

JOB'S FOR FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Budget will directly support around

3,800 JOBS

in Far North Queensland in 2017-18.

Significant 2017-18 expenditure in Far North Queensland:

Infrastructure
\$819.2M

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around 2,300 jobs.

Health
\$1.1B

for the Torres and Cape, Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Services.

Education
\$49.8M

for maintenance and capital works projects for schools in Far North Queensland.

Far North Queensland will also benefit from:

Cairns Convention Centre

\$176M

to extend the Cairns Convention Centre, which will provide better facilities and activate other investment in supporting infrastructure in the area.

Back to Work – Regional Employment Package

\$50M

to continue the availability of the existing Back to Work program across regional Queensland and build on the success of the program.

Indigenous Water Infrastructure Program

\$120M

over four years for water, wastewater and solid waste infrastructure and to develop options for a long-term infrastructure program in Indigenous communities across Queensland.

Queensland Reef Water Quality Program

\$175M


over five years across several regions to support the continuation of critical programs to achieve water quality targets, as part of the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to protect the Great Barrier Reef.

Waterfalls into Behana Gorge, Woonooroonan National Park
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WHAT THE PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT IS DELIVERING FOR FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering a range of significant projects and has implemented a broad suite of policies to boost economic growth and drive more employment opportunities in Far North Queensland, including:


POLICY OUTCOMES



Attracting Aviation Investment Fund
Secured new or additional services on two routes to Cairns Airport, delivering an additional **172 flights** and approximately 50,000 seats during 2016-17.
as at 1 May 2017



Building Our Regions
\$25 million allocated to 26 projects to support local councils and other organisations to deliver critical infrastructure and support.
as at 1 May 2017



Back to Work
Employer support payments worth \$2.1 million paid to 204 employers to directly employ **498 local jobseekers** and a further \$2.5 million in Youth Boost payments to 295 employers to directly employ **454 young jobseekers**.
as at 31 May 2017



Skilling Queenslanders for Work
\$8.6 million allocated to provide training to 1,098 people, including 606 people who have gone on to employment and/or further education or training.
as at 30 May 2017

RESTORING FRONTLINE SERVICES*



314
extra
nurses
Up 14.3%



99
extra
doctors
Up 20.8%



135
extra
teachers
Up 3.6%

* Growth from March 2015 to March 2017

THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS

3,877,987 hectares of national and regional parks

193 State Heritage sites

51 hospitals and health facilities

16 customer service centres

2,456 km of roads

6 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership regional offices

22 fire stations

49 police stations

10 courthouses

93 schools

PORT OF CAIRNS

A contribution of \$60 million over two years from 2018-19 as part of the estimated \$120 million Cairns Shipping Development Project to widen and deepen the Trinity Inlet Channel and swing basin at the Port of Cairns.

Ports North will be leading the project, which will allow cruise ships up to 300 metres in length access to the Port and also facilitate future Navy expansion plans. Once completed, it is forecast that an additional 37 Mega cruise ships will visit Cairns per year by 2026.

The project will be subject to Environmental Impact Statement and business case approvals.

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Cairns Convention Centre



CAIRNS CONVENTION CENTRE

The Cairns Convention Centre (the Centre) is a significant venue for the Cairns area and plays an integral role in the Cairns regional economy, attracting national and international conferences, conventions, concerts and sporting events. The Centre has been recognised as one of the world's best congress centres, being voted World's Best Congress Centre in 2004 and 2014; and has been in the top four convention centres in the world from 2002 to 2016.

The Government is building on its commitment to the Centre in the 2017-18 Budget, providing \$176 million over two years from 2018-19 to refurbish and expand the Centre, following consideration of a business case. This will enable the Centre to continue to capitalise on the national and international convention market in an increasingly competitive environment and activate other investment in supporting infrastructure in the area.

INVESTING IN JOBS FOR FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

Far North Queensland, home to the world heritage listed Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics, is one of Australia's premier tourism destinations. These pristine natural assets are crucial to Far North Queensland's ongoing economic development, including growth in tourism from key Asian markets. The Palaczeszuk Government is investing in jobs for Far North Queensland through a diverse range of projects and initiatives:

1 Mer (Murray) Island generator replacement
\$1.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$1.8 million total spend to replace the generator on Mer (Murray) Island.

