Delivering for TOWNSVILLE

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

**Infrastructure**
$841.3M for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around 2,900 jobs in Townsville.

**Health**
$983.8M for the Townsville Hospital and Health Service.

**Education**
$27.4M for maintenance and capital work projects for schools in Townsville.

**Townsville will also benefit from:**

**North Coast Line Capacity Improvement**
$82.7M to upgrade sections of the North Coast rail line, allowing increased efficiency and volumes of freight transport.

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

**Townsville City Deal**
$424M invested by Queensland to date to deliver transformative outcomes for Townsville and its residents.

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**Skilling Queenslander for Work**
$12.3 million allocated to provide training to 1,952 people, including 207 people who have now been employed. (July 2015 to April 2018)

**Back to Work**
$18 million of payments have been paid to 927 employers to employ 2,168 eligible unemployed jobseekers. (July 2016 to May 2018)

**Recovery and resilience against natural disasters**
$18.4 million for the provision of financial assistance for capital works to disaster affected communities in 2018-19.

**Works for Queensland**
$66.5 million provided to regional councils to undertake 176 maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Townsville. (December 2016 to April 2018)

**Restoring frontline services in Townsville**
Growth from March 2015 to March 2018

- 107 extra nurses
- 96 extra doctors
- 98 extra teachers
- 38 extra teacher aides

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

1. **North Queensland BioEnergy project**
   - $878,000 in 2018-19 out of a total $1.1 million to assist with the construction of a fully integrated biorefinery near Ingham. Part of the Biofutures Industry Development Fund.

2. **Palm Island Sports Precinct refurbishment**
   - $400,000 in 2018-19 to refurbish the existing clubhouse facilities. Part of the Get Playing Plus Program.

3. **Palm Island Primary Health Care Centre**
   - $7.7 million in 2018-19 out of a $16.5 million total spend for the construction of a new Primary Health Care Centre incorporating an adult clinic, maternal and child health clinic and a social and emotional wellbeing clinic. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

4. **Bruce Highway bridge upgrades - Cattle Creek and Frances Creek**
   - $6.4 million in 2018-19 out of a $118.9 million total spend, due for completion in December 2018. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

5. **Bruce Highway widening - Deep Creek to Bluewater Creek**
   - $4.4 million in 2018-19 out of a $7.5 million total spend, due for completion in October 2019. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

6. **North Shore State School - new school**
   - $6.3 million in 2018-19 out of a $41.8 million total spend to continue construction of a new primary school in Burdell. Stage 2 works include a multi-purpose hall, 16 general learning areas and a three-space science/technology/music block.

7. **Townsville Channel Capacity upgrade**
   - $44.3 million to continue preparatory and initial works to widen Townsville’s shipping channel to allow larger vessels to access the Port of Townsville, at a total cost of $193.5 million.

8. **Port of Townsville Berth 4 Cranes and Cargo Terminal Area**
   - $18.6 million in 2018-19 out of a $27.3 million total spend to commence acquisition of Berth 4 cranes and development of associated cargo terminal areas to cater for future trade growth.

9. **Townsville Courthouse upgrade**
   - $3.7 million in 2018-19 out of a $9 million total spend to upgrade Townsville Courthouse to support the expansion of Specialist Domestic and Family Violence Courts. Part of the Domestic and Family Violence Response.

10. **Townsville Lithium-ion battery factory**
    - $3.1 million in 2018-19 to facilitate a feasibility study into a proposed lithium-ion battery factory in Townsville. Part of the Jobs and Regional Growth Fund.

11. **North Queensland Stadium**
    - $120 million in 2018-19 out of a $250 million total budget to construct a 25,000 seat, best practice, purpose-built stadium in Townsville which will be completed in time for the commencement of the 2020 NRL season. Delivered in partnership with the Townsville City Council, the Australian Government and with the support of the NRL and North Queensland Cowboys. The stadium forms part of the Townsville City Deal signed in December 2016.

12. **Advancing Our Training Infrastructure - Pimlico**
    - $26 million in 2018-19 out of a statewide spend of up to $85 million over three years to redevelop, refurbish and expand six high-need TAFE facilities.

13. **The Village Townsville**
    - $6.3 million in 2018-19 out of a $135.2 million total spend for a residential development in the Oonoonba Priority Development Area.

