

# 1 Approach and highlights

## Features

- The Queensland Government's ongoing commitment to delivering and facilitating productivity-enhancing and catalytic infrastructure will continue to support economic recovery, resilience and future prosperity, as well as more broadly drive sustainable economic growth, increased employment opportunities and higher living standards.
- The substantial capital program outlined in this Budget supports the Palaszczuk Government's infrastructure commitment to invest \$56.031 billion over four years throughout Queensland. This investment is critical to enhance business productivity, connectivity and overall long-term competitiveness, while ensuring that essential services, such as health care and education, are accessible to all Queensland communities and regions.
- In 2020-21, the government will invest \$14.835 billion on capital across the state. The capital program is important in directly supporting construction-related jobs in the short to medium term, with the capital program in 2020-21 estimated to support around 46,000 jobs, including 28,700 jobs outside of Greater Brisbane.
- In 2020-21, the government will deliver a \$6.267 billion investment in transformative transport infrastructure. Highlights of the 2020-21 transport capital program include \$1.514 billion to continue construction work on Cross River Rail and substantial ongoing investment to fund major upgrades to the M1 Pacific Motorway and the Bruce Highway.
- Capital expenditure to support the delivery of health services is \$1.625 billion in 2020-21. The government is providing \$265 million to build seven satellite hospitals to enable our acute hospitals to continue safely managing patients via alternative models of care across South East Queensland. The satellite hospitals will also provide virtual health opportunities including a range of rapid access consults, care co-ordination, remote monitoring and patient literacy services.
- The government is also investing \$979 million for the *Building Better Hospitals* commitment. This program is a key priority for Queensland Health, which will help address growing demand by enhancing public hospital capacity and services in the South East Queensland growth corridor.
- The government will invest \$1.917 billion in 2020-21 on assets to support students and teachers, and to ensure that Queensland's state schools and training assets are world-class and continue to meet demand. Investment in new schools is being facilitated through the \$1.687 billion *Building Future Schools Fund*, while the \$1 billion *Great Schools, Great Future* commitment is helping provide new classrooms and facilities at existing schools to meet growing enrolments.

- To help enhance the productive capacity of Queensland's businesses, industries, communities and regions for the future, the government will invest \$2.745 billion in 2020-21 to maintain and upgrade energy and water assets to support the ongoing delivery of safe, secure, reliable and cost-effective energy and water across the state.
- Delivery of the Rookwood Weir will be co-funded with the Australian Government and will add up to 76,000 megalitres of extra water supply for the Central Queensland region. The project will grow agricultural production along the Fitzroy River and enhance the security of urban and industrial water supplies for Gladstone and Capricorn Coast centres.
- Importantly, the Budget also includes \$590.4 million investment in key infrastructure supporting the State's delivery of enhanced justice and public safety services, including \$178 million over three years from 2019-20 on additional youth justice infrastructure.
- In line with the government's commitment to ensure all Queenslanders share in the State's prosperity and enjoy an improved quality of life, ongoing investment in social housing in 2020-21 includes \$526.2 million of capital purchases and grants to construct new dwellings, upgrade existing properties, and provide housing services, including in Indigenous communities.
- A key element of the government's capital program is providing grants to local governments and non-government organisations to support their work within communities across Queensland. In total, the government will provide \$2.218 billion in capital grants in 2020-21, including \$180 million to all local governments through the government's \$200 million *COVID Works for Queensland* program to support jobs and provide economic stimulus to local economies.

## 1.1 Introduction

In line with the Queensland Government's *Economic Recovery Plan*, the 2020-21 Capital Statement outlines the investment in critical infrastructure across Queensland that will help drive ongoing economic recovery and support increased private sector productivity and competitiveness over the longer-term.

The Capital Statement presents an overview of the Queensland Government's proposed capital outlays for 2020-21 and provides visibility of the State's infrastructure delivery program. In this Budget, the Capital Statement is presented by infrastructure asset class for consistency with recent capital program updates.

Continued infrastructure investment connects individuals and households to meaningful employment opportunities and enables all Queenslanders to access essential services and enjoy increased standards of living.

The government's current capital program is facilitating an increase in the broader longer-term productive capacity of the Queensland economy, which will lead to more high-value ongoing private sector jobs across both industries and regions.

The ongoing provision of essential and strategic infrastructure, including supporting greater access to reliable and affordable services aligned with improvements in technology, will also boost the State's overall competitiveness and enhance its ability to attract new investment, businesses and highly-skilled workers.

