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# Backing Jobs for Townsville



## Works for Queensland

\$66.5 million provided to regional councils to undertake 178 maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Townsville.

(February 2017 to April 2019)



## Back to Work

\$26.9 million of payments have been paid to 1,162 employers to employ 2,795 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(July 2016 to May 2019)



## Recovery & Resilience Against Natural Disasters

An estimated \$20.7 million for the provision of financial assistance for capital works to disaster affected communities in 2018-19.



## Skilling Queenslanders for Work

\$17.5 million allocated to provide training to 2,772 people, including 1,392 people who have now been employed.

(July 2015 to May 2019)

## Restoring frontline services in Townsville

Growth from March 2015 to March 2019



145  
extra  
nurses  
up  
6.8%



120  
extra  
doctors  
up  
20%



144  
extra  
teachers  
up  
6.9%



37 extra  
teacher  
aides  
up  
7.9%

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## The Queensland Budget will directly support Townsville with significant expenditure in 2019-20 including:

### Infrastructure

**\$930.7M**

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around

**3,200**

jobs in this region in 2019-20.

### Health

**\$1B**

for Townsville Hospital and Health Service.

### Education

**\$39.7M**

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Townsville.

**500** estimated businesses in Townsville will benefit from an increase to the payroll tax free threshold and the regional discount as part of the **\$885 million Payroll Tax Package**

## Townsville will also benefit from:

### Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction

**\$236.2M**

for grants to local governments recovery and reconstruction projects for natural disaster events statewide.

### Townsville water security

**\$225M**

to address long-term water security needs, supporting recommendations of the Townsville Water Security Taskforce.

### Channel capacity upgrade, Townsville Port Expansion Project

**\$193.5M**

to upgrade capacity of the Townsville Channel to allow access by larger vessels and boost trade at the Port of Townsville.



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**1 Halifax flood mitigation levee**  
\$137,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$391,000 total spend for recovery from STC Debbie.

**2 Victoria Plantation State School**  
\$352,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$380,000 total spend to replace air-conditioning.

**3 Ingham State High School**  
\$2.1 million in 2019-20 out of a \$2.2 million total spend to replace air-conditioning.

**4 Hinchinbrook water security project**  
\$1 million in 2019-20 out of a \$2 million total spend to build new bores and water delivery infrastructure to increase the current capacity of the Ingham Depot Water Treatment Plant to 5.2 megalitres a day as part of the \$515 million Building our Regions Program.

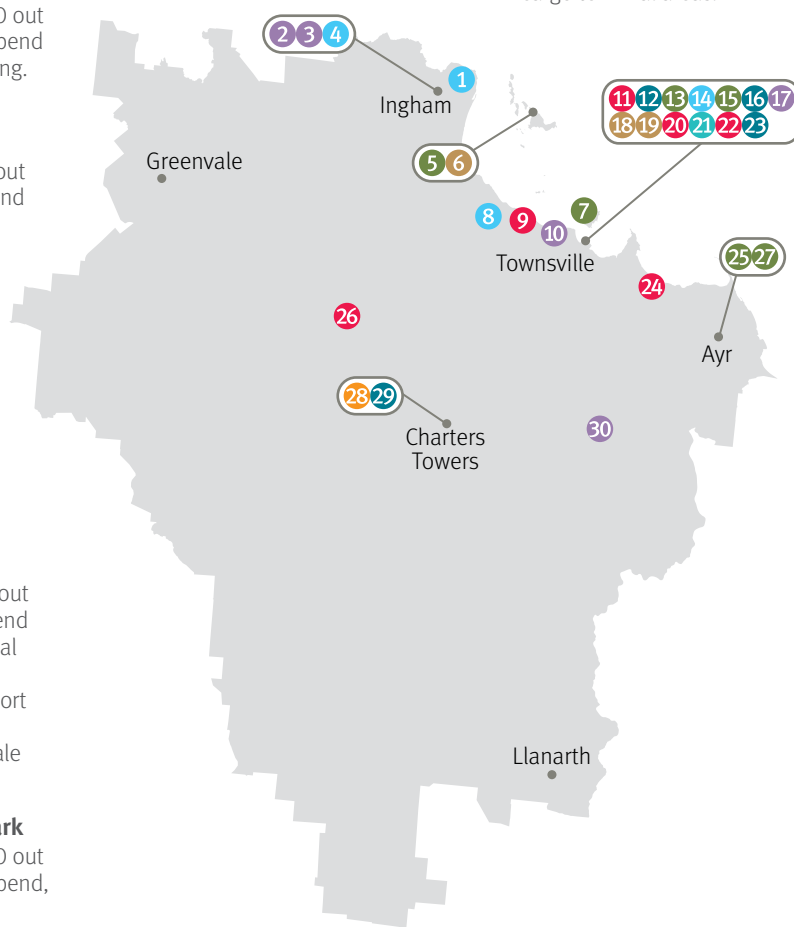
**5 Palm Island netball facilities**  
\$186,732 in 2019-20 out of a \$351,000 total spend for Palm Island Aboriginal Council to construct an amenities block to support female participation in netball. Part of the Female Facilities Program.

