



'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 Queenslander employed 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.

MACKAY

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

Regional Action Plan

The Mackay region is home to the natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef, the pristine Whitsunday Islands, and is also blessed with the abundant natural resources of the Bowen Basin. Mackay's enviable natural endowments have fostered a diverse regional economy with vibrant tourism, agricultural and mining industries. We know we have more work to do to capitalise on the region's existing strengths and create employment opportunities as the region effectively manages the transition from the mining investment boom. Specifically, this Budget includes our Back to Work package, creating regional jobs, and:



Biofutures

\$19.7M

towards the Advance Queensland Biofutures 10-Year Roadmap and Action Plan, setting to path to achieve the Government's vision of a \$1 billion sustainable industrial biotechnology and bioproducts sector.



Rural Assistance and Drought Package

\$77.9M

to assist rural producers and communities across the State affected by debt and drought.



Health

\$358M

for the Mackay Hospital and Health Service, the primary provider.

\$435.8M for infrastructure improvements which are estimated to support 1,500 jobs.

\$33.5M in additional funding over four years to increase visitation from Asia and drive tourism job growth in regional Queensland.

\$17.2M for maintenance and capital works projects for schools.

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1,500 JOBS
estimated to be supported by
the infrastructure program

What the statewide initiatives mean for **MACKAY**



Biofutures

\$19.7M

over three years towards the Advance Queensland Biofutures 10-Year Roadmap and Action Plan. This will set the path to achieving the Government's vision for a \$1 billion sustainable and export-orientated industrial biotechnology and bioproducts sector, attracting significant international investment, and creating regional, high-value and knowledge intensive jobs.



Great Barrier Reef

\$21.7M

in 2016-17 as part of the Government's \$100 million investment over five years to protect the Great Barrier Reef. This funding is in addition to the \$35 million per year currently spent across Queensland Government agencies on reef protection projects, including water quality, research and industry assistance measures.



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.



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 7,580 people in the Mackay region who support:

271,713 hectares of national and regional parks

51 State Heritage sites

7 hospitals and health facilities

10 customer service centres

2,671 km of roads

1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership regional office

13 fire stations

26 police stations

6 courthouses

74 schools



Vines Creek Bridges Project

The Queensland Government has committed \$28 million to replace two bridges at Vines Creek. The bridges form key links in Mackay's transport network, as they provide the sole access for heavy vehicles transporting commodities to and from the Port of Mackay.

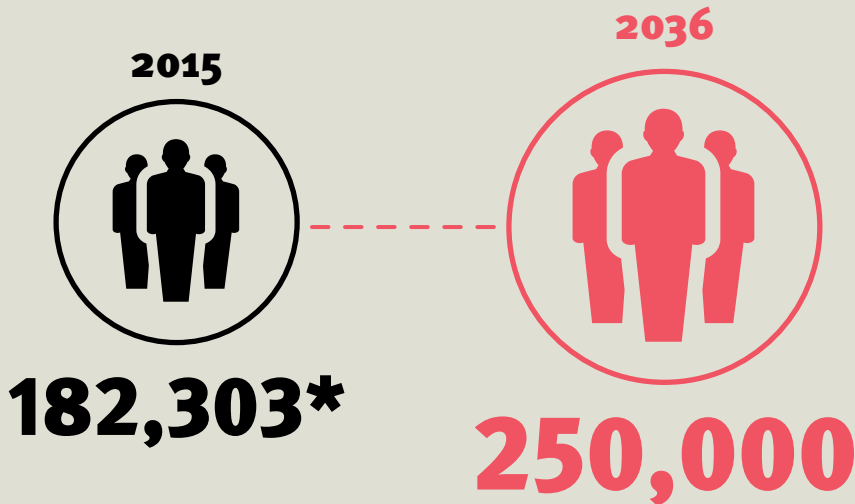
The replacement bridges will have an increased mass limit and will improve the connectivity and efficiency of Mackay's transport corridors and support growth in the region.

The structural design of the replacement bridges is complete and is now being integrated with the design of surrounding infrastructure. The project was recently fast-tracked by the Queensland Government as part of the Accelerated Works Program and tenders for the project are expected to be called in December 2016. Construction is scheduled to start in April 2017 for a mid-2019 completion date.