The Queensland Government's significant infrastructure investment will also directly support substantial jobs across the state during the construction phase, with the \$14.835 billion capital program in 2020-21 estimated to support 46,000 jobs, with 28,700 of these jobs located outside of Greater Brisbane.

Importantly, maintaining a strong capital program will ensure Queensland's economic recovery continues to gather momentum, while simultaneously positioning the economy to capitalise on key opportunities to facilitate longer-term growth outcomes and support a higher quality of life for all Queenslanders.

## 1.2 Capital planning and prioritisation

The Queensland Government has established an infrastructure planning framework to underpin and inform the prioritisation of the State's capital works, to ensure the delivery of a capital program that ideally reflects the most appropriate, cost-effective approach to address the service needs and infrastructure challenges facing Queensland.

Key elements of the infrastructure planning and prioritisation framework include the State Infrastructure Plan, the Project Assessment Framework for evaluating investment proposals and the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program which forms a significant proportion of the capital program.

### **State Infrastructure Plan (SIP)**

The SIP provides the government's vision for infrastructure investment and delivery. The SIP is designed to ensure the State is investing in the right infrastructure, in the right place and at the right time. It provides confidence and certainty to industry, local government and the community by confirming the government's investment program over the next four years.

Implementation of the SIP is led by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

Further details on the SIP are available at <https://www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/infrastructure/state-infrastructure-plan.html>.

### **Project Assessment Framework (PAF)**

The PAF is used across government to ensure a common and rigorous approach to assessing projects at critical stages in their development lifecycle, from the initial assessment of the service required, through to delivery and benefits realisation. At each stage of a project, the project's progress and quality is assessed to ensure that the project (and associated investment) meets strategic objectives and achieves value for money. Once a project 'clears' a particular stage, it can progress to the next.

Lead and maintained by Queensland Treasury, the PAF is applied by government departments and Building Queensland (BQ) in the evaluation of infrastructure projects, public private partnerships and other proposals for the acquisition of services.

Further details on the PAF are available at <https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/>.

### **Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP)**

QTRIP is the Department of Transport and Main Roads' annually published program of current and planned investments in road and transport infrastructure (including roads, railways, active transport, marine infrastructure and public transport) over the next four years.

The program of works detailed in QTRIP represents a \$26.9 billion<sup>1</sup> investment over the four years from 2020-21, supporting an estimated average of approximately 23,600 direct jobs over the life of the program.

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<sup>1</sup> Total QTRIP investment is inclusive of both non-capital and capital components.

The strategic intent of QTRIP is shaped by the SIP and the Transport Coordination Plan 2017-2027. It is developed in accordance with funding allocations identified by the Queensland and Australian Governments.

Further details on QTRIP are available at <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/About-us/Corporate-information/Publications/Queensland-Transport-and-Roads-Investment-Program>.

## 1.3 Key capital projects and programs

### Cross River Rail

Cross River Rail will increase network capacity, allowing more trains to run more often, and will integrate with new roads and bus services, to enable a turn-up-and-go public transport network for the whole of South East Queensland.

It will deliver 10.2 kilometres of new rail line from Dutton Park to Bowen Hills, including 5.9 kilometres of twin tunnels under the Brisbane River and CBD, and four new high-capacity, underground stations at Boggo Road, Woolloongabba, Albert Street and Roma Street.

The project will also introduce a new world-class signalling system, deliver three new Gold Coast stations at Pimpama, Helensvale North and Merrimac, and significant upgrades to eight above-ground stations at Salisbury, Rocklea, Moorooka, Yeerongpilly, Yeronga, Fairfield, Dutton Park and Exhibition.

Major construction of Cross River Rail commenced in 2019 and is being delivered across three major works packages, with work now underway at multiple worksites.

Cross River Rail will support up to 7,700 full-time equivalent jobs and 450 new apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities during construction.

### M1 Pacific Motorway upgrades

A safe, efficient and reliable M1 Pacific Motorway plays an important role in driving productivity and competitiveness across South East Queensland. The \$3.401 billion M1 program of works, jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments, is delivering major projects, such as the Varsity Lakes to Tugun upgrade, Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill upgrade, and the Yatala South (Exit 41) and Pimpama (Exit 49) interchange upgrades.

The 10 kilometre section of the M1 Pacific Motorway between Varsity Lakes and Tugun carries approximately 85,000 vehicles per day, including around 7,500 heavy vehicles. The construction works commenced in May 2020 and are expected to be complete by the end of 2023. The indicative total estimated cost for the project is \$1 billion.