**6 Palm Island Splash Park**  
\$2.5 million in 2019-20 out of a \$4.1 million total spend, contributing to positive recreation activities and community connections for families and young people.

**7 Magnetic Island National Park - Forts Junction Hub upgrade**  
\$2.4 million in 2019-20 to upgrade visitor access to the Fort. Part of the Growth Area and Regional Infrastructure Investment Fund.

**10 North Shore State School**  
\$6.7 million in 2019-20 out of a \$44.4 million total spend to complete construction of a new primary school.

**11 Port of Townsville**  
\$101.3 million in 2019-20 out of a \$222.8 million total spend to widen channels to allow access by larger vessels and boost trade, and develop cargo terminal areas.



**14 Townsville water security**  
\$55 million in 2019-20 out of a \$225 million total spend to address long-term water security needs, supporting recommendations of the Townsville Water Security Taskforce.

**15 Reid Park active transport bridge**  
\$4 million in 2019-20 out of a \$7.4 million total spend to construct an active transport bridge from Reid Park to the new North Queensland Stadium.

**16 District domestic and family violence coordinators**  
\$348,000 in 2019-20 and ongoing for three additional coordinators who provide direction, guidance, and training on issues associated with domestic and family violence.

**17 Townsville (Pimlico) TAFE**  
\$13.9 million in 2019-20 out of a \$31.9 million total spend to refurbish and expand the training facilities.

**18 The Oasis Townsville**  
\$4.1 million in 2019-20 out of a \$4.3 million total spend to provide a one-stop shop for support services to ex-Australian Defence Force personnel and families.

**19 Townsville Women's Centre**  
\$2.9 million in 2019-20 out of up to \$3.2 million total spend to construct a women's centre to provide women with a safe space to access free services including counselling, health services, information and referral, homelessness support, and therapeutic groups.

**20 Bruce Highway (Townsville-Ingham), Townsville Ring Road**  
\$3 million in 2019-20 out of a \$180 million total spend to duplicate the Townsville Ring Road (stage 5) to four lanes. Part of the State Infrastructure Fund, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**21 Kirwan replacement ambulance station**  
\$1.6 million in 2019-20 out of a \$5 million total spend to deliver improved services.

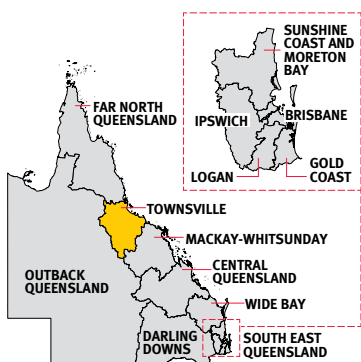
**22 Bruce Highway (Townsville-Ingham), University Road noise barriers**  
\$100,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$7.4 million total spend to install noise barriers between Army Dam Creek bridge to Yolanda Drive.

**8 Townsville regional industrial estate**  
\$200,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$6.9 million total spend for the development of future industrial land at Bohle Plains.

**9 Bruce Highway (Deep Creek to Bluewater Creek)**  
\$5.5 million in 2019-20 out of a \$9.4 million total spend to widen pavement. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**12 Townsville Courthouse upgrade**  
\$3.5 million in 2019-20 out of a \$9 million total spend to support the expansion of specialist domestic and family violence courts. Part of the Domestic and Family Violence Response.