14. **Kirwan State High School - multi-purpose hall**
    - $1.7 million in 2018-19 out of a $5.5 million total spend to replace a multi-purpose hall.

15. **Townsville Hospital MRI machine**
    - $2.4 million in 2018-19 out of a $4.7 million total spend for a new state-of-the-art 1.5 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imaging machine for the Townsville Hospital and Health Service region.

16. **Townsville Hospital expansion**
    - $5.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $334 million total spend for the Townsville Hospital redevelopment, including to refurbish the pharmacy clean rooms. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

17. **Bruce Highway bridge construction - Haughton River Floodplain, Horseshoe Lagoon to Palm Creek**
    - $37.7 million in 2018-19 out of a $514.3 million total spend to construct bridges and approaches on the Bruce Highway south of Giru between Horseshoe Lagoon and Palm Creek, due for completion in May 2021. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

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Gregory Developmental Road widening - Charters Towers to The Lynd
$14.8 million in 2018-19 out of a $42.3 million total spend to widen pavement on sections of the road for freight and productivity gains, due for completion in December 2019.

Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
$600,000 in 2018-19 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Home Hill, as part of the $12 million 2018-19 Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program.

Burdekin irrigation and water supply refurbishment and enhancement
$1.3 million in 2018-19 to repair, maintain and enhance existing water infrastructure assets and water supply schemes for Burdekin irrigation.

Flinders Highway rehabilitation - Townsville to Charters Towers
$8 million in 2018-19 out of a $17 million total spend, due for completion in June 2019. Part of the Northern Australia Roads Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

Install smart cities infrastructure delivering community wi-fi, security cameras and more
$431,186 in 2018-19 out of a $615,980 total spend to install fibre optic cables in Charters Towers to establish a Smart City Infrastructure Network initially supporting free community Wi-Fi hotspots and improved safety via security cameras. Part of the 2017-19 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

Renewable Developments Australia Pentland Biorefinery Project
$773,000 in 2018-19 out of a total $2.1 million to assist with building a biorefinery in Pentland, south-west of Charters Towers. Part of the Biofutures Industry Development Fund.

Gregory Developmental Road widening and sealing - Sardine Creek to Boomerang Creek
$3.8 million in 2018-19 out of a $5.8 million total spend, due for completion in June 2020. Part of the Northern Australia Beef Roads Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

Community Youth Response - Townsville
$3.9 million in 2018-19 out of a $9.5 million total spend to continue the intervention strategies under the Community Youth Response initiative in Townsville.

Crocrode Management
$919,000 in 2018-19 out of a $2.5 million total spend to undertake crocodile population surveying, provide assistance to local governments and promote public education as part of a $5.8 million over three years enhanced crocodile management strategy.

First 5 Forever
$120,000 in 2018-19 to deliver the First 5 Forever family literacy initiative which helps parents and carers to improve development outcomes for children 0-5 years.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work
$4.8 million in 2018-19 out of a $42.0 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 $730.0 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.

Works for Queensland
$17.1 million in 2018-19 out of a $34.1 million total spend to support local governments in Townsville to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works. Part of the 2017-19 Works for Queensland program.

Water Security

The Queensland Government has committed $225 million over four years towards addressing Townsville’s long term water security needs, to support the recommendations of the Townsville Water Security Taskforce.

The Queensland Government has committed $215 million towards the construction of an additional pipeline to supplement the Haughton pipeline. It has also provided a $10 million grant to assist the Townsville community to transition to a level of water use that is appropriate to living in the dry tropics while the new pipeline is being constructed.

Significant progress has been made on the duplicate pipeline project, with construction expected to start on the 37 kilomtre pipeline later this year, with completion planned by December 2019.

North Queensland Stadium

The North Queensland Stadium is already delivering jobs and opportunities for local businesses and industry. Construction commenced on the project on 18 August 2017. The region’s know-how and local employment are at the heart of the design process with the appointment of seven specialist consultancies with offices in Townsville. The managing contractor is implementing a plan that targets at least 80 per cent of building hours undertaken by locals and at least 80 per cent of the value of the project to be spent on local subcontractors and suppliers.

By 1 June 2018, 31 out of 36 trade packages have been awarded to contractors with long established offices in Townsville.

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

**2018-19 Budget delivering for Queensland**

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