The section of the M1 Pacific Motorway between Eight Mile Plains and Daisy Hill carries in the order of 150,000 vehicles per day, including approximately 12,000 heavy vehicles. The widening from six to eight lanes project commenced construction in March 2020 and is due for completion in 2024. The total estimated cost of this project is \$750 million.

The Queensland and Australian Governments have also committed \$1 billion to upgrades between Daisy Hill to Logan Motorway.

The M1 program of works is complimented by the jointly funded \$1.531 billion Coomera Connector (Stage 1) project between Nerang and Coomera, to provide for a "second M1".

### Bruce Highway upgrades

Many Queenslanders are dependent on the Bruce Highway for their livelihood and lifestyle. With the Bruce Highway connecting cities and towns over a distance of almost 1,700 kilometres from Brisbane to Cairns, it is essential to maintain and upgrade the Bruce Highway to ensure freight, travel and commuter traffic is safe and efficient. The Queensland Government will continue to

work with the Australian Government to deliver the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, aimed at improving safety, flood resilience and capacity along its length.

The 2020-21 capital program includes investment on several key projects on the Bruce Highway, supporting jobs across the regions, including:

- \$1.065 billion for the Rockhampton Ring Road
- \$1 billion to construct Cooroy to Curra Section D
- \$932.2 million to widen the highway from four to six lanes between Caloundra Road and Sunshine Motorway
- \$662.5 million to upgrade the highway from four to six lanes between Caboolture - Bribie Island Road and Steve Irwin Way
- \$514.3 million to construct bridges and approaches on the Haughton River Floodplain, south of Giru between Horseshoe Lagoon and Palm Creek
- \$481 million to duplicate the highway from two to four lanes as part of the Cairns Southern Access Corridor Stage 3, from Collinson Creek in Edmonton as far as the vicinity of Wrights Creek near Gordonvale
- \$301.3 million to upgrade the Bruce Highway – Maroochydore Road Interchange
- \$230 million for the Townsville Ring Road (Stage 5) to duplicate from two to four lanes on the section of the Townsville Ring Road (Bruce Highway) between Vickers Bridge over Ross River and Shaw Road interchange
- \$163.3 million to upgrade the Bruce Highway – Deception Bay Road interchange
- \$158 million to duplicate the highway from two to four lanes, as part of Rockhampton Northern Access (Stage 1), between Rockhampton – Yeppoon Road and Parkhurst
- \$123.7 million to widen the highway from four to six lanes as part of the Cairns Southern Access Corridor Stage 4, from Kate Street to Aumuller Street near the Port of Cairns and wharf precinct.

In addition, the Queensland Government has committed an additional \$100 million in state funding towards a \$500 million funding injection for the Bruce Highway (subject to negotiation with the Australian Government), noting the Queensland Government's priority for upgrades between Mackay and Proserpine, and between Gladstone and Rockhampton.

### **Youth justice reforms and additional youth justice infrastructure**

The Government is committed to promoting community safety by preventing offending and reoffending, and keeping young people out of courts and custody, supported by the development and upkeep of appropriate infrastructure facilities.

This includes increasing capacity in youth detention facilities by an additional 48 beds, with \$178 million over three years (commencing from 2019-20).

The additional 16 beds in the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre (BYDC) located at Wacol was opened in May 2020. The finalisation of capital works to existing facilities and amenities including educational classrooms, kitchen and laundry facilities will be completed this year.

In addition, a new 32 bed youth detention centre (known as West Moreton Youth Detention Centre) is being constructed adjacent to BYDC at Wacol.

### **Port of Townsville Channel Capacity Upgrade**

The Townsville Channel Capacity Upgrade (TCCU), which commenced in 2019-20, has reached a major construction milestone with the joining of the east bund and west bund of the 2.2 kilometres of protective rock wall where dredge material from the widening will be placed. This will eventually create the boundary of a new reclamation area, providing an additional 62 hectares of land for port operations. The TCCU, the largest infrastructure project in the Port's history, will widen the shipping channel to allow access for larger vessels and facilitate future trade growth in the region.

The TCCU Project is a joint project of the Queensland and Australian Governments and the Port of Townsville Limited (POTL), and forms part of the Townsville City Deal signed in December 2016. The business case estimated the total project cost of the TCCU Project at \$193.5 million with the Queensland and Australian Governments each committing \$75 million and POTL funding the remaining \$43.5 million.

