospital delivered in May 2018.

- \$16.22M Primary Health Care Centre including at Maternal and Child Health Clinic and Social and Emotional Wellbeing clinic for the Palm Island Community – completed.

LNP

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

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Housing – Townsville, North Queensland Region

Key Facts

- The *Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative* (QHIGI) is a coordinated capital program delivering new social homes across Queensland and establishes new regions and targets.
- North Queensland region is a newly established region that includes the former Townsville region which was focused on the Townsville City Council (TCC) area.
- In the **North Queensland Region**, under the QuickStarts Qld program, we will commence **229 new social homes by 30 June 2025**, through a planned investment of **\$67.7M**, supporting **214 full-time equivalent jobs**.
- This is in addition to the **140** new social homes already commenced under the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017–2027*.
- More broadly, the 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 June 2022 in the North Queensland Region, **444** dwellings have been delivered with 370 in the TCC area.
- As at 30 June 2022, under QuickStarts Qld, contracts have been awarded for the commencement of **75** new dwellings in the North Queensland region – **71** dwellings are in the TCC area.

Housing Investment

- The Government is continuing to deliver the four-year \$2.9 billion investment in social and affordable housing under the *Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021-2025* (the Action Plan) announced last year – the largest concentrated investment in social housing in Queensland's history.

- The Action Plan is supported by a \$1 billion *Housing Investment Fund* (HIF) to boost housing supply and increase housing and homelessness support across Queensland.
- This investment 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 (QHIGI)

- The 2022-23 Budget includes \$441.3M for capital purchases and capital grants through the QHIGI to deliver new social homes and upgrade existing dwellings for vulnerable Queenslanders.
- The 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:
 - 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.
 - **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 engaging Registered Community Housing Providers to manage the properties and deliver services to eligible social housing customers:
 - 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, launch to market occurred June 2022; and
 - 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 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 2022, the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (DCHDE) allocated \$15,190,704 (GST exclusive) in Homelessness Funding to 10 organisations to deliver **14 Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS)** in the TCC area. These SHS deliver temporary supported accommodation and other support services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Home Assist Secure (HAS) services are provided in Townsville by the Townsville HAS and delivered by The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Qld). 2022-23 funding is \$656,318.38 (GST exc). HAS provides subsidised home maintenance and minor modifications to eligible households.
- As at 1 July 2022, under the Coordinated Housing and Homelessness Responses, Queensland Shelter has been funded \$156,635 (GST exclusive) to employ a Care Coordination Facilitator to promote

greater integration and collaboration across services and strengthen multi-agency responses for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Community Rent Scheme (CRS)

- The CRS is a recurrent funded program designed to provide subsidised housing assistance to eligible customers in need, listed on the Housing Register.
- Under the CRS, Regional Housing Limited is funded \$2,137,009 (GST exclusive) from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023 to lease between **99 and 106 private rental properties and 22 department properties** in the Townsville region.

Townsville Youth Foyer

- DCHDE is committed to building the Townsville Youth Foyer on government-owned land located at 87B Fulham Road, Gulliver.
- The Youth Foyer will provide safe and stable housing for up to **40** young people aged 16-25 who are committed to engaging in education and training, as a pathway to developing the skills needed to achieve independence.
- Construction is forecast to commence at the end of 2022 with completion anticipated late 2023.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan

- The *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan 2019-2023* (ATSIIH Action Plan) funding of \$67.1M over four years from 2019-23.
- 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 was 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.

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Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct Water Supply

Recommended response

- My Government was please to announce in the 2022-23 budget a \$26M contribution to Townsville City Council (TCC) for a water pipeline from the Haughton pipeline to the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Estate.
- It is my understanding that the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct is Northern Australia's first environmentally sustainable advanced manufacturing, technology and processing hub and will activate industry and export growth for Townsville and its regional partners.
- The Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct supports the Queensland Government's objectives of jobs and helping small business and manufacturing to grow the regions and a more diversified Queensland economy.
- Our contribution to this exciting regional initiative is further evidence of my Government's commitment to water infrastructure in regional Queensland.

Key Issues

- The \$26M announced in the 2022-23 Budget is for a 13km raw water pipeline from the Haughton pipeline to a 12 day raw water reservoir located at the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Estate and a booster pump for delivery of raw water to Precinct proponents.
- TCC advises that it anticipates:
 - procurement of pipe in August 2022 with construction to commence after the wet season in March 2023; and
 - expenditure will occur over 2 financial years with expected 70 per cent budget spend in 22/23 and remainder in 23/24.
- The total estimated cost to deliver the enabling infrastructure for the Precinct is \$76M comprising:
 - \$50.5M for the raw water pipeline, booster pumping station, raw water reservoir and internal reticulation mains
 - \$18.8M for roads, and
 - \$6.7M for rail.

- The announced \$26M contribution brings the total funding secured for the project by TCC to the \$76M it requires.
- Other funding secured includes an initial \$12M from the Queensland Government, \$12 million under the Townsville City Deal and \$22M from the Australian Government as an ALP election commitment.

Background

- The Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct is located 40 kilometres south of Townsville.
- TCC has been successful in attracting major battery and renewable energy enterprises including the proposed Townsville Energy Chemicals Hub, Edify Energy's hydrogen facility, and a lithium-ion battery cell manufacturing facility.
- TCC's master plan indicates that the development of the advanced manufacturing precinct has the potential to support more than 5,000 construction jobs, around 1,600 initial jobs and more than 9,100 indirect jobs.
- The Haughton Pipeline Stage 1 was financially completed by 30 June 2021.
- The Haughton Pipeline Stage 2 is currently in the design and approvals phase. All approvals required are anticipated to be finalised by March 2023, including referral under the Australian Government *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*, with construction likely to commence mid-2023.
- Construction of Stage 2 is anticipated to be completed in early 2025.
- While construction of the Stage 1 Pipeline (including Stage 1.1) is complete and the Stage 1 Pipeline is operable, the pipeline (combined Stage 1 and 2) will not be able to access and convey water from the Burdekin River to the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct or to Ross River Dam until Stage 2 is completed.

Major Road and Transport Upgrades – Townsville

Recommended response

- Queensland's economic recovery plan is about building the infrastructure we need to create jobs.
- **We have committed \$59.1 billion over 4 years towards job creating infrastructure across the state, which includes \$7.309 billion on transport infrastructure in 2022-23.**
- In the 2022-23 budget, the Queensland Government is delivering **\$996.3M for infrastructure, supporting 3,100 jobs** for North Queensland.
- One of the key transport initiatives in this year's budget is **\$70M over five years for the Stage 3 of the Townsville Connection Road upgrade**.