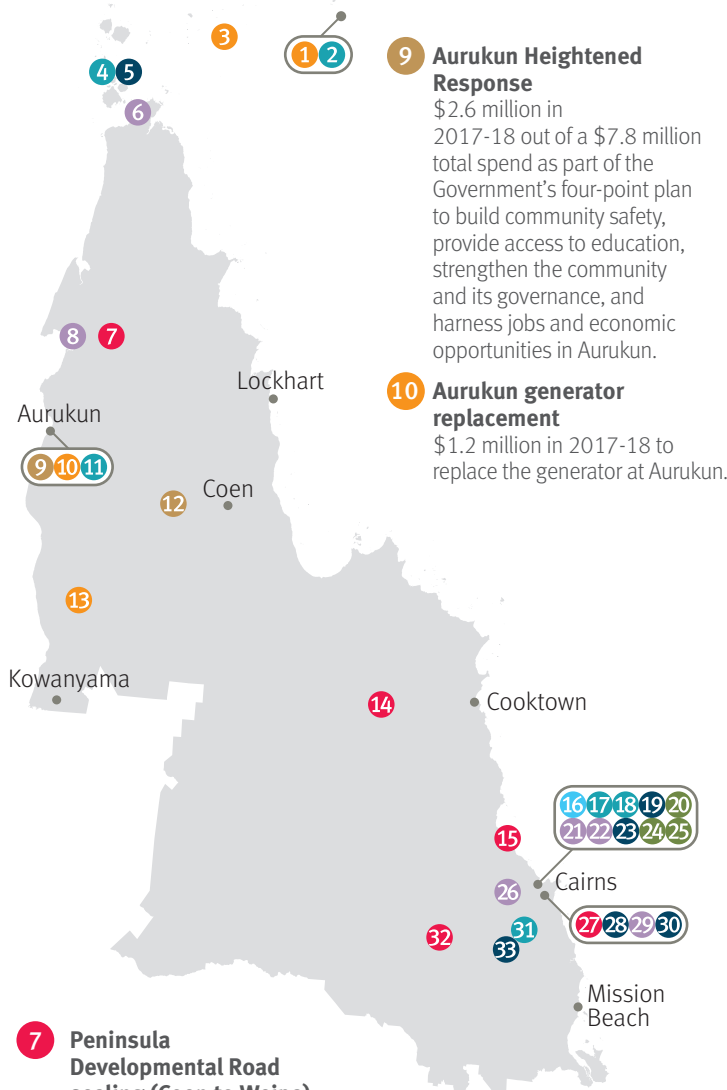
2 Mer (Murray) Island Health Care Centre replacement
\$1 million in 2017-18 out of a \$7 million total spend to replace the Mer (Murray) Island Primary Health Care Centre to support quality, safe services. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

3 Coconut Island solar project
\$313,000 in 2017-18 to finance renewable energy and solar projects on Coconut Island.

4 Thursday Island replacement ambulance station and relief accommodation
\$2.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$2.8 million total spend to construct a replacement ambulance station and accommodation at Thursday Island.

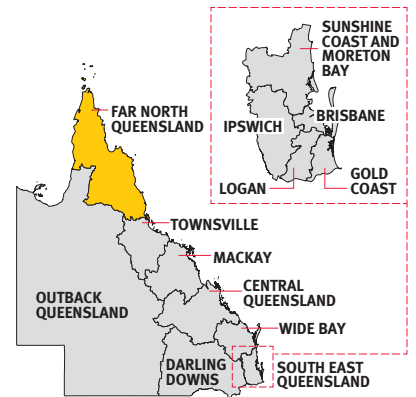
5 Horn Island Rural Fire and State Emergency Services facility
\$2.8 million in 2017-18 to upgrade the Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Services facility for the Horn Island community.

6 Northern Peninsula Area College - Bamaga Junior Campus new covered multi-purpose court and storage area
\$2.4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$2.6 million total spend to construct a new covered multi-purpose court and storage area.



9 Aurukun Heightened Response
\$2.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$7.8 million total spend as part of the Government's four-point plan to build community safety, provide access to education, strengthen the community and its governance, and harness jobs and economic opportunities in Aurukun.

10 Aurukun generator replacement
\$1.2 million in 2017-18 to replace the generator at Aurukun.



13 Pormpuraaw water infrastructure
\$2.2 million in 2017-18 out of a \$2.4 million total spend to construct a new concrete drinking water reservoir. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

14 Peninsula Developmental Road upgrade Stage 2 (Laura Racecourse to Little Laura)
\$8.7 million in 2017-18 out of a \$10.7 million total spend to pave and seal a section of the Peninsula Developmental Road, Laura Racecourse to Little Laura, due for completion in November 2017. Part of the Cape York Region Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

15 Tingira Street subdivision development
\$3.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$21.3 million total spend to develop the Tingira Street Precinct in Cairns, due for completion in December 2026.

