



'BACK TO WORK'

\$100M to support up to **8,000 jobs** across regional Queensland



Employer support payments of up to \$10,000 to hire and keep a regional Queensland employer for 12 months or more, including disadvantaged jobseekers such as mature aged workers, young people, members of drought affected farm households and other priority job seekers. Payments increase to \$15,000 for hiring long-term unemployed regional Queenslanders.



Eligible employees will also have access to job readiness payments to help them start their new job. This may include training, purchasing new equipment and uniforms or gaining or renewing trade licenses.



Back to Work Navigation Teams who know the local economy will help local employers looking to fill jobs. They will connect jobseekers to jobs or further skills training and apprentice pathways.

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

Advancing our economy through job-creating Innovation, Investment and Infrastructure
Regional Action Plan

Far North Queensland is one of Australia's headline tourist destinations, with two world heritage listed sites and its close proximity to Asia. Building on its strengths as an area rich in natural resources, the region has developed into a diversified economy with a vibrant tourism industry. We know we have more work to do in creating more employment opportunities in the region, which is why this Budget will build on our positive economic initiatives to support innovation and foster future jobs growth. Specifically, this Budget includes our Back to Work package, creating regional jobs, and:



Infrastructure

\$636.6M

for infrastructure improvements which are estimated to support 2,000 jobs.



Tourism

\$33.5M

in additional funding over four years to increase visitation from Asia and drive tourism job growth in regional Queensland.



Education

\$42.5M

for maintenance and capital works projects for schools.

\$979.1M

for the Torres Strait Islands and Cape, Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Services to provide the services a growing Far North Queensland needs.

\$3M

over two years to fund state-wide partnerships projects that will lead to employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders and an increased number of sustainable Indigenous businesses.

\$40M

for a 12 month boost to the Queensland First Home Owners' Grant from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to help young Queenslanders achieve the dream of owning their new first home sooner.

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2,000 JOBS
estimated to be supported by the infrastructure program

What the statewide initiatives mean for **FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND**



Agricultural Innovation

\$4.8M

over four years to implement the Technology Commercialisation Fund, a pilot program under the New Agricultural Economy, which aims to attract private sector capital into government agriculture and food-based research and development, with the aim of increasing the commercialisation of intellectual property.



Investment

\$62.7M

includes \$40 million Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund to attract business investment from interstate and support local businesses to reinvest, and the \$22.7 million Advancing Small Business Queensland Strategy to assist small businesses to start, grow and employ locals in Far North Queensland. These initiatives further support the \$405 million Advance Queensland package.



Infrastructure

\$10.7B

for the State capital program in 2016-17 which will support 31,000 jobs. The Government is committed to providing critical infrastructure that improves employment, economic and social outcomes through the State Infrastructure Plan. New and innovative approaches to infrastructure planning, financing and delivery will continue to be an important focus in the constrained fiscal environment.



Domestic and Family Violence

\$198.2M

over five years to continue implementing the Government's response to the *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland* report. The Government is committed to reducing the devastating effects of domestic and family violence in Queensland.

The Queensland Government employs 14,922 people in Far North Queensland who support:

3,789,472 hectares of national and regional parks

194 State Heritage sites

50 hospitals and health facilities

16 customer service centres

2,452 km of roads

7 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership regional offices

25 fire stations

49 police stations

6 courthouses

91 schools



Cairns Innovation Centre

The Queensland Government will contribute \$10 million to the James Cook University (JCU) for the construction of its \$50 million Cairns Innovation Centre (CIC), subject to the finalisation of a detailed business case and the confirmation of contributions from both JCU (\$30 million) and the Australian Government (\$10 million).