Key facts

- Recent projects completed include:
 - **\$514.3M** Bruce Highway – Haughton River Floodplain upgrade – supporting 544 jobs – completed October-2021 with ancillary works expected to continue into July 2022;
 - **\$30.67M** Bruce Highway safety upgrades, Bambaroo (Hechts Road to Easter Creek) – supporting 48 jobs and completed late-2021;
 - **\$13.1M** Hervey Range Road (Townsville - Battery), pavement widening – supporting 14 jobs and completed September 2021;
 - **\$5M** Flinders Highway intersection upgrade (Woodstock Giru Road / Glenn Road) – wholly funded by the Queensland Government, supported 9 jobs – completed December 2020; and
 - **\$44.14M** Bruce Highway safety upgrades between Mackenzie Creek and Mailman Road – supported 89 jobs – completed November 2020.
- Projects underway right now include:
 - **\$230M** Townsville Ring Road Stage 5 – between Vickers Bridge and Shaw Road – expected to support 398 jobs – due to be completed mid-2023;
 - **\$232M** Townsville Channel Upgrade Project is in progress and the channel dredging stage is expected to commence in the second

- half of 2021 – supporting 120 jobs, with the whole project expected to be completed in 2023;
- **\$107.65M** Townsville Northern Access Intersection upgrade (**Bruce Highway**) at **Black River** – **supporting 178 jobs** – construction expected to be completed by early-2023;
 - **\$12M** Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct (wholly funded by Queensland Government by way of Local Government Grant to the Townsville City Council) – Improve truck access to the precinct, with works expected to be completed in mid-2024. This is a 2020 Election Commitment;
 - **\$96.9M** Bruce Highway (Bowen – Ayr), Burdekin River Bridge maintenance and rehabilitation project – supporting an average of 50 jobs over the life of the project – ongoing;
 - **\$33.39M** Flinders Highway (Townsville – Charters Towers), Townsville to Mingela Range – overtaking lanes – supporting 95 jobs – construction commence May 2022 and expected to be completed by mid-2023;
 - **\$33.824M** Bruce Highway safety improvements (Ayr – Ingham) - eight separate projects – expected to be completed mid-2023;
 - **\$25M** Gregory Developmental Road (Charters Towers – the Lynd), Marble Creek to Christmas Creek, widen pavement – supporting 27 jobs, expected completion mid-2023; and
 - **\$15.31M** Gregory Developmental Road (Charters Towers – the Lynd), Airport Drive to Lucky Springs Road, strengthen and widen pavement – support 15 jobs, expected completion late-2023.
- Projects being planned include:
 - **\$48M** Bruce Highway, Ingham – Cardwell Range Deviation Plan and Preserve Corridor project – planning commenced late 2021, community consultation to be completed by late 2024;
 - **\$40M** Bruce Highway (Ingham - Cardwell) Gairloch Floodway Upgrade project – business case due to be completed mid-2023 with further timing to be determined following planning;
 - **\$95M** Riverway Drive Stage 2, Allambie Lane to Dunlop Street – estimated to support 180 jobs – construction expected to commence in mid-2023 and be completed by 2024;
 - **\$46.4M** Townsville Connection Road – University Road to Bowen Road Bridge improve safety project – a Queensland Government

- funded project – design due to be completed by July-2022 with early works expected to commence in late-2022;
- **\$70M** Townsville Connection Road, Bowen Road Bride duplicate bridge and approaches project – detailed design commenced mid-to late-2022, construction to commence mid-2024 and be completed by mid-2026;
 - **\$27.5M** South Townsville Road, North Ward Road and Douglas-Garbutt Road – various safety improvements at 70 individual sites with works expected to commence late-2022; and
 - **\$33.6M** Bruce Highway (Ayr – Townsville), Emmett Creek to Killymoon Creek, widen pavement – detailed design to be completed by early 2023.

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.

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Policing and Youth Crime

POLICE NUMBERS

- **Townsville Police District has 716 permanent positions, up 109 since 2015.**
- In early 2020, Paul Taylor was appointed Deputy Commissioner, Regional Queensland (Townsville).
- It was fantastic to announce in September 2020, an additional 2,025 police personal across the state.
- **This is a \$624M investment over five years for 2,025 new police personnel.** Of those 1,450 will be deployed to the frontline which means **at least 150 positions will be located per key region** across the state.
- We're also investing in 25 mobile police vans that will take police into the heart of the community.
- There are more than 12,000 police officers in Queensland – a record number. **Under Labor, there are more police in Queensland than ever before with more on the way.**
- **And we back police 100% in what they do best – keeping communities safe,** providing them with the necessary equipment, like body worn cameras, new vehicles and tasers.

CRIME STATS

- From 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022:
 - the overall rate of **Total Reported Crime** for the Townsville Police District **increased by 5,019 offences or 19 per cent** compared with previous year;
 - the rate of **Offences Against the Person** increased by 2,440 or **87 per cent;**
 - the rate of **Offences Against Property** increased by 3,492 or **39 per cent;** and
 - the rate of **Other Offences** decreased by 913 offences or **7 per cent.**

YOUTH CRIME

- In response to community concerns, I announced in 2020 a **\$15.8M Five-Point Action Plan**:
 - Offenders posing a risk to the community should not get bail.
 - A police blitz on bail, appealing court decisions where appropriate.
 - A 24/7 Police Strike Team.
 - Culture-based rehabilitation for Indigenous offenders through new On Country initiatives.
 - Empowering local communities in the war on crime with \$2M for community-based organisations for local solutions.
- 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 Townsville Police District, for the year ending 31 December 2021, compared to the year ending 31 December 2019 there has been:
 - **a decrease of 5 per cent** in the number of proven offences committed by 10–17-year-olds; and
 - **an increase of 33 per cent** in the number of distinct 10–17-year-old offenders, with at least one proven offence committed in Townsville.
- The Townsville Youth Justice Service Centre is funded for 78 full-time youth justice workers who focus on enhancing community safety and reducing and preventing youth crime.
- In partnership with community agencies, the Government provides a range of programs and services to young people that address offending behaviours and responsivity factors. These include:
 - **24/7 co-responder teams** introduced in Townsville in May 2020 - 7, 498 engagements with Townsville youth (as at 7 May 2022).
 - a **Bail Support Service** to assist lower-risk young people on bail with the support necessary to meet their bail conditions.

Townsville Stronger Communities Early Action Group

- As announced in September 2021, a revamped and refreshed Townsville Stronger Communities Early Action Group (TSCEAG) is being established following a comprehensive review.
- The review was informed by open and frank discussions with those working in Townsville's youth justice space.
- The Co-Chairs of the TSCEAG - Assistant Commissioner Mark Wheeler, Northern Police Region, and Deputy Director-General Phil Brooks, Department of Children, Youth Justice, Multicultural Affairs, have commenced work to implement the recommendations of the independent review.
- The work of TSCEAG will focus on early intervention and complement the **\$60M investment in youth justice** in Townsville to intervene early, divert and keep the community safe.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- \$30M Kirwan replacement police facility anticipated to support 100 jobs. This project is currently in the design phase.
- On 25 January 2022, the Minister announced that a police precinct will be established on the site of the former 1300Smiles Stadium at Townsville.