16 Cairns Innovation Centre
\$30 million total spend to construct the Cairns Innovation Centre at James Cook University. State Government funding for the project is subject to finalisation of a business case and matching funding from the Australian Government. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government and the private sector.

7 Peninsula Developmental Road sealing (Coen to Weipa)
\$9.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$12.1 million total spend to pave and seal a section of the Peninsula Developmental Road, due for completion in May 2018. Part of the Cape York Region Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

8 Western Cape College - Weipa air conditioning replacement
\$3.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3.9 million total spend to replace air conditioning.

11 Aurukun Primary Health Care Centre redevelopment
\$5.2 million in 2017-18 out of a \$6.7 million total spend to refurbish and extend the Aurukun Primary Health Centre facilities including new staff accommodation, upgraded amenities, consultation rooms, disabled access ramps and ambulance bay.

12 Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution
\$14.2 million in 2017-18 out of a \$18.3 million total spend to deliver a program transferring the ownership of State land to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traditional Owners and establish joint management arrangements over lands classified as national park.

17 Cairns Hospital Mental Health Unit

\$3 million in 2017-18 out of a \$70 million total spend to co-locate inpatient and community mental health services at Cairns Hospital and construct a new mental health precinct. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

18 Cairns Hospital redevelopment

\$9.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$446.3 million total spend to finalise the Cairns Hospital redevelopment, which will improve patient and staff amenities, develop more efficient work flows, and provide flexibility to respond to changing service requirements including future capacity growth.

19 Cairns new police operational facilities

\$5.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$6 million total spend to construct and establish new police operational facilities in Cairns. Part of the Accelerated Works Program.

20 Cairns Performing Arts Centre

\$14 million in 2017-18 out of a \$66.5 million total spend to construct the Cairns Performing Arts Centre on the site of the existing Cairns Civic Theatre.

21 Cairns West State School new classrooms

\$4.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$4.8 million total spend to construct additional classrooms.

22 Trinity Bay State High School new multi-purpose hall

\$4.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$5.2 million total spend to construct a multi-purpose hall.

23 Smithfield replacement permanent fire and rescue station

\$1.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$2.8 million total spend to replace and upgrade the Smithfield fire and rescue station. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

24 Cairns Indigenous Arts Fair

\$1.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to build and celebrate culture, create economic opportunity for Queensland Indigenous artists and provide platforms for cultural exchange. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government, the Cairns Regional Council and the private sector.

25 Cairns Convention Centre

\$1 million in 2017-18 to develop a business case for expansion of the Cairns Convention Centre and \$176 million set aside to refurbish and extend the centre, subject to consideration of the business case.

26 Mareeba State School redevelopment

\$3.3 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3.4 million total spend to conduct master planning and commence redevelopment.

27 Bruce Highway, Cairns Southern Access Corridor (Stage 2)

\$9.2 million in 2017-18 out of a \$58 million total spend to undertake a six-lane extension of the Bruce Highway between Robert and Foster Road, due for completion in November 2017. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

28 Gordonvale Police Station relocation and upgrade

\$3.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$4.1 million total spend to relocate and upgrade the Gordonvale Police Station. Part of the Accelerated Works Program.

29 Gordonvale State High School new indoor sports facility

\$3.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3.9 million total spend to construct an indoor sports facility.

30 Gordonvale auxiliary fire and rescue station relocation and upgrade

\$1.6 million in 2017-18 out of a \$3.1 million total spend to relocate and upgrade the Gordonvale auxiliary fire and rescue station. Part of the Accelerated Works Program.

31 Atherton Hospital redevelopment

\$24.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$230 million total spend for the Advancing Queensland's Health Infrastructure Program to facilitate essential upgrades to health facilities and supporting infrastructure across Queensland, including redevelopment of the Emergency Department and operating theatres at Atherton Hospital.

32 Burke Developmental Road widening (Normanton to Dimbulah)

\$4 million in 2017-18 out of a \$7.5 million total spend to widen the pavement on the Burke Developmental Road between Normanton and Dimbulah, due for completion in December 2018. Part of the Northern Australia Beef Roads Programme, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

33 Herberton auxiliary fire and rescue station relocation and upgrade

\$2.2 million in 2017-18 out of a \$2.7 million total spend to relocate and upgrade the Herberton auxiliary fire and rescue station. Part of the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program.

