

**REGIONAL ACTION PLAN**



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# Far North Queensland

The Queensland Budget will directly support Far North Queensland with significant expenditure in 2021-22 including:

**Infrastructure**  
**\$1.2B**

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **3,900 jobs** in this region.

**Health**  
**\$1.3B**

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

**Education**  
**\$51.2M**

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Far North Queensland.

Far North Queensland will also benefit from:

**Social housing**  
**\$203.3M**

in 2021-22 to expand and improve social housing in Far North Queensland, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**Homelessness services**  
**\$14.5M**

in 2021-22 to deliver specialist homelessness services in Far North Queensland.

**Recovery and Resilience against natural disasters**  
**\$59.7M**

estimated for the provision of financial assistance for capital works to disaster affected communities in 2021-22.

## Delivering for the Far North Queensland region



### Jobs and Regional Growth Fund

\$235.9 million capital expenditure supported and 208 new full-time jobs generated in Far North Queensland.

(February 2017 to May 2021)



### Building our Regions

\$60 million allocated to 66 critical infrastructure projects in Far North Queensland, supporting economic development and supporting 416 jobs.

(March 2015 to June 2021)



### Back to work

\$50.7 million of payments have been paid to 2,201 employers to employ 4,896 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(July 2016 to May 2021)



### Works for Queensland

\$49.4 million provided to regional councils in Far North Queensland to undertake 111 minor infrastructure and maintenance projects.

(June 2019 to June 2021)

## Restoring frontline services in Far North Queensland

Growth from March 2015 to March 2021



55 extra teacher aides  
**up 7.4%**



229 extra teachers  
**up 7.5%**



256 extra doctors  
**up 53.7%**



51 extra ambulance officers  
**up 18.4%**



Queensland Government

# Far North Queensland

## 1 Torres Straits Primary Health Care Centre

\$4.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$16.9 million total spend for the upgrade to five Primary Health Care Centres at Yorke Island, Coconut Island, Stephen Island, Dauan Island and St Pauls Community on Moa Island.

## 2 Tagai State College - Thursday Island Primary Campus

\$1.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$1.7 million total spend to upgrade an existing amenities block.

## 3 Thursday Island Health Facility

\$16.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$46 million total spend for the redevelopment of the Thursday Island Hospital and Primary Health Care Centre.

## 4 The Olkola Cultural Knowledge Centre

\$880,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$981,748 total spend for the Olkola Cultural Knowledge Centre to deliver a multi-dimensional, unique tourism product and culturally significant experience in Cape York. Part of the Year of Indigenous Tourism program.

## 5 Northern Peninsula Area Water Supply System - water supply rectification and repair program of works

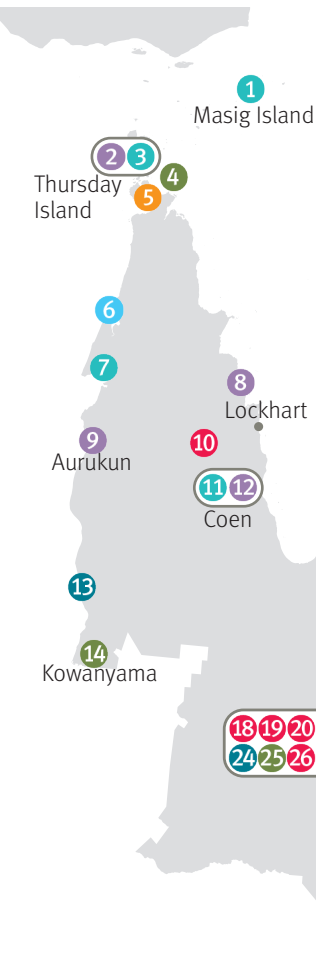
\$1.3 million in 2021-22 out of a \$4 million total spend to undertake an annual capital works program for the Northern Peninsula Area Water Supply System for a 10-year period commenced in 2020-21.

