two years to upgrade Torres Shire Council’s 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.

**Kowanyama Men’s Shed and Women’s Meeting Place**

In 2018-19 the Government is providing an additional $1 million over two years to upgrade Torres Shire Council’s Men’s Shed and Women’s Meeting Place for the Kowanyama community.

**Cape York Splash Parks**

In 2018-19 there is additional funding of $4 million to build splash parks at Portupaua, Napranum and Mapison.

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$420M to provide skills development, training and job opportunities for Queenslanders, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders (since 2015).

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$369M to assist employers to hire job seekers including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander job seekers (since 2016).

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$120M to deliver essential water and waste services, and local jobs and business opportunities in remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities (since 2016).

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which demonstrates the Queensland Government’s commitment to building stronger relationships between Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and non-Indigenous Queenslanders. Key initiatives include an annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-themed cabinet meeting and establishing a ministerial advisory mechanism.

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$239M to continue to deliver improved housing options for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples including the Remote Home Ownership Program.

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Delivering for
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER QUEENSLANDERS

The Palaszczuk Government’s commitment to closing the gap

CLOSING THE GAP IN OUTCOMES BETWEEN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AND OTHER QUEENSLANDERS

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to closing the gap in life outcomes between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders and other Queenslanders. The Palaszczuk Government has set a goal of closing the gap in life outcomes between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and other Queenslanders by 2037. The Palaszczuk Government is investing $1.68 billion over five years from 2016-17 to deliver this commitment.

Creating jobs and economic opportunities

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OWNED BUSINESS

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to increasing the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned businesses in the economy. This includes the development of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business sector in Queensland. The Palaszczuk Government has set a target of increasing the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned businesses to 10 per cent by 2021.

Youth Employment Program (YEP)

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to increasing the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. The Palaszczuk Government has set a target of increasing the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to 85 per cent by 2021.

Indigenous Communities Critical Infrastructure Program (ICCPP)

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to improving the quality of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders. The Palaszczuk Government has set a target of improving the quality of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders by 2021.

Community Justice Group (CJG)

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to reducing the incarceration rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Palaszczuk Government has set a target of reducing the incarceration rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to 50 per cent by 2021.

CJG Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Enhancement Program

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to reducing the incidence of domestic and family violence among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Palaszczuk Government has set a target of reducing the incidence of domestic and family violence among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to 50 per cent by 2021.

Being a responsive Government

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to being a responsive government that works in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to achieve positive outcomes. The Palaszczuk Government has set a target of being a responsive government that works in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to achieve positive outcomes by 2021.
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A new Primary Health Care Centre for Palm Island

By the end of 2018, Palm Island residents will have access to health services through a purpose-built Primary Health Care Centre. This has been made possible through the Palaszczuk Government’s investment of $16.5 million, which includes $8.5 million from the Queensland Government’s Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program and $8 million from Queensland Health. Once completed, Palm Island residents will have improved access to comprehensive primary healthcare, allied health, visiting specialists, social and emotional wellbeing services, and dental, maternal and child health programs.

This new centre forms a central plank of the new community-endorsed Palm Island Health Action Plan 2018 – 2028, which sets out how community and providers will work together to improve the health and wellbeing of Palm Island residents. This Plan also sets a goal for the future operation of the new primary health care service to transition to a Palm Island community-based organisation in the next five years.

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