The CIC will be focused on innovation, commercialisation and entrepreneurship. It will be used by students studying the Bachelor of Engineering in Electronic Systems and Internet of Things and will house JCU's new specialist data science-related course. The CIC initiative will facilitate the expansion of JCU's innovation programs and its engagement with business, industry and

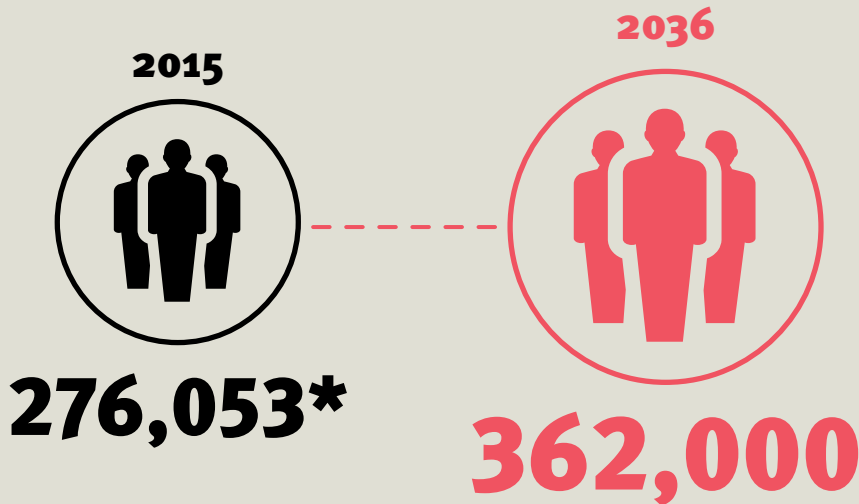


the community, and has the potential to attract the best and brightest local and international students to the region.

Economic Snapshot

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

Population in the region



*people as at 30 June 2015, growing at an annual average rate of 1.7% over the past 10 years

Apprentice and trainee rebate for payroll tax claimed by **120** businesses in the region to reinvest **\$150,000** back into their business

in the financial year to April 2016

23,149 businesses in the region in June 2015



Top 5 industries in the region by number of workers

12.3%
Health care and social assistance

11.4%
Retail trade

9.3%
Accommodation and food services

8.9%
Construction

8.8%
Public administration and safety

1,348 residential dwellings approved for construction in the region



in the 12 months ending 31 March 2016

5,855 residential dwellings sold in the region



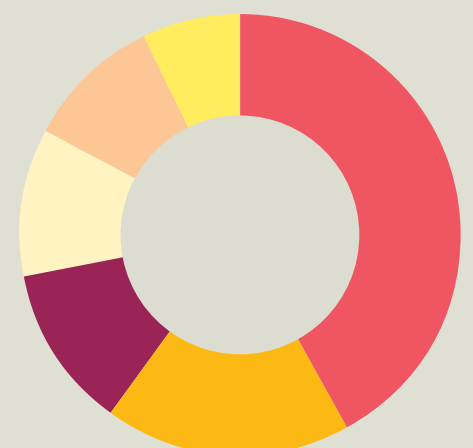
in the 12 months ending 31 December 2015

Agricultural production **\$1.1B** in the region during 2014-15



Infrastructure budget for Far North Queensland

- 42% Transport and Main Roads
- 17% Housing and Public Works
- 12% Energy and Water Supply
- 11% Queensland Health
- 11% Education and Training
- 7% Other









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*Agency spends are only available for capital purchases, the total infrastructure budget includes capital grants.

