The Queensland Budget will directly support Far North Queensland with significant expenditure in 2018-19 including:

**Infrastructure**
- $779.7M for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around 2,600 jobs in Far North Queensland.

**Health**
- $1.15B for the Torres and Cape, Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Services.

**Education**
- $24.4M for maintenance and capital work projects for schools in Far North Queensland.

Far North Queensland will also benefit from:

**Support for the Great Barrier Reef**
- $330M over five years, including funding for the Joint Field Management Program and Reef Water Quality Programs.

**Bruce Highway Upgrade Program**
- $585M including $43.4 million in 2018-19, to widen the Bruce Highway between Innisfail and Cairns.

**Cairns Performing Arts Centre**
- $66.5M to construct the Cairns Performing Arts Centre on the site of the existing Cairns Civic Theatre.

**Back to Work**
- $20.8 million of payments have been paid to 1,172 employers to employ 2,564 eligible unemployed jobseekers. (July 2016 to May 2018)

**Building our Regions**
- $33.8 million allocated to 41 projects to provide funding for critical infrastructure in regional areas of the state to support economic development, including generating jobs. (March 2015 to March 2018)

**Recovery and resilience against natural disasters**
- $65.5 million for the provision of financial assistance for capital works to disaster affected communities in 2018-19.

**Works for Queensland**
- $102.7 million provided to regional councils to undertake 323 maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Far North Queensland. (December 2016 to April 2018)

**Restoring frontline services in Far North Queensland**
- 364 extra nurses up 16.4%
- 143 extra doctors up 30%
- 182 extra teachers up 6.1%
- 86 extra teacher aides up 11.9%

Restored from March 2015 to March 2018

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The Queensland Government is investing in Far North Queensland by delivering a diverse range of projects and initiatives, including:

1. **Mer (Murray) Island Primary Health Care Centre**
   - $425,000 in 2018-19 out of a $7 million total spend to replace the Primary Health Care Centre and upgrade staff accommodation to support the provision of quality and safe services to meet current and future healthcare needs. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

2. **Torres Strait Power Station maintenance**
   - $417,000 in 2018-19 out of a $2.1 million total spend to repair and maintain fuel tankers.

3. **Torres Shire Water Treatment Infrastructure Upgrade**
   - $4.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $12 million total spend to upgrade Torres Shire Council’s drinking water treatment infrastructure including water filtration and other related infrastructure on Thursday Island and Horn Island. The adjacent Hammond Island will also benefit from the upgrade as its drinking water is sourced primarily from Torres Shire Council via a pipeline.

4. **Kupai Omasker**
   - $597,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1 million total spend to engage with Queensland’s Torres Strait Islander community on how traditional Torres Strait Islander child rearing practices can be recognised in law. The consultation process will include the engagement of eminent persons.

5. **Horn Island Rural Fire and State Emergency Services facility**
   - $2.1 million in 2018-19 out of a $2.8 million total spend to upgrade the Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Services facility for the Horn Island community.

6. **Aurukun Primary Health Care Centre redevelopment**
   - $806,000 in 2018-19 out of a $6.7 million total spend to upgrade the existing Primary Health Care Centre. The project includes internal refurbishments and new administration facilities, secure ambulance drop-off, and new staff accommodation.

7. **Aurukun Four Point Plan**
   - $1.6 million in 2018-19 to build community safety, provide access to education, strengthen the community and its governance and, harness jobs and economic opportunities.

8. **Peninsula Developmental Road**
   - $9.8 million in 2018-19 out of an $11.4 million total spend for stage 2, paving and sealing from Telecom Tower to Archer River, due for completion in July 2019. Part of the Cape York Regional Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

9. **Peninsula Developmental Road pave and seal (south of Duck Holes Creek)**
   - $6.3 million in 2018-19 out of a $10.5 million total spend, due for completion in October 2018. Part of the Cape York Regional Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

10. **Peninsula Developmental Road (Hammond Island)**
    - $2.1 million in 2018-19 out of a $5 million total spend to construct bypass route continuity by the adjacent Hammond Island.

11. **Kowanyama Men’s Shed and Women’s Meeting Place**
    - $1.5 million in 2018-19 out of $2.7 million over four years to establish a Men’s Shed and Women’s Meeting Place for the Kowanyama community.

12. **Daintree National Park**
    - $250,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1.1 million total spend to replace Dubuji boardwalk and bridges. This contributes to the $2.11 million commitment to upgrade Daintree National Park.

13. **Smithfield Bypass, construct bypass to a sealed standard**
    - $17.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $152 million total spend to construct bypass route continuity on the Captain Cook Highway between Yokeries Knob Road roundabout and McGregor Road roundabout, due for completion in December 2020. Partly funded by the State Infrastructure Fund.

14. **Cairns State High School - refurbish classrooms**
    - $900,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1.8 million total spend to refurbish classrooms blocks.