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.**

Port of Townsville – Townsville Channel Capacity Upgrade Project

Recommended response

- The Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26*, which outlines \$29.7B in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program.
- Of this, over \$1.0B is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' Northern district, estimated to support an average of 940 direct jobs over the life of the program.
- The Port of Townsville is managed and operated by Port of Townsville Limited (PoTL).
- PoTL is undertaking a \$232M Townsville Channel Capacity Upgrade project (TCCU), which is the first stage of the \$1.6B, 30-year Townsville Port Expansion.
- The TCCU involves widening of the shipping channel to safely accommodate vessels up to 300 metres in length. Currently, the channel can accommodate vessels up to 238 metres in length.
- The TCCU is critical for the long-term growth, competitiveness and resilience of shipping and freight movement in North Queensland.
- Australian and Queensland environmental approvals are in place and the TCCU is fully funded, with contributions from the Australian and Queensland Governments and the Port of Townsville.

Key Facts

- Comprehensive environmental monitoring programs are in place to ensure impacts are mitigated during construction works and regulatory conditions are met.
- As at March 2022, the TCCU has already supported employment to over 1600 people since design works commenced in 2018. This includes 90 per cent Queenslanders, around four per cent First Nations People and nine per cent trainees and apprentices.

- Dredging works in the main channel by the dredge Woomera commenced in March 2022.
- The TCCU completion is expected in early 2024.

Background

- Rock wall construction was completed in July 2021, with rock being supplied by multiple local quarries/suppliers.
- Queensland-based Hall Contracting Pty Limited (Hall) undertook the rock wall construction and was also successful in winning the tender for the dredging and reclamation works.
- Hall completed construction of a temporary unloading facility in March 2022, which is where dredge material is being offloaded for placement in the reclamation area.

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Schools – Overview

Recommended response

- In 2022-23, we are investing \$41M on education to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in the Townsville region.
- We are investing **\$16.5 billion in 2022-23 in school and early childhood education, with hundreds of infrastructure projects to improve schools from the Gold Coast to the Cape.**
- Since coming to Government in 2015, we have opened **21 new schools.**
- We have **11 more new schools planned for 2023 and 2024, and another five for 2025 and 2026.**
- Thanks to more than **\$1.9 billion in infrastructure investment**, existing buildings will be expanded and improved, supporting thousands of jobs.
- Queensland is a growing state and we are delivering the infrastructure and educational facilities needed to support this growth.
- The 2022-23 Budget also includes funding of **nearly \$220 million over two years for additional classrooms at existing schools** experiencing in-catchment enrolment growth.
- **Of the 39 facilities within the Townsville City Council and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council areas:**
 - **one new school opened** in 2018, the \$51.9M North Shore State School;
 - major infrastructure work carried out at **35 schools totalling more than \$65M;**
 - **\$50.75M worth of works at 23 schools** is in progress or being planned and includes 2 multi-purpose halls at Pimlico and Thuringowa state high schools, and
 - More than **8,400 solar panels** have been installed at Townsville State schools, which can generate around 12,000 kW of electricity daily.
- 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.

- On 28 July 2022, the Hon Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing announced the completion of the \$168M Advancing Clean Energy Schools (ACES) Program.
- The solar panels will offset the electricity costs of air conditioning and other energy costs.

Key facts

New schools

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

Major infrastructure work

- Over **\$65M** worth of major infrastructure work completed at 35 schools since 2017.

Electorate	Facility Name	Cost	Project
Mundingburra	Aitkenvale State School	\$164,087	Replacement of covered walkways and upgrade of pool fence to security fence – both completed by Jun-2018
		\$552,160	refurbished Block E and upgraded 2 prep spaces – all projects delivered by 2020
		\$71,322	Prep-Yr 6 playground, completed by Jun-2021
Mundingburra	Annandale State School	\$251,919	carpark improvements and hall refurbished – delivered by 2020
		\$327,624	Refurbished P Block, completed by Jun-2021

Electorate	Facility Name	Cost	Project
Townsville	Belgian Gardens State School	\$372,209	upgraded 5 spaces in Block E – completed by Jun-2019
		\$710,000	refurbish Block B (level 1), completed Apr-2022
Hinchinbrook	Bluewater State School	\$313,540	• Refurbish teaching block, completed by Jun-2018
		\$231,591	• <i>Install ramp to administration*</i> , completed by Jun-2021
Hinchinbrook	Bohlevale State School	\$3.14M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.97M – upgraded hall – delivered by Jun-2018 • \$671,133 – 1 space Prep building with amenities – also delivered by Jun-2018 • \$468,162 – refurbished Block D – delivered by Jun 2020 • \$700,000 – <i>installed a security fence*</i> – delivered by Nov-2021
Townsville	Bwgcolman Community School	\$1.68M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$408,213 – refurbish Block D – completed by Jun-2018 • \$467,224 – refurbished science lab – completed by Jun-2019 • \$804,395 – refurbished Block A – completed May-2021

Electorate	Facility Name	Cost	Project
Mundingburra	Cranbrook State School	\$2.02M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.02M – refurbished Blocks 3 and 2 – all works delivered by Jun-2021 • \$97,887 – fenced sports courts, completed by Jun-2020 • \$700,000 – installed a security fence* – delivered by Nov-2021 • \$199,996 – new playground for Year 6 students* – delivered by Nov-2021
Mundingburra	Currajong State School	\$431,006	refurbished Block E – delivered by Jun-2021
Townsville	Garbutt State School	\$157,390	Upgraded administration block – completed by Jun-2021
Thuringowa	Heatley Secondary College	\$677,681	New security fence – delivered by Jun-2019
		\$114,780	Additional fencing to car park – completed by Jun-2019
		\$250,000	Covered walkways – completed by Jun-2020
		\$311,073	Refurbished block K – completed by Jun-2020
		\$10.6M	refurbished 9 blocks – delivered 2021
Thuringowa	Heatley State School	\$423,733	New security fence – completed by Jun-2019
		\$411,546	Refurbished block L 4 GLAs – completed by Jun-2019
		\$337,137	Refurbish amenities block – completed by Jun-2020

Electorate	Facility Name	Cost	Project
		\$530,995	refurbished 4 learning spaces –delivered by Nov-2021
Townsville	Hermit Park State School	\$449,880	Upgraded 6 spaces Block A, completed by Jun-2019
		\$141,894	Constructed access ramp to classroom, completed by Jun-2020
		\$528,431	Upgraded amenities Block I, completed by Jun-2021
		\$976,000	New purpose-built OSHC building, completed Mar-2022
Thuringowa	Kelso State School	\$422,212	Refurbish block 1 – completed by Jun-2020
		\$172,500	<i>installed a covered walkway* – completed by Nov-2021</i>
Thuringowa	Kirwan State High School	\$6.4M	multi-purpose hall – delivered by Jun-2019
		\$337,432	Roof repair and replacement – completed by Jun-2021
Thuringowa	Kirwan State School	\$497,219	Multipurpose area – completed by Jun-2020
		\$383,957	Refurbished block F – completed by Jun-2019
		\$70,941	Amenities refurbishment by Jun-2019
		\$1.2M	New prefabricated building with two learning spaces, completed May-2022
Townsville	Magnetic Island State School	\$265,918	Refurbish 2 spaces in Block B – completed by Jun-2021