Given changes in the delivery methodology for major works packages, and the impact of COVID-19 on project delivery, the estimated final cost for the TCCU Project has increased from \$193.5 million to \$232 million. The TCCU Project will support the local economy and jobs, creating 120 jobs in Townsville during construction and supporting 245 jobs in Queensland after construction, as estimated in the detailed business case.

### **Smithfield Bypass**

The \$164 million Smithfield Bypass project is a 3.8 kilometre alternative route to the Captain Cook Highway. The new bypass road will relieve congestion on the section of the Captain Cook Highway between McGregor Road and the intersection of Captain Cook Highway and the Cairns Western Arterial Road. Early works commenced in late 2018 with construction expected to be completed in late 2021, weather permitting.

### **Building Better Hospitals**

The Government's *Building Better Hospitals* commitment is a key priority for Queensland Health which will help address growing demand by enhancing public hospital capacity and services in the South East Queensland growth corridor. The program includes projects at three major South East Queensland hospitals with a combined value of \$979 million:

- redevelopment of the Caboolture Hospital to increase its capacity by 130 beds
- expansion of the Logan Hospital to deliver an additional 206 beds as well as expansion and refurbishment of the Logan maternity ward
- staged redevelopment of the Ipswich Hospital including new mental health facilities for adults and older persons, a Magnetic Resonance Imaging suite (delivered) to grow clinical capacity, and the delivery of a 26-bed interim demand management strategy.

### **Satellite Hospitals: Better Care, Closer to Home**

The Government is providing \$265 million in funding to build seven satellite hospitals to enable our acute hospitals to continue safely managing patients via alternative models of care across

South East Queensland. The satellite hospitals will also provide virtual health opportunities including a range of rapid access consults, care co-ordination, remote monitoring and patient literacy services. The final location and health services provided will be determined by the local Health and Hospital Service in consultation with the community. Planning for delivery of these hospitals will begin immediately. The program includes:

- Bribie Island Satellite Hospital
- Caboolture Satellite Hospital
- Redlands Satellite Hospital
- Pine Rivers Satellite Hospital
- Ipswich City Satellite Hospital
- QEII Satellite Hospital
- Southern Gold Coast Satellite Hospital.

### **Great Schools, Great Future**

The Government's \$1 billion *Great Schools, Great Future* infrastructure commitment will provide Queensland schools with new classrooms and facilities to accommodate growing enrolments, new or upgraded school halls and performing arts centres, and renewal and refurbishment of existing school infrastructure, including fencing upgrades, playgrounds and covered outdoor sports areas.

Investment in new schools is being facilitated through the \$1.687 billion *Building Future Schools Fund*, which includes \$346.2 million for new primary schools in North Maclean and Caloundra South and a new special school in Coomera to open in 2022 and a new primary school in inner west Brisbane to open in 2023. The funding also includes the final stage of the Lee Street Special School that opened in 2020 and the acquisition of land for future new schools. This is in addition to the eight new schools that opened in 2020 and the five new schools that will open in 2021.

### **Rookwood Weir – capital expenditure**

The Rookwood Weir will add up to 76,000 megalitres of extra water supply for the Central Queensland region. The project will provide for significant agricultural growth along the Fitzroy River near Rockhampton, and enhance the security of urban and industrial water supplies for Gladstone and Capricorn Coast centres such as Yeppoon.

Significant steps have been taken throughout the year toward the construction of Rookwood Weir. The construction contract was awarded in August 2020 and site mobilisation is now underway with a focus on preparatory works at the weir site and establishing the camp for workers. In-river works are expected to commence in April 2021 with weir construction reaching completion mid-2023, weather permitting. In parallel, road upgrades to Thirsty Creek Road and the Capricorn Highway at the Gogango Intersection were completed this year and works to replace Riverslea Bridge have started and are due for completion mid-2021.

The project has generated some 100 jobs to date, and the weir is expected to create about 200 jobs during construction, of which 140 are expected to be sourced locally.

The Australian Government is co-funding the \$352.2 million Rookwood Weir project (\$332 million capital cost) under the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund. In October 2020 the Australian Government's commitment to contribute \$176.1 million was formalised, which matches the Queensland Government's own funding commitment toward this critical piece of water infrastructure for Central Queensland.

### **New Performing Arts Venue at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC)**

The Queensland Government has committed to deliver a new \$175 million state-of-the-art theatre for Brisbane, investing \$150 million over four years from 2018-19. This investment in a new theatre follows the recommendations of the detailed business case for a 1,500 seat theatre at the Playhouse Green site, to be operated by the QPAC, which will contribute \$25 million to the new venue.