34 Advance Queensland

\$287,229 in 2017-18 out of a \$1 million total spend to support entrepreneurs, industry and universities to turn great ideas into investable products and provide jobs of the future. Delivered in partnership with local government and the private sector.

35 Household Resilience Program

\$20 million has been allocated for a household natural disaster resilience program. The program will focus on the highest risk areas in Queensland where household mitigation measures, as opposed to Government mitigation works, would be effective in preventing or reducing damage.

36 Homelessness services

\$10.6 million in 2017-18 to deliver specialist homelessness services in Far North Queensland. Part of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

37 Natural disaster relief and recovery arrangements

\$30.7 million in 2017-18 to be provided to local governments for recovery and reconstruction projects in Far North Queensland. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

KEY

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

38 Queensland CarbonPlus Fund

\$4.9 million in 2017-18 out of a \$8.4 million total spend to establish a carbon offset fund and develop capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to participate in carbon trading markets.

39 Social housing

\$240.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$240.9 million total spend to expand and improve social housing in Far North Queensland. Part of the National Partnership on Remote Housing and Indigenous Community Housing Organisations, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

40 Works for Queensland

\$20.8 million in 2017-18 out of a \$52.1 million total spend to support local governments in Far North Queensland to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works. Works for Queensland has received an additional \$200 million in the 2017-18 Queensland Budget for projects outside South East Queensland.

41 Bruce Highway widening (Innisfail to Cairns)

\$7.5 million in 2017-18 out of a \$31.8 million total spend to widen various sections of the Bruce Highway between Innisfail and Cairns, due for completion in September 2017. Part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

\$1.8 BILLION QUEENSLAND HOUSING STRATEGY

The biggest commitment to housing in the State's recent history includes:

- ◆ **\$1.2 billion** to renew the social housing property portfolio
- ◆ **\$420 million** to boost the supply of social and affordable housing
- ◆ **\$75 million** to progress home ownership in discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- ◆ **\$100 million** for reforms to the housing and homelessness service system.

Additional funding of **\$30 million** is also provided in the 2017-18 Budget to extend the temporary increase in the **Queensland First Home Owners' Grant**, from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for six months.



THE PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT'S PLAN FOR JOBS IN QUEENSLAND

The Government's focus on creating opportunities for all Queenslanders has seen stronger economic growth, a return in business and consumer confidence and a drop in the State's unemployment rate. More than **59,000 jobs** have been created in Queensland since January 2015.

The 2017-18 Budget reinforces the Government's commitment to drive more inclusive economic growth and create more jobs in regional Queensland.

A **\$42.75 billion** four year capital works program will support thousands of jobs across the State, providing the infrastructure needed to promote long term prosperity. Around 63 per cent of total capital purchases will be spent outside of Greater Brisbane in 2017-18.

The 2017-18 Budget will ensure the ongoing resilience of communities impacted by Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie and its aftermath, with **\$1.1 billion** to be spent on rebuilding critical infrastructure.

Regional communities will directly benefit from significant initiatives in the 2017-18 Budget, including:

- ◆ Record investment in education and training (**\$13.7 billion**) and health (**\$16.6 billion**) focused on enhancing frontline services
- ◆ Record **\$1.8 billion** over 10 years for housing, including **\$1.62 billion** to renew existing social housing dwellings and to increase the supply of social and affordable housing
- ◆ **\$5.344 billion** in concessions to help Queenslanders who need it most and to reduce the price paid by all consumers in areas such as transport, electricity and water
- ◆ **\$1.16 billion** Powering Queensland Plan to secure electricity supply, reduce electricity costs and create 5,000 jobs
- ◆ **\$50 million** increase in the Back to Work Program and an additional **\$200 million** for the Works for Queensland Program (bringing the total commitment to \$400 million) in regional communities
- ◆ **\$2.37 billion** in 2017-18 for the Queensland Police Service to help make our communities safer.

The 2017-18 Budget will support the recovery, transition and growth of the Queensland economy.