Electorate	Facility Name	Cost	Project
		\$76,496	Block I roof replacement – completed by Nov-2021
Mundingburra	Mundingburra State School	\$688,694	refurbished Blocks C and E – delivered by Jun-2021
Hinchinbrook	Northern Beaches State High School	\$692,325	Refurbish industrial kitchen, completed by Jun-2019
		\$84,098	Community Centre extension, completed by Jun-2019
		\$5.2M	2020 ready – new two-storey learning centre
Mundingburra	Oonoonba State School	\$500,000	<i>New hard covered link to the school hall and shade structure for basketball court*</i> delivered May 2022
Townsville	Pimlico State High School	\$5.5M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$175,501 library entry ramp, completed by Jun-2019 • \$3.7M – new building with GLAs – completed by Jun-2020 • \$1.1M covered sports courts, completed by Nov-2021 • \$700,000 – security fence* – completed by Nov-2021
Townsville	Railway Estate State School	\$280,711	Upgraded 3 spaces Block D – completed by Jun-2019
		\$100,000	Playground upgraded – completed by Jun-2020
		\$403,743	refurbished 4 learning spaces – completed by Nov-2021

Electorate	Facility Name	Cost	Project
Thuringowa	Rasmussen State School	\$391,818	upgraded 4 learning spaces – delivered by Jun-2020
		\$85,991	Prep playground replacement, completed by Jun-2021
Hinchinbrook	Rollingstone State School	\$202,013	Refurbish 2 spaces in TB Block, completed by Jun-2021
Thuringowa	The Willows State School	\$754,703	Shade structures, completed by Jun-2020
		\$559,568	Security fencing installation, completed by Jun-2020
Thuringowa	Thuringowa State High School	\$343,588	Upgrade computer rooms – completed by Jul-2019
		\$254,614	Roof repair and replacement, completed by Jun-2020
		\$117,277	Renovate PWD amenities, completed by Jun-2020
		\$558,209	Amenities upgrade – completed by Jun-2021
		\$480,250	refurbished science lab – completed by Nov-2021
Townsville	Townsville Central State School	\$209,547	Various projects including covered walkway, upgrade of pwd toilet, and construction of pwd toilet in Prep – all completed by Jun-2019
		\$436,845	refurbished 4 learning spaces – completed by Nov-2021

Electorate	Facility Name	Cost	Project
Mundingburra	Townsville Community Learning Centre - a State Special School	\$4.8M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.2M – additional 7 general learning areas – delivered by Jun-2017 • \$922,825 – prefab building – completed by Jun-2020 • \$431,772 – upgraded junior playground, completed by J • \$1.2M – prefabricated buildings – all projects delivered by Jun-2021
Townsville	Townsville South State School	\$282,884	Upgraded 2 x spaces Block – completed by Jun-2019
		\$579,148	<i>refurbished amenities* – completed by Nov-2021</i>
Townsville	Townsville State High School	\$2.66M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.1M – multi-purpose hall upgrade – completed by Jun-2020 • \$192,553 – refurbished amenities – completed by Jun-2021 • \$433,295 – converted a space to science lab – completed by Jun-2021 • \$232,233 – refurbished Block C (2 spaces) – completed by Jun-2021 • \$700,000 - installed security fence, completed by Apr-2022
Townsville	Townsville West State School	\$100,000	Playground upgrades – completed by Jun-
		\$296,193	refurbished Block C – completed by Jun-2021

Electorate	Facility Name	Cost	Project
Mundingburra	Vincent State School	\$278,030	Upgraded 2 x amenities blocks, completed by Jun-2019
		\$151,986	Access upgrade to Admin, supply and install double garage, completed by Jun-2020
Thuringowa	Weir State School	\$834,624	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$321,288 – refurbished Block 7 – delivered by Jun-2019 • \$513,336 – refurbished Block 5 – delivered by Jun-2021
Mundingburra	William Ross State High School	\$144,085	Enclose courts and resurface, completed by Jun-2019
		\$517,628	Upgraded oval and irrigation system, completed by Jun-2021
		\$568,502	<i>Improved learning space to support STEM curriculum*</i> , completed by Nov-2021
		\$50,000	<i>planning/ feasibility study for a new hall*</i> completed
Burdekin	Woodstock State School	\$124,170	Senior playground upgrades, completed by Jun-2021
Mundingburra	Wulguru State School	\$87,007	Refurbished Block WR/R3, completed by Jun-2018

Notes:

* refers to 2020 election commitments

GLAs – general learning areas

STEM – science, technology, engineering and mathematics

- **Going forward, we're also investing over \$50.75M** worth of works in **23 schools** in the region including:

Electorate	Schools	Budget	Project
Mundingburra	Aitkenvale State School	\$275,000	Construct covered link between amenities and Prep Block, expected to be completed by Sep-2022
Mundingburra	Annandale State School	\$100,000	Drainage and structural rectification
			Rectify 12 A/C plant rooms damage
Townsville	Belgian Gardens State School	\$300,000	External painting of Blocks A and C, expected to be completed Sep-2022
Hinchinbrook	Bluewater State School	\$1.5M	<i>replace amenities block*</i>
Hinchinbrook	Bohlevale State School	\$630,000	Refurbish Block B (5 learning spaces)
Townsville	Bwgcolman Community School	\$3.5M	new administration building
Mundingburra	Currajong State School	\$380,000	Install lift, construct cantilever cover
Thuringowa	Heatley Secondary College	\$1M	<i>deliver a catering hall*</i>
Thuringowa	Heatley State School	\$90,493	Covered area extension
Townsville	Hermit Park State School	\$400,000	Upgrade irrigation, expected completion Sep-2022
Thuringowa	Kelso State School	\$580,000	Refurbish amenities block, expected completion Jul-2022

Electorate	Schools	Budget	Project
Thuringowa	Kirwan State High School	\$350,000	Refurbish amenities block, expected completion Jul-2022
Thuringowa	Kirwan State School	\$1.5M	<i>additional infrastructure* - extend administration</i>
			Replace G Block roof
			Oval irrigation bore pump upgrade
Townsville	Magnetic Island State School	\$100,000	<i>heat the school pool*</i>
		\$145,000	Install amenities facility in Prep building
		\$225,000	Covered pathway to Prep building
		\$150,000	Refurbish swimming pool amenities
Mundingburra	Oonoonba State School	\$380,000	Upgrade oval, expected completion Sep-2022
Townsville	Pimlico State High School	\$11.2M	<i>new performing arts centre (2020 election commitment was \$5M)* – exp to be completed Jul-2023</i>
		\$1.4M	<i>enhanced aquaponics infrastructure* expected to be completed by Nov-2022</i>
		\$375,000	Oval upgrade, expected to be completed by Sep-2022