15. **Cairns Performing Arts Centre**
    - $26.4 million in 2018-19 out of a $66.5 million total spend to construct the Cairns Performing Arts Centre on the site of the existing Cairns Civic Theatre. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government and the Cairns Regional Council.

16. **Mareeba Hospital new CT scanner**
    - $4 million in 2018-19 out of a $5 million total spend to purchase and install a new CT scanner.

17. **Mareeba replacement ambulance station**
    - $400,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1.8 million total spend to construct a purpose-built station to support the growing demand for services.

18. **Atherton Hospital redevelopment**
    - $9.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $70 million total spend for a purpose-built clinical services building, medical imaging facilities, and operating theatres, as well refurbishment of existing beds and upgrades to outpatient and community health facilities. Part of the Advancing Queensland’s Health Infrastructure Program.

19. **Community Education, Training and Disaster Coordination Facility**
    - $1.9 million in 2018-19 out of a $2.7 million total spend to construct a multi-function facility in Atherton for natural disaster resilience and preparation training as well as the Local Disaster Coordination Centre. Part of the 2017-19 Local Government Grants and Subsidies 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.
The Queensland Government is investing in Far North Queensland by spending to engage with Torres Strait Islander child rearing how traditional Torres Strait Islanders spend to engage with Queensland's Torres Strait and Palm Island communities. First 5 Forever community literacy initiative which helps parents and carers to improve development outcomes for children 0-5 years.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work $5 million in 2018-19 out of a $420 million total spend statewide to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation.

Support for the Great Barrier Reef $72.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $330 million total spend over five years including funding for the Joint Field Management Program for reef protection measures, and to extend the Queensland Reef Water Quality Program.

Torres Strait and Palm Island car and waste metal removal $2.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $55 million total spend to remove waste metal build-up including vehicle stockpiles from communities located in the Torres Strait Regional Council, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council and Torres Shire Council areas.

Torres Strait Primary Health Care Centre redevelopments $1.3 million in 2018-19 out of a $3.4 million total spend to upgrade five Primary Health Care Centres at Yorke Island, Coconut Island, Stephen Island, Dauan Island and St Pauls Community on Moa Island.

Works for Queensland $26.3 million in 2018-19 out of a $50.6 million total spend to support local governments in Far North Queensland to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works. Part of the 2017-19 Works for Queensland program.

Atherton Hospital redevelopment

Atherton Hospital is the major acute and primary hub facility for the Tablelands region in the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service. The hospital provides services to around 45,000 residents across the southern Atherton Tablelands and areas to the west including Atherton, Croydon, Herberton, Malanda, Millaa Millaa, Ravenshoe and Yungaburra.

Atherton Hospital is the largest referral centre on the Tablelands and is a key health facility for the provision of both frontline and community health care. The hospital offers emergency, general medical and surgical, aged care and low risk maternity services, and provides visiting specialist services in paediatrics, gastroenterology, psychiatry and women’s health.

The $70 million redevelopment of the Atherton Hospital is part of the $230 million Advancing Queensland’s Health Infrastructure Program. The redevelopment includes a new purpose-built Clinical Services Building, medical imaging facilities, and operating theatres. The redevelopment will include new inpatient beds in the Clinical Services Building, and upgrade outpatient and community health facilities. Anticipated completion of the redevelopment is 2021.
The 2018-19 Budget supports the delivery of the Palaszczuk Government’s election commitments and includes measures focused on building the infrastructure our community needs and expects, supporting the delivery of services for all Queenslanders and developing the skills needed in a changing economy.

Since January 2015 approximately 150,000 jobs have been created in Queensland. This Budget will continue to support job creation and deliver for Queenslanders, with key initiatives including:

- $808 million over seven years for the Building Future Schools Fund to deliver world-class learning environments and address enrolment growth
- $109.6 million over two years to increase nurse navigators to 400 and $57 million over four years to recruit an additional 100 midwives
- $171.9 million over four years for 400 police officers in high priority areas across the state
- $330 million over five years to protect our national treasure, the Great Barrier Reef
- $371.1 million over the next four years to deliver a new public transport ticketing system across the state
- $26 million to extend the Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate initiative (up from 25 per cent to 50 per cent) until June 2019
- $200 million over three years to extend Works for Queensland for regional maintenance and minor infrastructure works
- $40 million over two years for the Growth Area and Regional Infrastructure Investment Fund
- additional funding to bring Advance Queensland support to $650 million
- a further $155 million to extend the Back to Work regional program to continue to provide support payments to employers, with applications open until 30 June 2020
- $180 million over three years to boost Skilling Queenslanders for Work to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation
- the Government’s commitment to employ 3,700 teachers over the next four years at an estimated cost of $1 billion
- up to $34.6 million in 2018-19 for the continuation of the Drought Assistance Package, including the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme.

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