## 6 Mapoon Short Stay Accommodation - Stage 3

\$500,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend to expand the existing Mapoon short stay accommodation complex to meet the strong demand for accommodation options in this remote shire.

## 7 Weipa Integrated Health Service

\$1 million for the refurbishment of a birthing suite and compliance and redundancy works for the chiller and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system.



## 8 Lockhart State School

\$2.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.3 million total spend to construct additional amenities and learning spaces.

## 9 Aurukun State School

\$3 million in 2021-22 to upgrade the administration area.

## 10 Peninsula Developmental Road (Coen to Weipa), Archer River Crossing, construct bridge

\$9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$32.4 million total spend to construct a bridge at the Archer River Crossing. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

## 11 Coen Primary Health Care Centre

\$786,796 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.8 million total spend for the replacement of the morgue and the replacement and remediation works of the conference building roof.

## 12 Coen Campus of Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy

\$1.1 million in 2021-22 to upgrade an existing amenities block.

## 13 Pormpuraaw replacement police facility

\$2.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$7.3 million total spend to complete the replacement of the police facility at Pormpuraaw.

## 14 Kowanyama Visitor Camping and Tours Pilot

\$125,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$250,000 total spend for the Kowanyama Visitor Camping and Tours Pilot, which will deliver and pilot unique eco-tourism products and culturally significant experiences for the Kowanyama region. Part of the Year of Indigenous Tourism program.

## 15 Gateway to the Cape - Tourist Information Centre and Interactive Sculpture Park

\$488,179 in 2021-22 out of a \$998,000 total spend to deliver a tourist information centre and interactive sculpture park, providing an avenue for the promotion of Cape York businesses and organisations.

## 16 Wujal Wujal Primary Health Care Centre

\$1.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$2.7 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Wujal Wujal Primary Health Care Centre site.

## 17 Wangetti Trail

\$9.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$41.4 million total spend for a 94 kilometre walking/mountain biking trail from Palm Cove to Port Douglas, with public and eco-accommodation facilities.

## 18 Captain Cook Highway, Smithfield Bypass

\$31.3 million in 2021-22 out of a \$164 million total spend to construct bypass route continuity on the Captain Cook Highway between McGregor Road roundabout and Caravonica roundabout.

## 19 Cairns Ring Road (Cairns CBD to Smithfield), construct additional lanes

\$14 million in 2021-22 out of a \$359 million total spend to increase capacity of the Captain Cook Highway between the Bruce Highway and the Kennedy Highway. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

## 20 Cairns Western Arterial Road, Redlynch Connector Road to Captain Cook Highway, duplication

\$10 million in 2021-22 out of a \$300 million total spend to duplicate the Cairns Western Arterial Road between Redlynch Connector Road and the Captain Cook Highway. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

## 21 Edge Hill State School

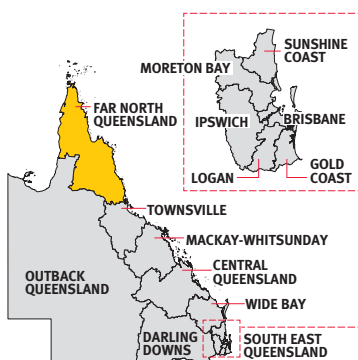
\$5.2 million in 2021-22 to upgrade the administration building.

## 22 Cairns Hospital

\$46.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$133.9 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Cairns Hospital site, including a new Mental Health Unit and expansion of the Emergency Department.

## 23 Dreamtime Island

\$660,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$6.6 million total spend for an offshore activity pontoon showcasing indigenous culture and incorporating a reef science hub to focus on sustainable eco-tourism. Part of the Growing Tourism Infrastructure (2020) program.





**24 Cairns police facility upgrade**

\$7.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$17.4 million total spend to progress the upgrade of the police facility at Cairns.