Economic Snapshot

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Population in the region



*people as at 30 June 2015, growing at an annual average rate of 2.0% over the past 10 years

Apprentice and trainee rebate for payroll tax claimed by **134** businesses in the region to reinvest **\$175,000** back into their business



in the financial year to April 2016

15,251 businesses in the region in June 2015



Top 5 industries in the region by number of workers

16.8%

Mining

8.6%

Health care and social assistance

8.2%

Education and training

8.0%

Retail trade

8.0%

Construction

421 residential dwellings approved for construction in the region



in the 12 months ending 31 March 2016

1,880 residential dwellings sold in the region



in the 12 months ending 31 December 2015

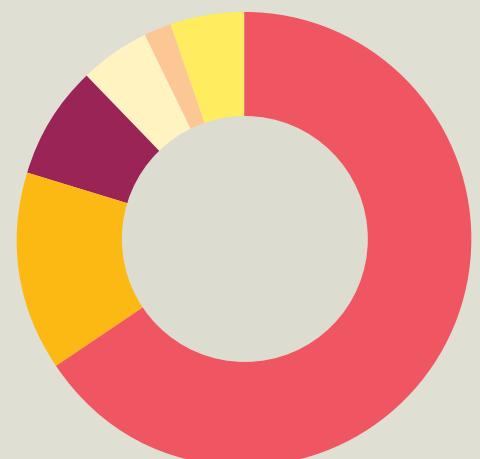
Agricultural production **\$1.1B** in the region during 2014-15



Infrastructure budget for Mackay

- 65% Transport and Main Roads
- 14% Energy and Water Supply
- 8% Queensland Health
- 5% Education and Training
- 2% Housing and Public Works
- 5% Other

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



\$435.8M*

Job-creating innovation, investment and infrastructure for

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The Mackay region encompasses the Whitsunday Island and local government areas of Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday, and the major regional centres of Mackay, Bowen and Airlie Beach. The Queensland Government is investing in the Mackay region 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

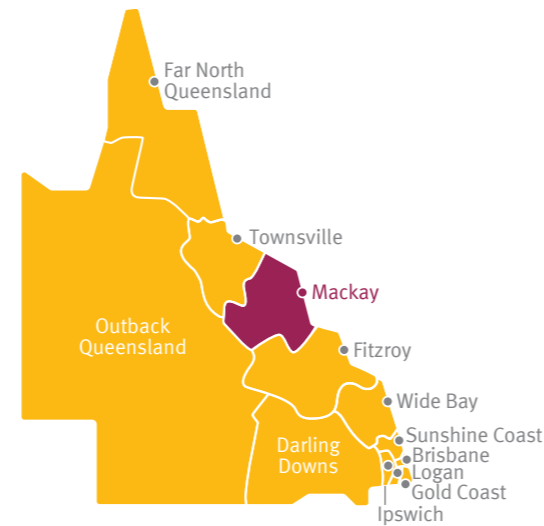


Government services



Recreation and culture

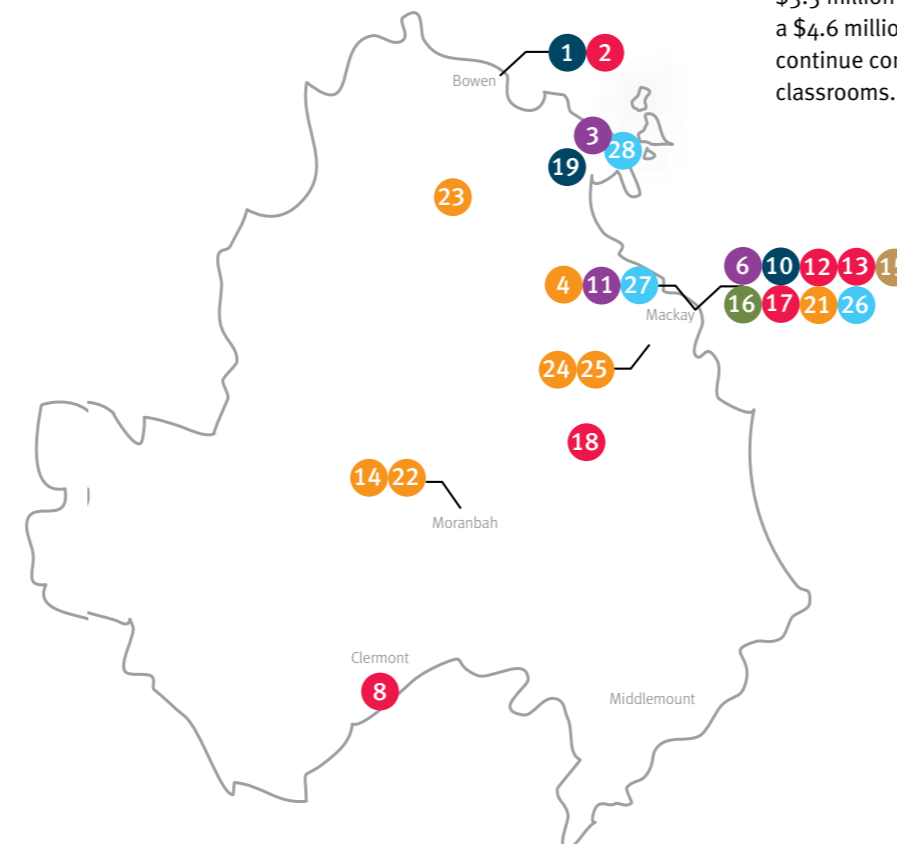
- 1 Bowen Police Station upgrade
\$2.1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$5.2 million total spend to upgrade the station.
- 2 Bruce Highway, Sandy Gully Bridge upgrade
\$15.4 million in 2016-17 out of a \$57.5 million total spend to replace the existing bridge to improve flood immunity, due for completion in March 2018. This project is undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government.
- 3 Cannonvale State School
\$3.7 million in 2016-17 out of a \$5 million total spend to continue construction of additional classrooms.
- 4 Mackay Substation replacement
\$9.2 million in 2016-17 out of a \$32.3 million total spend to replace aged assets at the substation.
- 5 Crocodile management
\$235,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$6 million total spend statewide over three years for crocodile management, and an enhanced crocodile management strategy.
- 6 Eimeo Road State School
\$323,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$6.9 million total spend to commence construction of additional classrooms.
- 7 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Field Management
\$8.4 million in 2016-17 as Queensland's contribution to the joint Queensland Government and Australian Government Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Field Management Program. This funding is provided in accordance with the terms of the Great Barrier Reef Intergovernmental Agreement and forms part of an ongoing commitment to the management of this unique environmental asset.
- 8 Gregory Highway, southern approach to Clermont, pavement widening
\$1.6 million in 2016-17 out of a \$3.1 million total spend to widen pavement at various locations on the highway, due for completion in December 2017. This project is undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government.



