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The Queensland Government employs 7,362 people in Mackay and they support:
- 2,670 km² of national and regional parks
- 52 state heritage sites
- 8 hospitals and health facilities
- 10 customer service centres and 2,783 km of roads
- 1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership regional office
- 13 fire stations
- 351 police officers
- 6 courthouses

Top 5 Industries by number of workers

- **Mining** 12.4%
- **Retail trade** 12%
- **Construction** 10.5%
- **Manufacturing** 7.4%
- **Health care and social assistance** 7.3%

Economic Snapshot Mackay

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Agricultural production $892 million 2012-13

772 residential buildings approved for construction in 12 months ending 31 March 2015

2,146 residential dwellings sold in 12 months ending 31 December 2014

15,733 businesses in Mackay in 2013-14

Infrastructural improvement budget

- **Transport** 57%
- **Energy and water** 14%
- **Education and training** 11%
- **Health** 9%
- **Infrastructure and local government** 5%
- **Other** 4%

**Health budget** in 2015-16

$327.7M for the Mackay Hospital and Health Service, the primary provider

**Maintenance in Mackay schools**

$38.8M over the next four years

**Disaster relief in 2015-16**

$9.9M in partnership with the Australian Government

$350.9 million budgeted for infrastructure improvements in 2015-16, including:

- **Transport** $198.8M
- **Health** $29.9M
- **Energy and water** $49.3M
- **Education and training** $38M

Major private sector investment projects currently under construction

- **$70 million**
  - Whitsundays Resort and Spa in Airlie Beach by Ray White Whitsunday

- **$1.25 billion**
  - Eagle Downs Coking Coal Project in the Bowen Basin by Bowen Central Coal Joint Venture (Aquila Resources and Vale Australia)

- **$1.95 billion**
  - Grosvenor Underground Coal Mine project in Moranbah by Anglo American

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Jobs now, jobs for the future for Mackay

The Mackay region includes Whitsunday Island, the local government areas of Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday, and the major regional towns of Mackay, Bowen and Airlie Beach.

Statewide Initiatives

- Reef Plan response (Sustainable Agriculture)
  - $3.2 million of $15 million over 5 years to implement the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan, including identifying farm management practices, coordinating extension services, providing technical and economic support and monitoring adoption.

1. Saving the Great Barrier Reef

- $100 million over 5 years including $10 million to establish net free fishing zones, in addition to the $35 million per year currently spent across State Government agencies. Funding will protect the Great Barrier Reef by investing in water quality initiatives and scientific research, as well as helping businesses adopt better environmental practices in primary production, mining and fishing.

Mackay Initiatives

- Children’s literacy
  - $212,000 of $846,000 over 4 years to public libraries to support parents in their child’s (0-5) literacy development.

- Disaster relief and recovery
  - An estimated $9.9 million, in partnership with the Australian Government, for recovery and reconstruction projects.

- Water quality
  - $700,000 to target pests and weeds, improve reef water quality and promote and enhance sustainable agriculture.

- Irrigation efficiency
  - $410,000 to help Mackay irrigators achieve more productive on-farm water use.

- Schools capital works
  - $17.2 million of $20.8 million over 3 years for new school facilities.

- Croc management
  - $120,000 of $230,000 over 2 years to continue crocodile management through a balance of community safety and crocodile conservation approaches.

- Public library grants
  - $871,200 for new resources for public libraries.

- Social housing
  - $13.3 million to expand and improve social housing.

- Healthy waterways
  - $250,000 towards a waterway health report card for the Mackay-Whitsunday region, to improve reef health.

- Homelessness
  - $3.3 million for specialist homelessness services.

- Bruce Highway, Sandy Gully Bridge
  - $4 million of $57.5 million, in partnership with the Australian Government, to replace the existing Sandy Gully Bridge to improve flood immunity, due for completion in November 2017.

- Peak Downs Highway
  - $11.2 million of $189.2 million, in partnership with the Australian Government, to realign the Peak Downs Highway at Eton Range, 35km west of Mackay, due for completion in June 2018.

- Peak Downs Highway bridge replacements
  - $12.9 million of $70 million, in partnership with the Australian Government, to replace timber bridges and approaches at various locations on the Peak Downs Highway between Nebo and Mackay, due for completion in May 2018.

- Collinsville Ambulance Station
  - $1 million for a replacement ambulance station in the $1.8 million co-location project with Collinsville Hospital.

- Mackay Conservation Group
  - $50,000 to support the Mackay Conservation Group.

- Drought support for stock routes
  - $20,000 for stock owners during periods of drought in the Whitsundays, including upgrades of priority windmills, water tanks, dams, troughs and other infrastructure.

- Mackay Electricity Substation
  - $6.7 million to continue replacements works.

- Water quality
  - $100,000 to improve water quality for all Burdekin region catchments (including Burdekin, Don, Bowen) and coastal waters.

- Gregory Highway
  - $3 million complete upgrades to the Gregory Highway between Emerald and Clermont.