The Queensland Budget will directly support Mackay-Whitsunday with significant expenditure in 2019-20 including:

**Infrastructure**

$615.2M

2,100 jobs in this region in 2019-20.

**Health**

$463.9M

for Mackay Hospital and Health Services.

**Education**

$31.9M

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Mackay-Whitsunday.

560 estimated businesses in Mackay-Whitsunday will benefit from an increase to the payroll tax free threshold and the regional discount as part of the $885 million Payroll Tax Package.

Mackay-Whitsunday will also benefit from:

**Mackay Ring Road**

$497.4M
to construct the new two-lane Mackay Ring Road.

**Support for the Great Barrier Reef**

$330M
over the five year period 2018-19 to 2022-23 across the Great Barrier Reef regions for the Great Barrier Reef Joint Field Management Program and the Queensland Reef Water Quality Program.

**Resource Recovery Industry Development Program**

$100M
contributing to diverting waste from landfill, reduce stockpiling and recover resources for more value uses.

Restoring frontline services in Mackay-Whitsunday

211 extra nurses up 28.1%

96 extra doctors up 46.6%

94 extra teachers up 5.5%

15 extra teacher aides up 3.7%

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**Backing Jobs for Mackay-Whitsunday**

1. Salisbury Plains Industrial Precinct
   $250,000 in 2019-20 out of a $5.7 million total spend to help establish significant industrial developments and provide for the establishment of essential services and infrastructure corridors.

2. Bowen Neighbourhood Centre
   $892,000 in 2019-20 out of a $2.6 million total spend to design and construct a replacement neighbourhood centre.

3. Beautiful Bowen - Bowen townscape project
   $2 million in 2019-20 out of a $5 million total spend to fund extensive town-scaping and urban renewal works.

4. Bowen Beach Seawall
   $313,000 in 2019-20 out of a $895,000 total spend for recovery from STC Debbie.

5. Whitsunday Islands National Park - enhancing Ecotourism opportunities and tourism recovery
   $6.7 million in 2019-20 out of a $12.5 million total spend to develop new park infrastructure.

6. Beach restoration and mitigation
   $3.2 million in 2019-20 out of a $4.6 million total spend to determine best long-term solutions to prevent erosion prior to sand replenishment at Midge Point and Lambert's Beach and the construction of new rock groynes on St Helens Beach.

7. Cannonvale State School
   $2 million in 2019-20 out of an $8 million total spend to construct a new administration and resource centre and to refurbish existing administration into classrooms.

8. Whitsunday Sports Park
   $2.4 million in 2019-20 out of a $3.6 million total spend to construct a second storey on the clubhouse, realign the existing sports field and develop an additional rectangular field and associated infrastructure at Airlie Beach.

9. Proserpine Hospital Acute Primary Care Clinic refurbishment
   $100,000 in 2019-20 out of a $1.6 million total spend to refurbish clinical assimilation training area, clinical assessment rooms and management office space.

10. Proserpine Entertainment Centre
    $2 million in 2019-20 out of a $10.7 million total spend for recovery from STC Debbie. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

11. Proserpine State High School
    $8.9 million in 2019-20 out of a $17.8 million total spend to construct a new building (five learning areas and two specialist areas) and for refurbishment and upgrade works.

12. Burdekin Falls Dam improvement project
    $5.9 million in 2019-20 out of a $10.1 million total spend to continue planning works to enhance the spillway to meet future extreme weather events.

13. Camilleri Street Park
    $800,000 in 2019-20 out of a $1 million total spend for a skate park as well as a family recreational hub with shade structures and barbecue areas.

14. Mackay Port improvements
    $12.7 million in 2019-20 out of a $20.9 million total spend to provide alternative and improved access and to relocate Mackay tug berths facilities to suit a larger fleet of tug vessels.

15. Bluewater Trail and Queens Park revitalisation
    $3.1 million in 2019-20 out of a $8.9 million total spend to undertake significant structural and environmental enhancements to the trail and park following damage from STC Debbie.

16. Domestic and Family Violence Prevention - Mackay High Risk Teams
    $228,000 in 2019-20 out of a $35,500 total spend to provide Indigenous liaison officers and support to High Risk Teams tackling domestic and family violence in Mackay.

17. Mackay Hospital
    $1.5 million in 2019-20 out of a $2.5 million total spend to replace the current air-conditioning system in Mackay Hospital B Block. Part of the Priority Capital Program.