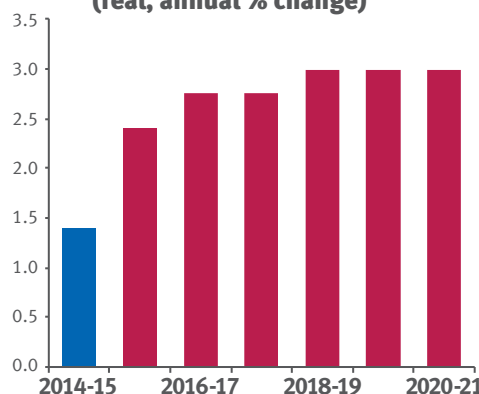
It will also be a budget to deliver more jobs for Far North Queensland and across the State.

BUDGET OUTLOOK

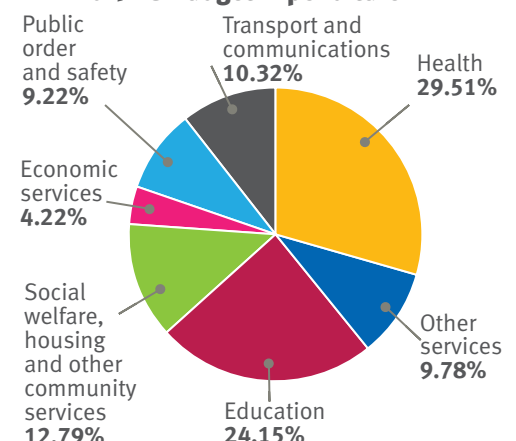
2016-17 NET OPERATING SURPLUS OF \$2.8B

the largest surplus since 2005-06, which will be used to support additional infrastructure investment and mitigate the impact of higher electricity prices throughout Queensland.

Queensland economic growth (real, annual % change)



2017-18 Budget Expenditure



DRIVING TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

The Palaszczuk Government is dedicated to boosting trade and investment outcomes, supporting Far North Queensland businesses to expand into new markets and attracting job-creating investment to the region.

\$35 MILLION over five years to boost trade and investment across Queensland including specific initiatives targeting Far North Queensland

- ◆ A Far North Queensland Trade and Investment Action Plan which will include local initiatives to boost the regional economy
- ◆ A dedicated investment attraction specialist based in Cairns
- ◆ Trade and investment training for up to 90 Far North Queensland small and medium-sized enterprises
- ◆ Access for Far North Queensland entrepreneurs to a business leaders program or expert advice from international business mentors

\$25 MILLION over five years to grow the international education and training (IET) sector including for Far North Queensland

- ◆ Funding for the Cairns International Student Local Engagement Project, ensuring international students have a positive and rewarding experience in Cairns, through the annual \$1.2 million IET Partnership Fund which supports projects that encourage investment in the IET sector
- ◆ Collaborative marketing with Trade and Investment Queensland's local partners through the IET Partnership Plan which is expected to be released in July 2017

Advancing Trade and Investment
Queensland Trade and Investment Strategy 2017-2022

For more information, view the Trade and Investment Strategy 2017-2022 and the International Education and Training Strategy to Advance Queensland 2016-2026 at tiq.qld.gov.au

MT UNCLE DISTILLERY



Photo: Mt Uncle Distillery

A boutique distillery outside the tiny town of Walkamin, inland of Cairns, is taking the London bar scene by storm with a unique gin made from a blend of 14 native Australian plants.

After exhibiting its two Botanic Australis Gins (Original Gin and Navy Gin) at the London Junipalooza festival last year, Mt Uncle Distillery has started exporting into the UK with help from Trade and Investment Queensland.

In 2016, Mt Uncle exported 5,000 units and they are expecting to export 20,000 units in 2017. While their biggest demand is from Asia, the company has also defied expectations by breaking into the saturated London market.



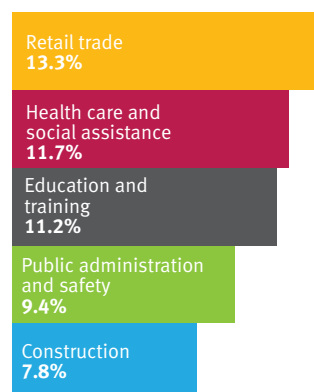
The Queensland Government wants to work with small and medium businesses to drive down costs. That is why the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection is partnering with Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (CCIQ) to develop an enhanced **ecoBiz** program.

ecoBiz supports small and medium businesses to reduce their energy and water consumption, waste production and carbon footprint.

To help Queensland businesses achieve efficiencies, foster environmental innovation and drive costs down, an additional **\$916,000** has been committed in 2017-18 to develop the enhanced business sustainability program.

ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Largest employing industries¹



¹ In the year to March quarter 2017
Source: ABS 6219.0.

International visitors



Source: Tourism Research Australia