QPAC, which schedules over 1,300 performances annually, with a record 1.5 million people attending in 2017-18, was nearing full capacity, prior to COVID-19. Post COVID-19, the unique opportunity exists to invest in QPAC's growth to create Australia's largest performing arts centre, with five outstanding theatres that will bolster Queensland's cultural vibrancy, support the local arts sector and drive cultural tourism, with the potential to welcome an additional 300,000 visitors each year.

The new theatre is targeted for completion at the end of 2022.

### **CleanCo's Karara Wind Farm**

Queensland's publicly-owned clean energy generator, CleanCo, will build, own, and operate the \$250 million 102.6MW Karara Wind Farm in the Darling Downs. Karara will be part of the larger 1,026MW (or 1-gigawatt) MacIntyre Wind Farm Precinct being developed by Acciona Australia, with a project value of around \$2 billion. In addition to CleanCo's direct build, own, and operate investment in the Karara Wind Farm, CleanCo is supporting the larger Precinct by agreeing to purchase a further 400 megawatts of renewable energy from Acciona.

Together with CleanCo's involvement, the Precinct development will achieve a local spend in the Darling Downs of more than \$500 million during construction, supporting 400 jobs and local businesses. The development will be progressively connected to the grid from 2022, with 64 kilometres of new powerlines connecting the wind farm to the Queensland electricity network at Millmerran. Queensland's government-owned transmission business, Powerlink, has already commenced working on the connection of the project to the grid, supporting a further 240 jobs.

CleanCo's announcement in March 2020 is an historic achievement for Queensland and demonstrates the Government's ongoing commitment to renewable generation in Queensland.

### **Rollingstock Expansion Project**

To provide for expected increases in rail patronage over the next 10 years, the existing passenger fleet must expand to deliver extra timetabled services. The Department of Transport and Main Roads has commenced a Rollingstock Expansion project with a \$600 million commitment to procure 20 new six-car passenger trains, which will be manufactured in the Maryborough region to support local jobs and regional supply chains including in Rockhampton.

### **New Public Transport Ticketing System**

The Queensland Government has committed \$371.1 million for a new public transport ticketing system that will be delivered across public transport over a four year period. The system will add new customer facing functionality including payment by contactless debit and credit cards, mobile phones and wearables, in addition to go card and paper tickets.

### **Southern Queensland Correctional Precinct - Stage 2**

\$110.2 million of the \$654 million for the expansion of Southern Queensland Correctional Precinct is budgeted for 2020-21, with construction commencing in early 2021. A number of major benefits will be achieved through the construction of a new 1,000 bed correctional centre, including the delivery of over 400 jobs in the region and during peak periods of construction it will support up to 900 jobs.

This new facility, with a therapeutic health-centred operating model, will help address substance addiction and mental health issues. Further, it will enable Queensland Corrective Services and Queensland Health to provide rehabilitation and treatment in a world-class correctional facility.

The new facility will ease overcrowding across Queensland's correctional services system and deliver a safer environment for staff and the prison population.

### **Building our Regions**

*Building our Regions* supports local government infrastructure projects in regional Queensland communities that create flow-on economic development opportunities and jobs. These projects span Queensland from Torres Strait Island in the far north to Goondiwindi near the southern border, and from Boulia in the north west to Fraser Coast in the east. This includes a wide range of infrastructure project types including delivering enduring economic benefits and improved liveability in regional communities.

The funds are administered by the Department of State Development, Local Government, Infrastructure and Planning through the *Building our Regions* program, with approvals to date of \$348.3 million in funding towards 264 infrastructure projects and seven planning projects across 67 local governments in regional Queensland, supporting approximately 2,767 construction jobs.

This has leveraged further financial co-contributions of almost \$538.3 million from local governments, the Australian Government and others, to create a total value of capital expenditure of \$886.6 million.

### **Works for Queensland**

The *Works for Queensland* program is a \$600 million funding program to support local governments outside South East Queensland by funding job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects relating to assets owned or controlled by local governments. This Budget allocates an additional \$200 million for a fourth round of funding for *Works for Queensland*. This brings the total program funding to \$800 million.

In 2020-21, \$34 million will be delivered towards *Works for Queensland* projects. As at 30 September 2020, councils have estimated more than 21,000 jobs being supported for the first three rounds of the program.

In response to COVID-19, the Queensland Government announced the 2020-21 *COVID Works for Queensland* funding program. The program provides an additional \$200 million to all local governments to support jobs and provide economic stimulus to local economies.