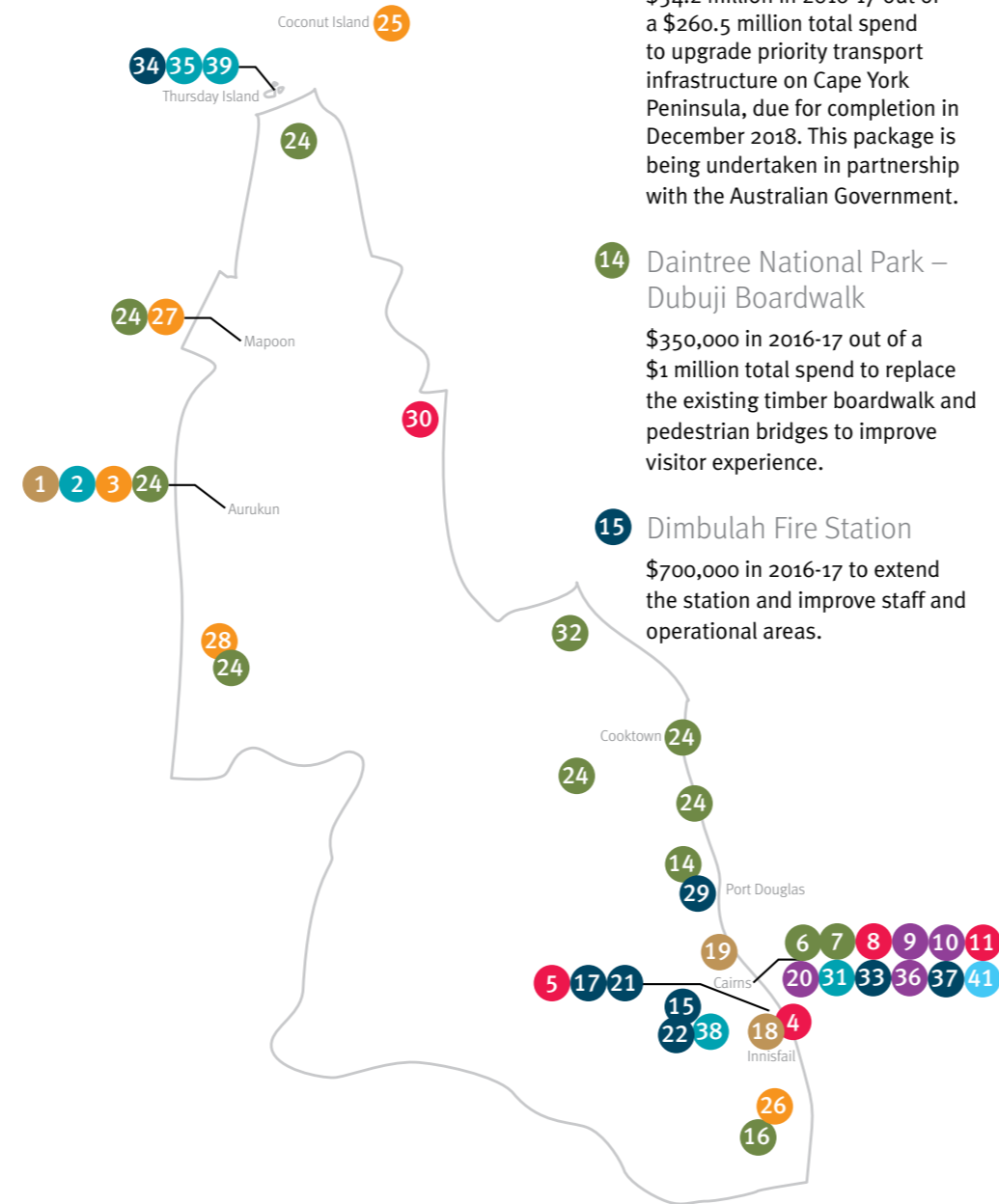
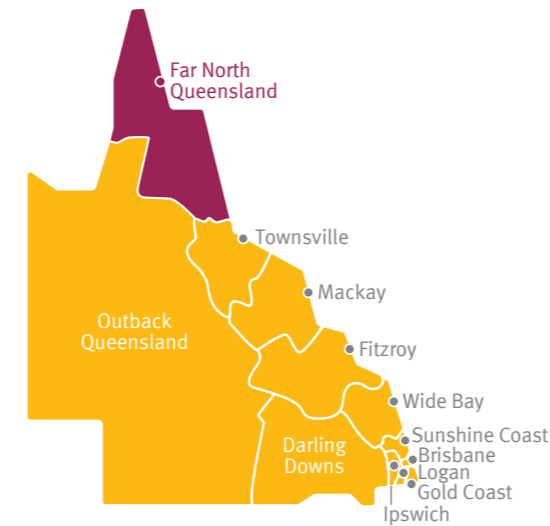
Job-creating innovation, investment and infrastructure for FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