Electorate	Schools	Budget	Project
Thuringowa	Thuringowa State High School	\$9.2M	<i>new multi-purpose hall* – exp to be completed Oct-2023</i>
		\$1.5M	refurbish health science spaces, expected to be completed by Oct-2023
Townsville	Townsville Central State School	\$100,001	Upgrades to playground
Mundingburra	Townsville Community Learning Centre – a State Special School	\$13.35M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$7.6M – <i>additional accommodation* – exp to be completed Mar-2022</i> • \$5.75M – <i>new multi-purpose hall* – exp to be completed Mar-2023</i>
Townsville	Townsville State High School	\$250,000	External painting of Blocks A, S and Library, to be completed by Aug-2022
			Canteen and eating area upgrade
Townsville	Townsville West State School		• Playground upgrades
Thuringowa	Weir State School	\$1.24M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$794,000 – <i>new security fencing and tuckshop replacement*</i> • \$450,000 – refurbish 4 learning spaces, Block 6
Mundingburra	Wulguru State School	\$529,096	refurbish 4 learning spaces Block C

Townsville City Deal

Recommended response

- City Deals remain a priority for the Queensland Government, given their potential to accelerate economic recovery and deliver jobs.
- The almost \$1B Townsville City Deal (TCD), Australia's first City Deal, continues to deliver for North Queensland, with the completion of the Queensland Country Bank Stadium and the Haughton Pipeline Stage 1, plus work well underway for the Port of Townsville Channel Upgrade.
- The Queensland Government continues to work with the Australian Government and Townsville City Council (TCC) on reallocating the \$195M funding that was originally set aside for Haughton Pipeline Stage 2.
- Some of this funding has been re-allocated to a range of projects including \$2M for a detailed business case into a new Townsville Concert Hall. Subject to the business case, a further \$98M has been set aside for construction.

Key Facts

- Total funding under the TCD has been \$986.1M to date, with 10 of the 16 commitments in the TCD completed.
- The Queensland Government has contributed \$552.28M under the TCD, with an additional \$195M for the Haughton Pipeline Stage 2 (HP2), separate to the TCD.
- The Australian Government has contributed \$381.66M (including the remaining \$195M to be reallocated), TCC has provided \$82,000 plus in-kind contributions, and private sector (Port of Townsville Limited) has contributed \$52.05M.

Achievements

- The Queensland Government's funding contributions to the TCD include:
 - \$193.5M for the North Queensland Stadium project;
 - \$225M towards Townsville water security measures including Haughton Pipeline Stage 1 (\$215M announced) and Water Smart Package (\$10M);
 - \$105M towards the Port of Townsville Channel Capacity Upgrade;

- \$12.3M towards land acquisition in the Townsville State Development Area and \$150,000 to support the Townsville Industrial Development Board;
- \$7.25M towards preservation of land for the Townsville Eastern Access Rail Corridor;
- \$4M for construction of the Townsville City Bus Station;
- \$5M Flinders Highway and Woodstock-Giru Road intersection upgrade; and
- \$82,500 for projects to develop Townsville's global education and training.

Background

- The TCD was Australia's first City Deal, signed in December 2016 between TCC, the Queensland Government and the Australian Government.
- Recent announcements under the TCD include \$40M funding for Reef HQ, \$15M for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Townsville Super Base, \$100M for a new concert hall for Townsville and \$12M for infrastructure for the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct.
- Construction on ReefHQ has begun now detailed design and planning for the facility have concluded.
- AECOM are leading the concert hall business case. A key issue for consideration is the location of the concert hall, for which there are divergent views within the community. Pending the outcomes of the business case, construction on the concert hall will occur after business case endorsement.
- Funding agreements are currently being finalised for the RFDS Super Hub and Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct.
- On 23 May 2022, Cr Jenny Hill, Mayor of Townsville, wrote to the Premier requesting an additional \$26M commitment towards the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct.
- As part of the 2022/23 Queensland Budget an additional \$26M was allocated towards enabling infrastructure at Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct, separate to the TCD.
- Previously, \$2M funding was also announced for a feasibility study for recycled water to support green hydrogen production, however, TCC has advised funding is no longer required and requested it be reallocated. The Australian Government confirmed the funding will no longer go towards the feasibility study and are working with partners on its reallocation under the Deal.

Bruce Highway (Bowen – Cardwell)

Recommended response

- Construction was recently completed on the Bruce Highway flood resilience and safety improvements between Ayr and Townsville under the \$514.3M Haughton River Floodplain Upgrade project.
- As part of this project, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) upgraded bridges to improve safety and flood resilience, made Bruce Highway intersections safer for motorists, upgraded 13.5 kilometres of highway pavement, and installed wide centre line treatments to improve safety for motorists.
- Construction has also commenced on additional Bruce Highway projects between Home Hill and Ingham, further improving safety.
- These projects will deliver a new overtaking opportunity north of Townsville, multiple sets of guardrails to protect motorists, intersection changes to improve safety at Alligator Creek and Nome, as well as pavement widening and other minor works.
- These works commenced in March 2022 and are due to be completed in mid-2023.
- Detailed design has also commenced on Bruce Highway upgrades between Emmett Creek and Killymoon Creek, including at Cape Cleveland, under a \$33.6M jointly funded commitment.
- Detailed design of these upgrades is due to be completed in mid-2023, with construction to commence shortly after (following an open market tender process).
- Construction is also underway on the \$230M Townsville Ring Road (Stage 5) project (TRR5) which will deliver improved road safety, efficiency and travel time reliability for freight and passenger vehicles on the Bruce Highway in Townsville.
- The project will duplicate the remaining six-kilometre, two-lane undivided section of the Townsville Ring Road (Bruce Highway) between Vickers Bridge and Shaw Road and provide access to Beck Drive.
- Construction of TRR5 is due to be completed by early 2023, weather and construction conditions permitting.
- Works are also progressing well on the \$107.65M Townsville Northern Access Intersections Upgrade project, which will deliver improved road

safety, efficiency and travel time reliability for freight and passenger vehicles on the Bruce Highway in Townsville.

- The project will duplicate a 5.2-kilometre section of the Bruce Highway between Veales Road and Pope Road, including building another bridge over Black River. It will also reduce the number of intersections and direct accesses to the Bruce Highway via service roads to other intersections.
- Construction commenced in May 2021, with expected completion by early 2023, weather permitting.
- Ahead of overall completion, traffic is also expected to be switched onto the new Bruce Highway bridge over Black River (and approaches) in August 2022.

Key Facts

- The \$514.3M Haughton River Floodplain Upgrade project was jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments on an 80:20 federal:state basis under the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program. This represents contributions of \$411.44M and \$102.86M, respectively. The project supported an average of 544 direct jobs over the project lifecycle.
- The \$33.6M Bruce Highway (Ayr – Townsville), Emmett Creek to Killymoon Creek, widen pavement project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments on an 80:20 federal:state basis, under the Bruce Highway Safety Package. This represents contributions of \$26.824M and \$6.706M, respectively.
- The \$230M TRR5 project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments on an 80:20 federal:state basis. This represents contributions of \$184M and \$46M, respectively. An estimated average of 398 direct jobs will be supported over the life of the project.
- The \$107.65M Townsville Northern Access Intersections Upgrade project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments on an 80:20 federal:state basis. An estimated average of 178 direct jobs will be supported over the life of the project.