**25 Cairns Convention Centre expansion & refurbishment**

\$74 million in 2021-22 out of a \$176 million total spend towards the refurbishment and expansion of the Cairns Convention Centre to capitalise on the national and international convention markets.

**26 Cairns Marine Precinct**

\$24.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$28 million total spend for Cairns Marine Precinct capital works and \$1.6 million to support the business case for the future development of the Cairns Marine Precinct.

**27 Cairns Diversionary Centre Expansion**

\$3.2 million in 2021-22 out of a \$4 million total spend for the expansion of Cairns Diversionary Centre.

**28 Woree replacement police facility**

\$6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$11.4 million total spend to progress the replacement police facility at Woree.

**29 Mareeba Hospital**

\$2.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5 million total spend for the purchase and installation of a new Computed Tomography (CT) scanner at Mareeba Hospital.

**30 Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct redevelopment**

\$27,220 in 2021-22 out of a \$600,000 total spend for the construction of a new building to provide a focal point for visitors and artists to the Museum/Art Centre precinct and an outdoor function area and stage. Part of the Growing Tourism Infrastructure (2018).

**31 Cairns Regional Industrial Estate**

\$9.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$31.5 million total spend to preserve land for future strategic industrial use to help create economic development in the Cairns region.

**KEY**

Community wellbeing

Utilities

Health

Education

Transport and roads

Justice and safety

Government services

Recreation and culture

Statewide/region-wide

Relates to election commitment

**32 Atherton Hospital**

\$22.3 million in 2021-22 out of a \$79.6 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Atherton Hospital site, including the redevelopment of the Hospital.

**33 Malanda State High School**

\$5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$11.5 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.

**34 Innisfail Hospital**

\$850,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.9 million total spend for replacement works to roofing and cladding.

**35 Kareeya Hydro maintenance and upgrades**

\$4.2 million in 2021-22 to maintain existing assets including upgrades to the control system, turbines and Tully River bridge deck and access road.

**36 Bedarra Island**

\$351,872 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.9 million total spend for upgrades to resort infrastructure to improve sustainability and resilience, guest comfort and guest night availability. Delivered in partnership with the private sector.

**37 Orpheus Island**

\$51,500 in 2021-22 out of a \$1.7 million total spend for installation of new renewable energy infrastructure to enable the resort to operate 100 percent from solar energy and installation of waste reduction equipment. Delivered in partnership with the private sector.

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

## New Thursday Island hub for community services

The new \$5.5 million Thursday Island Neighbourhood and Community Centre is set to boost the local economy, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander jobs and frontline services in the Torres Strait.

In 2020-21 the Queensland Government invested \$20.1 million across the network of 127 Neighbourhood and Community Centres in Queensland. These centres provide assistance and support to individuals and families and respond to the needs and priorities of their communities using a place-based approach.

The new centre on Thursday Island has resulted from a long history of community support and expectation to establish this important centre for the local community. It will respond to the needs of the community by providing a purpose-built centre to co-locate and consolidate delivery of several services in one location.

The successful centre provider, Mura Kosker, is finalising arrangements for an anticipated opening of the centre in late August.



Image courtesy of Queensland Health

## Cairns University Hospital transition

The Queensland Government is investing \$133.9 million in projects at the Cairns Hospital as part of its transition to a university hospital, supporting 389 full-time jobs.

This government investment includes \$70 million for a new mental health facility and \$30 million for expanding the emergency department, fit-out for a pre-admission clinic and a third endoscopy room. In addition, the government is investing \$24.9 million for critical infrastructure upgrades to ensure the ongoing efficient operation of the hospital and to meet projected future demand of its facilities. Completed projects include \$4.5 million to deliver a new hybrid theatre and \$4.5 million for the fit out of an 11-bed ward.

In addition, the Queensland Government is investing an initial \$16.5 million for a Cairns Health Innovation Centre (CHIC) adjacent to the hospital site, which is set to become a new public health precinct for clinical research, education, training, Indigenous health and community engagement. The government is developing the CHIC in partnership with the James Cook University and its Cairns Tropical Enterprise Centre.