The Far North Queensland region stretches from the Torres Strait Islands south to include the Cairns region. It comprises 19 local government areas and includes the major regional centres of Cairns, Innisfail, Weipa and Port Douglas. The Queensland Government is investing in Far North Queensland through a diverse range of projects and initiatives. For a full list of Queensland Budget 2016-17 initiatives, visit www.budget.qld.gov.au

Key

-  Community wellbeing
-  Utilities
-  Health
-  Education
-  Transport and roads
-  Justice and safety
-  Government services
-  Recreation and culture

- 1** Aurukun CCTV
\$660,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$1 million total spend to install closed circuit television to improve community safety and security in partnership with the local council and the Australian Government.
- 2** Aurukun Primary Health Care Centre redevelopment
\$5.2 million in 2016-17 out of a \$6.3 million total spend to refurbish the former clinic and Home and Community Care building for staff accommodation and clinical space.
- 3** Aurukun Shire Council – wastewater upgrades
\$600,000 in 2016-17 to upgrade existing wastewater treatment infrastructure.
- 4** Bruce Highway – Innisfail to Cairns
\$18.6 million in 2016-17 out of a \$37.6 million total spend to widen various sections of the highway, due for completion in January 2017. These projects are being undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 5** Bruce Highway – Gordonvale
\$2.4 million in 2016-17 out of a \$2.5 million total spend to construct a northbound overtaking lane from Anderson Road, due for completion in February 2017.
- 6** Cairns Performing Arts Centre
\$15 million in 2016-17 towards the new centre on the site of the existing Cairns Civic Theatre. Funding is held centrally, subject to an acceptable business case demonstrating the project's feasibility.
- 7** Cairns Convention Centre roof repairs
\$7.1 million in 2016-17 for the roof replacement and repair of the façade and structural building elements.
- 8** Cairns southern access corridor widening Stage 3
\$16.4 million in 2016-17 out of a \$58 million total spend to widen the Bruce Highway to six lanes between Robert Road and Foster Road, due for completion in November 2017. This project is being undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 9** New Cairns Special School
\$19.3 million in 2016-17 out of a \$22.5 million total spend to complete construction of a new school.
- 10** Cairns West State School
\$490,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$3.9 million total spend to construct additional classrooms.
- 11** Cairns Western Arterial Road – Bill Fulton Bridge
\$19.8 million in 2016-17 out of a \$34.2 million total spend to improve transport infrastructure to mitigate peak hour traffic and increase access for emergency services.



12 Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution Program
\$10.6 million in 2016-17 as part of \$29.6 million provided to the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing over four years to deliver the Cape York Tenure Resolution Program and establish joint management arrangements over lands classified as national park.

13 Cape York regional package
\$54.2 million in 2016-17 out of a \$260.5 million total spend to upgrade priority transport infrastructure on Cape York Peninsula, due for completion in December 2018. This package is being undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government.

14 Daintree National Park – Dubuji Boardwalk
\$350,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$1 million total spend to replace the existing timber boardwalk and pedestrian bridges to improve visitor experience.

15 Dimbulah Fire Station
\$700,000 in 2016-17 to extend the station and improve staff and operational areas.

16 Girramay National Park – Murray Falls Road upgrade
\$150,000 in 2016-17 to fund the upgrade of the access road and replace the triple set of pipes.

17 Gordonvale Auxiliary Fire and Rescue Station
\$1.5 million in 2016-17 out of a \$3.5 million total spend to replace the station.

18 Elderly Parent Carer Innovation Initiative – Gordonvale
\$100,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$1 million total spend to continue the initiative, with a project in Gordonvale which is aimed at greater security for older parent carers who can no longer look after their adult son or daughter with a disability.