Achievements

- Completion of the \$514.3M Haughton River Floodplain Upgrade project in June 2022.

Background

Haughton River Floodplain Upgrade project

- A formal commissioning event is planned, subject to the Australian and Queensland governments confirming availability; with the event currently, tentatively scheduled for mid-July 2022.

Bruce Highway (Ayr – Townsville), Emmett Creek to Killymoon Creek, widen pavement project

- The Australian Government recently endorsed a submission to increase the budget for a formerly \$7.27M widening and wide centre line treatment project between Mackenzie Creek and north of Killymoon Creek (QTIRP ID 709478).
- In recent years, this section of the Bruce Highway has recorded several fatal and serious highway crashes prompting a detailed review of the original project scope. During planning for the project, it became apparent that this section would require a more complex project than originally envisaged, resulting in a scope which will exceed the committed funding.
- On 11 March 2022, the federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications wrote to DTMR supporting re-allocation of \$26.33M of available Bruce Highway Safety Package funding toward the project, increasing the committed funding to \$33.53M.
- Detailed design of the upgrades is due to be completed in early 2023 and a call for construction tenders will occur shortly after.

Bruce Highway Safety Package – Tranche 2B projects

- In 2022, DTMR also progressively commenced a package of eight Bruce Highway safety projects between Home Hill and Ingham, including:
 - pavement widening and safety improvements between Leichhardt Creek and Abergowrie Road (QTRIP ID 931523). The \$7.71M project is funded entirely by the Australian Government. Being delivered in conjunction with the overtaking lane project below, with construction of both projects commencing in March 2022 and due to be completed in June 2023
 - installation of a northbound overtaking lane between Leichhardt Creek and Lilypond Creek (QTRIP ID 865016). A \$8.765M project funded entirely by the Australian Government. Being delivered in conjunction with the pavement widening and safety improvement project above
 - minor safety improvements at the Bruce Highway intersections with Allendale Drive, Muntalunga Drive and Three Sisters Drive (Alligator Creek/Julago) including line marking and signage changes (QTRIP ID 931713). A \$4.489M project jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments on an 80:20 basis federal:state with contributions of \$3.59M and \$898,000 respectively. Project is due to commence in late 2022 and be completed by mid-2023
 - installation of guardrail south of Ayr (QTRIP ID 931459). This \$590,000 project funded entirely by the Australian Government. Construction commenced in March 2022, and is due to be completed by 31 July 2022
 - installation of guardrail at Julago/Nome (QTRIP ID 2128344). A \$5.5M project funded entirely by the Queensland Government under the Targeted Road Safety Program. Construction commenced in May 2022 and was completed in June 2022
 - installation of township entry treatments at Rollingstone (QTRIP ID 1206258). Construction has not commenced; however, is due to be completed by August 2022.
 - upgrades to the Bruce Highway rest area at Christmas Creek, including installation of ablutions (QTRIP ID 1192366). Construction commenced in March 2022 and is due to be completed in September 2022; and
 - safety improvements on the Bruce Highway in Ingham, including upgrades to a pedestrian crossing (QTRIP ID 934745). Construction timing for these works is yet to be determined.

Great Barrier Reef – Reef Regulations

Recommended response

- Protecting the Great Barrier Reef and the thousands of jobs that rely on it is vital to the Regions and State's economy.
- The Great Barrier Reef is world heritage listed and contributes \$6 billion to the Australian economy every year, **supporting over 60,000 jobs.**
- **The Queensland Government has committed over \$400M towards protecting the Reef since 2015**, including:
 - \$270.1M over five years for the Queensland Reef Water Quality Program;
 - \$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.
- In June 2022, we increased our investment in the **Reef Assist Program from \$10M to \$13.5M** to deliver 200 nature-based jobs in Reef Catchments as part of our plan for economic recovery.
- The Townsville City Council (TCC) Business Activation and Environmental Restoration project received \$2.72M - the largest amount of funding of any of the Reef Assist projects.
- In March 2022, **a new Reef Assist program was announced** for all of the catchments of the Great Barrier Reef from Cape York to Bundaberg **as part of the \$65.6M package** focused on restoring functional landscapes and soils.
- As well as supporting voluntary action, the Government is also taking regulatory action to improve Reef water quality. Strengthened Reef regulations which commenced on 1 December 2019 are being rolled out over three years.

- **Minimum practice standards** that mirror accepted industry practices in the Wet Tropics region are **now in place for sugarcane and banana production** and due to **commence for graziers and horticulture producers on 1 December 2022**.
- From **1 June 2021**, a **permit is required** to start **new commercial cropping activities** on more than five hectares of land – excluding existing cropping land.
- Permits will condition farm design standards to minimise nutrient and sediment run-off from the development of land for cropping.
- On 18 March 2022, following a public consultation process, small administrative updates to the minimum practice standards for banana, sugarcane and grazing commenced to make the requirements easier to understand and comply with.
- On 1 June 2021, new standards also commenced for urban and industrial environmentally relevant activities such as mines, aquaculture, and sewage treatment that may result in nutrient or sediment emissions in Reef catchments.
- 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.
- The Queensland Government has invested millions into North Queensland to support landholders and communities to improve land management and catchment condition.
- This includes the **\$15M Major Integrated Project delivered across the Bowen Broken Bogie catchment**, one of the highest sediment generators of all the Reef's catchments.
- The project worked with 92 per cent of the catchments landholders, collectively responsible for over 1 million hectares, to deliver a locally designed and owned work program tackling large- and small-scale gully remediation, grazing land management, water quality monitoring, policy issues and engagement with non-grazing land managers.

Key facts

- A 2017 Deloitte Access Economics report found the Reef added \$3.9 billion to the State's economy in 2015-16 and supported more than 33,000 full-time Queensland jobs (pre-COVID).

- In 2020, the Government's election commitments included:
 - *Continue the Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Program;*
 - *Maintain reef protection laws and associated measures which are critical to the health of the Great Barrier Reef, and*
 - *Conduct a review of the Paddock to Reef Program to ensure changes in technology and system knowledge are harnessed.*

UNESCO

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

Achievements

UNESCO

- The State Government committed over \$700M directly towards protecting the Reef since 2015.
- The latest Reef Water Quality Report Card 2020 showed progress is now around halfway towards two critical water quality improvements targets – dissolved inorganic nitrogen and sediment.

Reef Regulations

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

Reef Assist Program

- The Reef Assist program was successful in directly supporting the creation of over 230 jobs.
- The TCC Business Activation and Environmental Restoration project is one of three Reef Assist projects carried out in the Burdekin Dry Tropics region.
- As of June 2022, the project has employed 42 people (with more than 75 per cent identifying as First Nations or youth), supported more than 30 local businesses and provided 32 employees with formal training.