**13 Queensland Museum public programs**  
\$1.3 million in 2019-20 to deliver temporary exhibitions, programming and learning activities at regional campuses.



## Investing in Queensland's resources sector

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the critical role our resources sector plays in jobs, exports and economic growth for Queensland.

The North West Minerals Province contains copper, lead and zinc, as well as silver and phosphate, and rare earth potential.

To support growth in Queensland's mining industry, the Government is investing \$30 million over two years in new freight facilities at the Port of Townsville, increasing capacity for containerised freight on the Mount Isa Line. The Government has also committed \$20 million per year to subsidise below-rail user access charges on the Mount Isa Line.

The new facilities will reduce the need for truck transport between train and port terminals, reduce cost and time for containerised freight, and improve local road safety.

As the largest commercial port in Northern Australia, the Port of Townsville is Australia's largest sugar, zinc, lead, copper and fertiliser port.

The Port of Townsville's shipping channels will be widened in the first stage of a \$1.64 billion expansion, which will remove existing limitations to the port and secure North Queensland's place in the supply chain.

The two-year \$193.5 million widening stage will create 120 full-time jobs in the region during construction.

The Townsville Port Channel Upgrade, part of the Townsville City Deal, is a joint project of the Queensland and Australian governments and Port of Townsville Limited.



Port of Townsville

## Townsville Stadium

Construction work on the \$290 million North Queensland Stadium project commenced in 2018. The project will deliver an iconic, 25,000-seat stadium in Townsville in time for the 2020 National Rugby League (NRL) Premiership Season.


The North Queensland Stadium is a joint project of the Queensland Government, Australian Government and Townsville City Council, and is supported by both the NRL and North Queensland Cowboys. The stadium forms part of the Townsville City Deal signed in December 2016.


The project aims to maximise employment and business opportunities for the people of Townsville and the North Queensland region, supporting 250 jobs per year during construction.


The stadium will also be a catalyst for urban renewal and regeneration for Townsville's inner city and waterfront. Once complete, the stadium will host a multitude of sporting, cultural and community events.

### KEY

-  Community wellbeing
-  Utilities
-  Health
-  Education
-  Transport and roads
-  Justice and safety
-  Government services
-  Recreation and culture
-  Statewide/region-wide
-  Election commitment

**23 Townsville Hospital**  
 \$8.2 million in 2019-20 out of a \$24.6 million total spend to install a second Digital Subtraction Angiography machine; purchase and install a second MRI; reconfigure the Adult Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit; and make other general improvements.

**24 Bruce Highway, Haughton River Floodplain**  
 \$108 million in 2019-20 out of a \$514.3 million total spend to construct bridges and approaches and upgrade intersections at Giru between Horseshoe Lagoon and Palm Creek, to improve safety and efficiency for road users, as well as significantly improving flood immunity. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**25 Ayr nature-based playground (Plantation Park)**  
 \$600,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$1.5 million total spend to develop a nature-based play space that incorporates features including an accessible fortress themed lookout, all-abilities swings, sand and water features, rock and rope climbs, fossil digs and tree plantings.

**26 Gregory Developmental Road (Charters Towers to The Lynd)**  
 \$7.3 million in 2019-20 out of a \$45.4 million total spend to rehabilitate and widen various sections of the road for freight and productivity gains.

**27 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program**  
 \$600,000 in 2019-20 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Home Hill, as part of the \$12 million Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program.


**28 Charters Towers substation upgrade**  
 \$695,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$3.9 million total spend to carry out substation transformer replacements to improve network performance.

**29 Charters Towers replacement composite fire and rescue station**  
 \$900,000 in 2019-20 out of a \$3 million total spend to replace the facility.

**30 Ravenswood State School**  
 \$4.3 million in 2019-20 out of an \$8 million total spend to relocate the school.

**31 Great Barrier Reef Resorts Rejuvenation Program**  
 \$24.9 million in 2019-20 out of a \$25 million total spend to help industry rejuvenate the Great Barrier Reef Island resorts and offer world-class experiences to visitors.