19 Elderly Parent Carer Innovation Initiative – Kowrowa
\$700,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$1 million total spend to continue the initiative, with a project in Kowrowa which is aimed at greater security for older parent carers who can no longer look after their adult son or daughter with a disability.

20 Cairns Innovation Centre
\$10 million will be provided to the James Cook University (JCU) for the construction of its \$50 million Cairns Innovation Centre. This project is subject to the finalisation of a business case and confirmation of contributions from JCU and the Australian Government.

21 Gordonvale Police Station
\$2 million in 2016-17 out of a \$4.5 million total spend to replace the station.

22 Herberton Fire Station
\$400,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$1.2 million total spend to construct a new station including office accommodation, staff amenities, storage, operational areas and vehicle accommodation.

23 Great Barrier Reef tourism and recreation
\$1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$2.4 million total spend to install new mooring infrastructure to facilitate increased, safe and sustainable use of the marine park.

24 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program
\$4.5 million in 2016-17 for Indigenous rangers to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Pormpuraaw, Wujal Wujal, Laura, Archer Point, Melsonby, Aurukun, Mapoon and the Northern Peninsular Area, as part of the \$9.6 million Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program.

25 Coconut Island solar
\$216,000 in 2016-17 for a solar electricity system on Coconut Island.

26 Kareeya Power Station
\$2.9 million in 2016-17 to replace, refurbish and upgrade assets.

27 Mapoon water infrastructure
\$80,000 in 2016-17 to upgrade the Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council PH correction unit for drinking water treatment.

28 Pormpuraaw water infrastructure
\$1.8 million in 2016-17 to construct a new 2 megalitre concrete drinking water reservoir.

29 Port Douglas Fire Station
\$800,000 in 2016-17 to extend the current station and improve staff and operational areas.

30 Lockhart River – Portland Road upgrade
\$2.9 million in 2016-17 out of \$20.3 million jointly funded with Lockhart River Aboriginal Council for stormwater crossings on Portland Road.

31 Cairns southern corridor health precinct
Support for the development of a new health precinct in the southern corridor of Cairns will be provided as part of the new \$230 million Advancing Queensland's Health Infrastructure Program.

32 Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park Kalpowar Crossing camping redevelopment
\$825,000 in 2016-17 to fund the redevelopment and reconfigure the campground, access road and walking track and deliver two new toilet buildings.

33 Smithfield Fire Station
\$1.3 million in 2016-17 out of a \$3.8 million total spend to construct a new station, including office accommodation, staff amenities, storage operational areas and vehicle accommodation.

34 Thursday Island Auxiliary Fire and Rescue Station
\$700,000 in 2016-17 to extend the station.

35 Thursday Island replacement Ambulance Station and relief accommodation
\$550,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$5.1 million total spend for the replacement station and relief accommodation to provide an expanded facility to meet the growing service demand in the Torres Strait Islands.

36 Trinity Beach State School
\$5.4 million in 2016-17 out of a \$6.9 million total spend to continue construction of additional classrooms at Tropical North Learning Academy.

37 Yarrabah Police Station
\$820,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$950,000 total spend to deliver upgrades to the station.

38 Atherton Hospital Emergency Department
Investment in refurbishment of the Atherton Hospital, including the emergency department and operating theatres will be provided as part of the new \$230 million Advancing Queensland's Health Infrastructure Program.

39 Thursday Island Hospital
Investment in refurbishment of the Thursday Island Hospital will be provided as part of the new \$230 million Advancing Queensland's Health Infrastructure Program.

40 Local Fare Scheme
\$3.7 million in 2016-17 for local residents who have lived in the community for three or more years so that they can receive up to \$400 off return bookings when travelling between specified airports in Far North Queensland.

41 Good Money shops
A partnership with Good Shepherd and National Australia Bank to deliver two Good Money stores in Cairns and the Gold Coast, as part of a \$5 million reprioritisation for financial resilience.