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

- 10 Mackay Fire Station
\$400,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$7.5 million total spend to construct a replacement facility including office accommodation, staff amenities, storage, operational areas and vehicle accommodation.

- 11 Mackay District Special School
\$3.5 million in 2016-17 out of a \$4.6 million total spend to continue construction of additional classrooms.



- 12 Mackay - Habana Road / Glenella - Richmond Road intersection improvements
\$1.9 million in 2016-17 out of a \$2.2 million total spend to improve the intersection, due for completion in December 2016.

- 13 Mackay - Slade Point Road, Vines Creek bridges replacement
\$5.3 million in 2016-17 out of a \$28 million total spend to replace two bridges at Vines Creek, due for completion in March 2019.

- 14 Moranbah Substation upgrades
\$3.6 million in 2016-17 out of a \$5.3 million total spend on the augmentation and redevelopment of the substation.

- 15 Multi-purpose and Neighbourhood Community Centres Renewal Program
\$600,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$1.6 million total spend on a major upgrade of the existing Mackay Neighbourhood Centre to improve connectivity between building spaces, increase functionality and efficiency and address overcrowding and upgrade the existing Mackay Women's Community Centre to improve the operational efficiency of the facility.

- 16 Mackay Tourism Visitor Information Centre
\$455,000 in 2016-17 out of a \$1.3 million total spend to deliver a new Visitor Information Centre, repositioned on the highway.

- 17 Peak Downs Highway timber bridge replacements – Nebo to Mackay
\$26.2 million in 2016-17 out of a \$70 million total spend to replace timber bridges and approaches at various locations, due for completion in August 2018. This project is undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government.

- 18 Peak Downs Highway, Eton Range realignment
\$31.9 million in 2016-17 out of a \$189.2 million total spend to realign the highway at Eton Range, due for completion in October 2018. This project is being undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government.

- 19 Proserpine Fire Station
\$1 million in 2016-17 out of a \$2.4 million total spend to construct a new fire station, including office accommodation, staff amenities, storage, operational areas and vehicle accommodation.

- 20 Queensland Regional Natural Resource Management Investment Program
\$600,000 in 2016-17 to target pests and weeds, improve reef water quality and promote and enhance sustainable agriculture in the Mackay/Whitsunday/Isaac area.

- 21 Radio communication safety upgrades
\$8.5 million in 2016-17 out of a \$23.5 million total spend to upgrade Ergon Energy radio communications between Mackay and Maryborough.

- 22 Burdekin Moranbah Water Pipeline
\$603,000 in 2016-17 for refurbishment and enhancement.

- 23 Collinsville Water Pipeline
\$578,000 in 2016-17 for refurbishment and enhancement.

- 24 Eton irrigation
\$498,000 in 2016-17 for refurbishment and enhancement.

- 25 Eton water supply
\$534,000 in 2016-17 for refurbishment and enhancement.

- 26 Mackay-Whitsundays Healthy Rivers to Reef Partnership
\$250,000 in 2016-17 to support the partnership, forming part of the Government's \$6 million statewide investment in regional waterways health report cards.

- 27 Rural Water Use Efficiency – Mackay
\$90,000 in 2016-17 for the Rural Water Use Efficiency for Irrigation Futures program to assist the irrigation sector statewide to achieve more productive on-farm water use.

- 28 Rural Water Use Efficiency – Whitsunday
\$100,000 in 2016-17 for the Rural Water Use Efficiency for Irrigation Futures program to assist the irrigation sector statewide to achieve more productive on-farm water use.

- 29 Social housing
\$13.4 million to expand and improve social housing in the Mackay region.

- 30 Step Up Step Down facilities
\$12 million in 2016-17 for the provision of community-based facilities to support mental health clients in locations such as Gladstone, Bundaberg and Mackay.