18. Mackay Ring Road
    $60 million in 2019-20 out of a $977.4 million total spend (stage 1) to construct the new two-lane road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

19. Mackay Netball Association Inc.
    $266,000 in 2019-20 out of a $500,000 total spend to extend and upgrade existing amenities including change rooms, first aid room, amenities for people with a disability, toilets and parents’ rooms to support female participation at South Mackay. Part of the Female Facilities Program.

20. Peak Downs Highway Eton Range realignment
    $17.5 million in 2019-20 out of a $189.3 million total spend to realign the highway at Eton Range to reduce grade and improve safety for heavy vehicles. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government, subject to negotiations.

21. Bowen Developmental Road (Rockingham Creek to Mount Coolon)
    $6 million in 2019-20 out of a $28.8 million total spend to pave and seal sections. Part of the Northern Australia Roads Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

22. Sarina State High School
    $2.4 million in 2019-20 out of a $10.5 million total spend for refurbishment and upgrade works to improve educational facilities.

23. Sarina Hospital redevelopment
    $1 million in 2019-20 out of a $16.5 million total spend for a redevelopment of the hospital. Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.
Beach restoration and administration into classrooms.

Outback administration and resource out of an $8 million total in $2 million in $2019.

Beach and the construction of infrastructure.

Recovery from STC Debbie.

Urban renewal works.

Centre.

Infrastructure.

to design and construct a $8.9 million in $2 million out of $9 million in $2 million in $2 million out of $1 million total spend to help refurbish associated infrastructure at Airlie additional rectangular field and construct a second storey on the refurbishment and upgrade the Australian Government. Delivered in partnership with Mackay Sugar by Nordzucker, one of the leading sugar companies in Europe.

The Government is also supporting Mackay sugar workers, with Mackay Canegrowers receiving $35,300 in 2018 as part of the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program. The funding helped 10 local jobseekers gain the skills and qualifications needed to work in the sugar industry.

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**Back to Mackay sugar industry jobs**

The Palaszczuk Government is supporting Mackay’s sugar industry, with the 2019-20 Budget committing up to $14 million towards securing an international investor in Mackay Sugar.

As the second largest sugar milling company in Queensland, Mackay Sugar is one of the largest employers in the region, with a workforce of almost 800 in peak season, and has a long association with the local community.

The support package underpins a proposed $120 million investment into Mackay Sugar by Nordzucker, one of the leading sugar companies in Europe.

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**Boost for islands ecotourism**

The Palaszczuk Government is creating new opportunities for the State’s burgeoning ecotourism market, including securing private sector investment through Government-led and site-specific approaches to grow the industry.

In the aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Debbie in 2017, a $7.3 million capital investment package was committed to deliver new, alternative and upgraded visitor facilities in the Whitsunday Islands National Park. This has already delivered walks on South Molle, Langford and Border Islands, with works underway in Hill Inlet and Whitehaven Beach. Construction work commenced on the $2.78 million multi-day walk from Whitehaven Beach to Tongue Point in December 2018.

An additional $5 million has been committed to establish premium ecotourism facilities on Whitsunday Island.
Backings Queensland Jobs

Queensland’s diversified economy provides a unique business environment that places the State ahead of the pack. The Palaszczuk Government continues to work with and support businesses to create employment opportunities and community prosperity.

+ $12.9 billion capital works program to directly support 40,500 jobs across Queensland in 2019-20.
+ $2.7 billion to support safe, secure, reliable and cost-effective energy and water, and to enhance the productive capacity of businesses, industries and communities.
+ $2.4 billion police operating budget as well as $69.8 million capital for new, upgraded and replacement police facilities, including $28 million to continue work on the $52.2 million Counter-Terrorism and Community Safety Training Centre at Wacol.
+ $1.2 billion education portfolio capital program, including new schools, education facilities, and refurbishments.
+ $777.7 million for health infrastructure to support service delivery.
+ $479.3 million for new social housing and upgrades.
+ $254 million in joint funding with the Australian Government for additional natural disaster recovery packages.
+ $250 million to CleanCo for new renewable energy generation, creating more jobs on top of the 4000 Queensland jobs in the solar, wind and hydro sectors.
+ $420 million towards Skilling Queenslanders for Work, to help eligible Queenslanders get the skills, qualifications and direct assistance they need to enter and stay in the workforce.

From joint commitments totalling $39 million for business and industry, the Queensland and Australian governments will provide a $22 million Beef Recovery Package, to tackle devastation from the North and Far North Queensland monsoon trough. The Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority will administer Australian Government funding of $300 million over three years to assist primary producers and their stock get back on their feet.