**32 Social housing**  
 \$41.7 million in 2019-20 to expand and improve social housing. Includes the Indigenous Community Housing Organisation Transition project, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**33 Works for Queensland**  
 \$5.4 million in 2019-20 out of a \$35.7 million total spend to support local governments to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works. Part of the 2019-21 Works for Queensland program.

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 for Townsville visit [budget.qld.gov.au](http://budget.qld.gov.au)

Jobs supported by infrastructure

**40,500**

Total infrastructure program over four years

**\$49.5B**

Total spend on road and transport in 2019-20

**\$5.6B**

Youth Justice Investment over five years

**\$332.5M**

Education and training in 2019-20

**\$14.9B**

Health in 2019-20

**\$18.5B**

Additional justice system investment over five years

**\$847.9M**

Lowering cost of living

**\$5.7B**

### Payroll Tax Package

\$885 million of targeted payroll tax initiatives to support business and create employment, including:

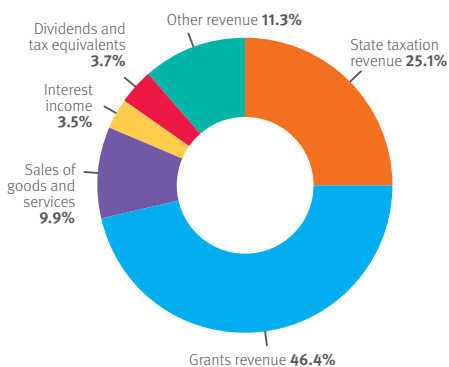
- ⊕ an increase to the payroll tax free threshold for small business from \$1.1 million to \$1.3 million
- ⊕ a discount of 1 percentage point on the relevant payroll tax rate for employers with more than 85% of their employees residing outside SEQ
- ⊕ a rebate for taking on additional full-time employees of up to \$20,000
- ⊕ an extension of the 50% payroll tax rebate for businesses that employ apprentices and trainees.

## Backing Queensland Jobs

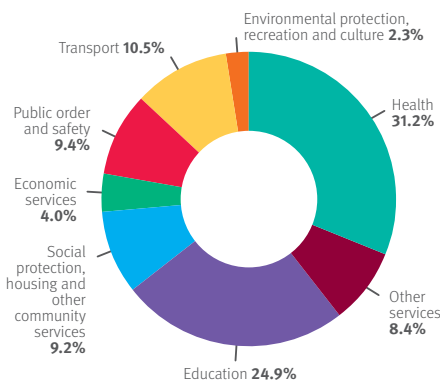
Queensland's diversified economy provides a unique business environment that places the State ahead of the pack. The Palaszczuk Government continues to work with and support businesses to create employment opportunities and community prosperity.

- ⊕ \$12.9 billion capital works program to directly support 40,500 jobs across Queensland in 2019-20.
- ⊕ \$250 million to CleanCo for new renewable energy generation, creating more jobs on top of the 4000 Queensland jobs in the solar, wind and hydro sectors.
- ⊕ \$2.7 billion to support safe, secure, reliable and cost-effective energy and water, and to enhance the productive capacity of businesses, industries and communities.
- ⊕ \$420 million towards Skilling Queenslanders for Work, to help eligible Queenslanders get the skills, qualifications and direct assistance they need to enter and stay in the workforce.
- ⊕ \$2.4 billion police operating budget as well as \$69.8 million capital for new, upgraded and replacement police facilities, including \$28 million to continue work on the \$52.2 million Counter-Terrorism and Community Safety Training Centre at Wacol.
- ⊕ \$254 million in joint funding with the Australian Government for additional natural disaster recovery packages.
- ⊕ \$1.2 billion education portfolio capital program, including new schools, education facilities, and refurbishments.
- ⊕ \$777.7 million for health infrastructure to support service delivery.
- ⊕ \$479.3 million for new social housing and upgrades.
- ⊕ From joint commitments totalling \$39 million for business and industry, the Queensland and Australian governments will provide a \$22 million Beef Recovery Package, to tackle devastation from the North and Far North Queensland monsoon trough. The Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority will administer Australian Government funding of \$300 million over three years to assist primary producers and their stock get back on their feet.

### 2019-20 Revenue



### 2019-20 Expenses



### Economic Growth