In 2020-21, \$180 million will be delivered towards *COVID Works for Queensland* projects. As at 30 September 2020, councils have estimated that the program will support more than 4,600 jobs.

### **Cairns Convention Centre**

The Queensland Government is investing \$176 million in the refurbishment and expansion of the Cairns Convention Centre. This investment, confirmed through the preparation of a detailed business case, ensures the existing centre remains a world-class venue that is ideal for business and community events of up to 5,000 delegates.

The 10,000 square metre expansion includes a large undercover, tropically planted forecourt, expanded main entry lobby, new event spaces enabling the centre to host multiple events at the same time, and a multi-function space with external decks and spectacular views over Trinity Inlet.

The expanded centre will form a key infrastructure asset assisting with the post-COVID-19 recovery of the tourism industry in Cairns and far-north Queensland. The refurbished centre will reopen for business in February 2021, with the expansion targeted for completion in the first half of 2022.

### **Disaster Resilience Program**

As the most disaster impacted state in Australia, it is imperative to help local Queensland communities better prepare for future natural disasters. Increasing the resilience of infrastructure and investing in innovative programs to lessen the impacts of natural disasters means that communities can recover more quickly after a natural disaster strikes.

The *Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund* will allocate \$65.5 million over five years to improve safety and disaster resilience across the state, with \$10.5 million delivered in 2020-21. The fund will be administered by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

The *Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund* replaces the former *Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund* and is funded with joint Commonwealth-State funding of \$48 million under the National Partnership Agreement on Disaster Risk Reduction supplemented by additional state funding of \$17.5 million.

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority will also continue to administer a suite of targeted measures aimed at promoting disaster recovery and resilience from recent significant disaster events, including the \$100 million Betterment Fund to improve the resilience of infrastructure damaged by the Monsoon flooding event of early 2019 under the joint State Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. The programs will be delivered over three years to 2021-22.

### **Haughton Pipeline – Stage 2**

The Queensland Government will contribute \$195 million to the Townsville City Council toward Stage 2 of the Haughton Pipeline which will connect to earlier stages of the project and ultimately improve water security for the region.

This project will also provide much needed economic stimulus by supporting hundreds of full-time equivalent jobs for the region.

### **Cairns Marine Precinct investment**

The government has committed \$30 million to upgrade infrastructure at the Ports North-owned Cairns Marine Precinct and fund a business case for the future development of the precinct. Construction of two new wharves and additional early works to upgrade services are expected to expand Cairns' capacity to carry out in-water maintenance on vessels used by the Australian Defence Force and Border Force.

Funding for a business case will identify how Cairns can capitalise on future opportunities to grow further as a regional centre for large vessel repair work. The precinct may require total capital infrastructure expenditure of up to \$150 million and future contributions from the Australian Government will be sought.

Investment in the precinct will take advantage of emerging marine and defence industry opportunities and will help maintain the Port of Cairns as the leading maritime maintenance, repair and overhaul facility in northern Australia.

### **Dam Improvement Program**

Both Sunwater and Seqwater are delivering Dam Improvement Programs (DIP) to ensure their dams continue to operate safely during extreme weather events.

Sunwater and Seqwater have budgeted over \$150 million for DIP projects in 2020–21, including for construction activities and earlier project planning work. These projects will ensure Queensland dams meet the latest safety standards as well as deliver significant investment into the Queensland economy and support jobs.

DIP projects scheduled for construction activities in 2020–21 include the Ewen Maddock Dam Upgrade Stage 2A and Paradise Dam Essential Works.

Sunwater and Seqwater will continue to progress detailed business cases in 2020–21 investigating future upgrade options for Somerset Dam, Paradise Dam and Burdekin Falls Dam. The Burdekin Falls Dam business case will also investigate the feasibility and demand for raising the dam to support economic growth in the region.

### **Stadiums and sport facilities**

The government has committed to funding three new stadiums across the state. Harrup Park in Mackay will become a hub for marquee cricket and AFL events with \$10 million earmarked for Stage One of the development which will support around 80 jobs during construction. Browne Park in Rockhampton is the home of rugby league in Central Queensland and will be expanded to accommodate approximately 4,000 seats and support 60 local jobs, with the Queensland Government providing \$25 million in funding. In South East Queensland, the Ballymore Precinct will undergo a major redevelopment with a \$15 million State contribution, transforming it into a home for the National Rugby Training Centre, women's rugby, the Pacific Pathways Program, Queensland Reds and Queensland Rugby Union and a mid-tier venue for other local sporting teams.