Background

- Since 2012, WHC has considered the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area possible in-danger listing several times.
- In 2015, WHC decided not to inscribe the Reef on the in-danger list due to the Reef 2050 Plan, particularly the water quality targets and the sustainable ports development and sustainable fisheries commitments.
- In 2017, WHC expressed concern of the mass bleaching events in 2016 and 2017, the slow progress in water quality progress and implementation delays in regulatory reforms.
- Strengthening the Reef protection regulations responds directly to the recommendations of the *Great Barrier Reef Water Science Taskforce* on how best to meet the Reef water quality targets for a healthy Reef.
- The Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan sets 2025 reduction targets of 60% for dissolved inorganic nitrogen loads and 25% for sediment loads.
- The strengthened Reef regulations are expected to achieve an estimated dissolved inorganic nitrogen load reduction of 48.9% towards the 2025 target (i.e. expected to achieve approximately 80% of the target reduction with full compliance) and an estimated fine sediment reduction of 4.2% towards the 2025 target (i.e. expected to achieve approximately 16.8% of the target reduction with full compliance).
- During consultation on the new cropping permit arrangements, agricultural peak bodies publicly re-iterated not supporting the regulatory approach to improving water quality, but AgForce publicly acknowledged the positive consultation process which resulted in changes to the proposed standard and requirements for new cropping.
- The Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan is a strong framework for coordinated action in partnership between governments, Traditional Owners and stakeholders.
- Queensland responded to the impact on businesses, particularly those in the tourism and hospitality sectors, by delivering a \$47.75M Tourism and Hospitality Sector COVID-19 Lockdown Support Package to assist businesses impacted by COVID-19 lockdowns.
- Burdekin Dry Tropics organisations directly funded through the Reef Assist program include:
 - \$2.7M for TCC's Business Activation and Environmental Restoration project;
 - \$1.66M for North Queensland Dry Tropics Healing Country project; and
 - \$102,000 for Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council's Palm Island Riparian Restoration project.
- On 29 March 2022, a private members bill to reverse the Reef protection regulations, introduced by Mr Nick Dametto MP, Member for Hinchinbrook, did not pass consistent with the recommendation of the Health and Environment Committee.

Insurance Affordability

Recommended response

- Insurance affordability is a key cost-of-living issue for regional Queensland, as evidenced by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) final insurance inquiry report.
- The majority of the ACCC's 38 recommendations are aimed at the insurance industry and the Australian Government.
- There were several key announcements in the 2021–22 Federal Budget including a cyclone reinsurance pool, a North Queensland Strata Title Resilience Pilot Program, and increased funding for disaster mitigation.
- Effective delivery on these commitments is needed to provide long-awaited support and I note the new Australian Government is continuing to work through these measures to appropriately progress their implementation.
- The ACCC report also highlights that investment in mitigation can sustainably reduce insurance premiums.
- The State Government has been taking action through initiatives such as the \$65M Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund, \$100M 2019 Queensland Betterment Fund, and \$41.5M Household Resilience Program.
- Successive budgets have built on the Queensland Government's prior action.
- The 2021–22 Queensland Budget included \$20M for a 2020–21 Betterment Fund to improve resilience of infrastructure to future disasters, as well as \$10M for the North Queensland Mitigation program to administer grants to local governments for disaster mitigation initiatives.
- The 2022–23 Queensland Budget further provides \$20M over two years to extend the Household Resilience Program to its third phase.

Key Facts

- The Queensland Government has focused on disaster mitigation to reduce risk and put downward pressure on premiums, including through a range of programs.
 - Household Resilience Program (HRP) (additional \$20M over two years for Phase 3): the HRP helps low-income homeowners improve the resilience of their properties, resulting in significant reductions in premiums in many cases (this builds on HRP phases 1 and 2 (31.5M State/\$10M Fed funding))
 - 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
 - Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (\$65M over five years, co-funded with the Australian Government): for initiatives which protect Queensland communities from natural disasters
 - 2020–21 Betterment Fund (\$20M, co-funded with the Australian Government): to continue to enable restoration of essential public assets in 2020–21 to a more resilient standard
 - 2019 Betterment Fund (\$100M over three years, co-funded with the Australian Government): to rebuild more resilient infrastructure after the 2019 North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough

Achievements

- The HRP has resulted in significant reductions in premiums.
- Across the first two phases of the program, over 3,500 North Queenslanders were awarded a grant, including 1,658 in Townsville. Recipients were able to negotiate around a 9 per cent premium reduction on average.

Background

- The ACCC's final report was released on 28 December 2020 and includes 38 recommendations. Of these, only 13 directly or partly relate to areas of State Government responsibility, including: stamp duty on insurance; disaster mitigation works; disclosure requirements in real estate transactions; planning frameworks; building codes; and commissions paid to strata managers.

- The report includes a recommendation to abolish or re-base stamp duty on insurance. The ACCC's estimate of a 127 per cent increase in average premiums (2007–08 to 2018–19) equates to an annual increase of around 8 per cent. Therefore, hypothetically, any benefit of abolishing insurance duty (9 per cent), if fully passed on to consumers, would have been largely eroded within a year.
- The newly elected Australian Government has committed a \$200M investment per year on disaster prevention and resilience. The Disaster Ready Fund will invest in disaster prevention projects like flood levees, sea walls, cyclone shelters, evacuation centres, fire breaks and telecommunications improvements.
- Key insurance-related measures announced in the 2021–22 Federal Budget were:
 - Cyclone and related flooding reinsurance pool, backed by a \$10 B government guarantee.
 - \$40M North Queensland Strata Title Resilience Pilot Program to support disaster mitigation for strata properties.
 - New National Recovery and Resilience Agency, with \$615.5M for the Preparing Australia Program (PAP).
- The Queensland Government provided submissions to the Reinsurance Pool Taskforce in June 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 Australian Government should provide an insurance premium reduction guarantee, and to subsidise premiums if this guarantee was not met.
- The reinsurance pool launched on 1 July 2022, with a transition period for insurers to bring eligible policies into the pool (by 31 December 2023 for large insurers and by 31 December 2024 for small insurers).
- Under the previous Morrison administration, the Australian Government estimated that policyholders facing 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 enterprises.
- Queensland Treasury previously noted these savings appeared to relate to high-risk policyholders, rather than average savings. Industry further indicated it was too early to understand the impact on premiums and that quoted reductions could not be validated.
- The newly elected Australian Government publicly released modelling on the impact of the Pool for the first time on 30 June 2022. In releasing this modelling, it signalled that the claims by the previous Australian Government were misleading, and that premium savings would be much lower. Queensland Treasury is considering the newly-released modelling.
- The report finds that overall savings for Northern Australian policies are in the order of 15 to 20 per cent for home, strata and small and medium enterprises insurance. For home insurance specifically, a small number of policies paying the highest premiums, could see reductions of around 38 per cent.