# BUDGET 2021-22 AT A GLANCE

Jobs recovered since May 2020	<b>253,200</b>
Queensland Jobs Fund	<b>\$3.34B</b>
Total infrastructure program, over 4 years	<b>\$52.2B</b>
Percentage of capital spend outside of Greater Brisbane	<b>61.2%</b>
Health in 2021-22	<b>\$22.2B</b>
Education and training in 2021-22	<b>\$18.3B</b>
COVID-19 economic support initiatives, more than	<b>\$14.2B</b>
Concessions and lowering the cost of living	<b>\$6.1B</b>
Social housing and homelessness investment, over 4 years	<b>\$1.9B</b>

## Tax relief package

The government provided significant tax relief to support Queensland businesses, landlords, tenants, pubs and clubs, including:

- payroll tax refunds, waivers and deferrals for eligible businesses, targeted at small to medium businesses
- a payroll tax exemption for wages subsidised by the JobKeeper payment
- land tax rebates, waivers and deferrals for eligible taxpayers.

An estimated 340 employers in Far North Queensland will also benefit in 2021-22 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

# STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

The Queensland Government's Economic Recovery Plan continues to support businesses, workers, families and communities across the state. Our success in managing the health challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic means the state's **\$360 billion** economy has begun to recover sooner and is stronger than the rest of Australia.

2021-22 Budget highlights include:

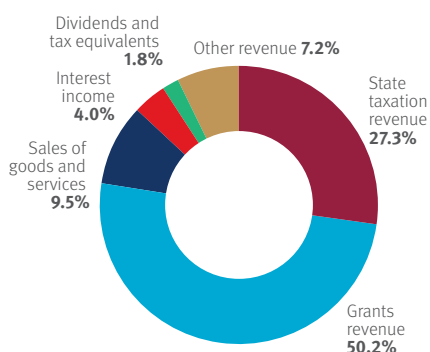
- Record health investment of **\$22.2 billion** will continue to provide a world-class health system, which is also critical to effectively manage the ongoing risks of COVID-19.
- The new **\$3.34 billion** Queensland Jobs Fund focuses on investment attraction and industry development to attract the investment needed to drive ongoing growth, and provide wider economic and employment benefits.
- The **\$52.2 billion** capital program over the forward estimates will help create many thousands of ongoing jobs, including an estimated **46,500** direct jobs in 2021-22.
- **\$460 million** toward targeted investments in flagship skills and training and employment programs Skilling Queenslanders for Work and a revitalised Back to Work program.

## Tourism initiatives

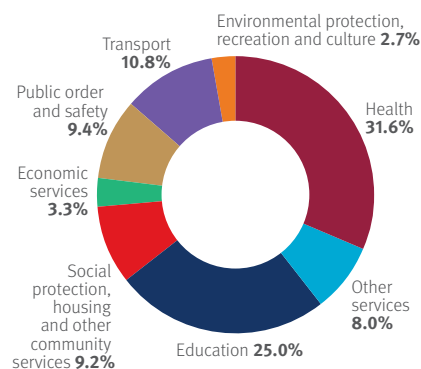
Far North Queensland will benefit from:

- \$24.7 million (\$15 million in 2021-22) to continue delivering the Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund 2020, to fast-track the development of new and enhanced tourism infrastructure projects statewide.
- \$7.5 million towards the Work in Paradise program to attract workers from across Australia to help rebuild our regional tourism sector.
- \$1.1 million in 2021-22 for the delivery of projects under the Year of Indigenous Tourism that support the growth of Indigenous business and partnerships and increasing Indigenous participation in tourism, generating jobs and improved economic outcomes.

### 2021-22 revenue



### 2021-22 expenses



### Queensland's labour market forecasts