- This received considerable media coverage, including on the front page of the Townsville Bulletin on 30 June 2022.

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Teacher Supply

Recommended response

- The Department of Education (DoE) undertakes comprehensive workforce planning to ensure there is a sustainable supply of teachers to meet the demands of state schools across Queensland.
- This includes an assessment of long-term, statewide supply and demand trends influencing schools' ability to recruit teachers. It also includes a detailed assessment of individual schools' short and medium-term needs and the development of tailored three-year action plans.
- Due to various factors, including the impact of COVID-19 measures, 2022 was a challenging year for all schools across Queensland.
- Vacancies are a natural part of the workforce cycle and occur due to a variety of reasons, including: teachers taking planned leave; accepting promotions; seeking a transfer; or retiring.
- Consequently, vacancies open and close continually throughout the year as teachers grow and move between schools. Local workforce planning ensures that many vacancies are identified in advance and filled to avoid class disruption.
- To respond to short-term unplanned vacancies, schools are staffed and supported by TRACER, DoE's teacher-replacement service. It is common for this service to fill over 1000 short-term absences across the State every day.
- The Government will continue to work with schools to address current and emerging teacher vacancies and ensure an uninterrupted year for our students.

Key Facts

- DoE currently employs around 48,000 teacher FTEs.
- Since 2017, more than 3500 temporary-to-permanent teacher conversions were made as part of the Government's commitment to maximising permanent frontline employment.

- As at 29 June 2022, DoE is working with schools to fill 896 current or emerging vacancies - this represents less than 2 per cent of the teaching workforce.
- Throughout the 2021 and 2022 school year-to-date, the DoE has filled over 6200 teacher vacancies across the State with existing teachers and new teacher hires.
- The **\$19.8M Turn to Teaching Internship election commitment**, to encourage career change to high-priority curriculum and geographic teaching areas, will provide 300 aspiring teachers with financial support, mentoring and paid internship employment to complete their teaching qualification and take up a guaranteed permanent teaching position.
- This program commenced in 2022, with the first interns due to start in schools in 2023.

Achievements

Teacher Rapid Response Team (RRT)

- Commencing Term 2, 2022, the RRT seeks to establish a pool of temporary and permanent state school teachers based in South East Queensland, where there is a supply of replacement teachers that schools can access to maintain adequate staffing.
- These teachers are deployed at short notice to temporarily fill specific teaching vacancies deemed to be critical in priority geographic areas across Queensland.
- As at 24 June 2022, there are 81 teachers in the RRT pool.
- Only the Central Queensland Region (with 4000 teaching staff) has accessed deployments from the RRT so far, with 11 positions filled through the RRT.

Background

- With a workforce of more than 54,000 Queensland teachers (headcount), it is common to have teaching vacancies—noting the current recorded vacancy rate is currently less than 2 per cent.
- DoE works closely with schools to support teachers to develop diverse skills and experiences, to plan for potential vacancies, and to ensure teachers are placed where they are most needed.
- It is typical for TRACER to experience high demand during Term 2 and 3 due to traditional flu seasons; however, Queensland Health's advice, 'stay home and get tested,' has also contributed to this.
- The largest change to schools in the immediate post-COVID period is lower than anticipated student enrolments. This is as a direct result of the pause to international migration and has resulted in reduced overall demand for teachers when compared with earlier forecasts. To combat these issues:
 - Staffing levels in the TRACER service increased during the year to allow more casual relief teachers to be contacted within the short time available.
 - Teachers in the applicant process are encouraged to consider casual relief teacher options while seeking permanent employment.
 - In schools where demand for casual relief teachers was increased beyond usual levels, support is provided to adopt existing strategies for internal relief including:
 - employing additional teachers to provide internal relief (a Local Relieving Teacher);
 - partnering with neighbouring schools to employ additional teachers to provide internal relief (a District Relieving Teacher); and
 - registering the Local Relieving Teacher or District Relieving Teacher arrangement with TRACER to ensure the best utilisation of the internal relief teaching pool and to ensure schools do not incur an additional workload associated with the arrangement.

Teacher RRT

- Teachers temporarily relocated as part of the RRT will have access to a tailored range of incentives.
- As these are pre-existing teaching positions, there are no additional costs to DoE for the teaching staff as transfer costs and rural locality allowances are already built into DoE budget.
- DoE continues to work with schools to address current and emerging teacher vacancies, including the sourcing and the retention of permanent, temporary and casual teachers.
- Through the RRT, DoE is encouraging vacancies to be filled for a minimum of four weeks.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Vacancies

- Specific actions to avoid potential teacher shortfalls in STEM areas include targeted strategies to recruit specialist teachers in areas of high demand in the geographic locations where they are needed the most:
 - Queensland has provided discipline-specific online STEM training to more than 3100 state school teachers to support building capability in subject areas including digital technologies, science and mathematics.
 - In addition to STEM training, targeted professional development courses are provided for the identified priority areas in the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority General Senior Syllabuses including Digital Solutions and Design.
 - DoE also offers Rural and Remote Graduate Teacher STEM Scholarships, which provide \$15,000 (each) to support high-achieving individuals, and permanent employment in a Queensland state school. Since 2018, 103 Rural and Remote Graduate Teacher STEM scholarships have been offered.
- Since 2019, more than 2700 STEM vacancies have been successfully filled across the State.
- DoE is not able to accurately measure the number of STEM teachers across the State due to system limitation and clarity around the classification of a STEM teacher. For example, teachers often teach subjects both inside and outside of the STEM fields, and the qualifications and skillset of a STEM teacher varies depending on the level of curriculum being taught.

Initiatives around staffing

- DoE also continues to recruit new teaching applicants year-round, with mid-year graduates often applying to teach during Term 3.
- Other initiatives and programs in place to provide Queensland state schools with the teachers they need now, and into the future, include:
 - the *Teach Queensland and Teacher Rural* annual career fairs;
 - *Never been a better time to teach* marketing campaign;
 - interstate recruitment campaigns;
 - the annual undertaking of a five-year teacher supply and demand forecast;
 - *Teach Queensland* digital and social media campaign; and
 - specific teacher mobility initiatives including the annual teacher transfer program, guaranteed transfer and rural and remote encouragement programs.
- Initiatives to support high achieving pre-service and graduate teachers to commence their career in high priority Queensland locations include:
 - *Aspiring Teacher Grants* for Year 12 graduates from Queensland schools with 174 grants offered since 2018 (one-off payment of up to \$5000);

- *Beyond the Range Professional Experience Grants* for pre-service teachers with over 1300 grants paid since 2018–19 (up to \$5000 per placement);
- *Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarships* for aspiring and pre-service teachers who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander with 84 scholarships offered since 2018 (up to \$20,000 and permanent employment once graduated); and
- *Rural and Remote Graduate Teacher Scholarships* for pre-service teachers with 208 Generalist and 135 STEM scholarships offered since 2018 (up to \$15,000 and permanent employment once graduated).

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