



REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

# CREATING JOBS FOR TOWNSVILLE

The Queensland Budget will directly support job creation in the Townsville region with significant expenditure including:

Infrastructure

## \$739M

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **2,600 jobs** in this region in 2020-21.

Health

## \$1.1B

for Townsville Hospital and Health Service.

Education

## \$42.3M

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Townsville.

The Townsville region will also benefit from:

Social housing

## \$63.3M

in 2020-21 to expand and improve social housing, including \$9 million Works for Tradies Initiative contributing to Queensland's economic recovery.

Cowboys Training Facility

## \$40M

\$5 million State contribution towards the \$40 million Cowboys Training Facility to provide a community, training and high-performance centre for the North Queensland Cowboys.

Equipping TAFE for our Future

## \$100M

for new and improved TAFE facilities across Queensland including \$14.2 million for a new Advanced Manufacturing Skills Lab and Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Centre at Bohle TAFE.

## Delivering for the Townsville region

### Back to Work

\$34.3 million of payments have been paid to 1,405 employers to employ 3,379 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(July 2016 to November 2020)

### Jobs and Regional Growth Fund

Three agreements have been entered into which are estimated to generate \$1.5 billion in capital expenditure and support employment of 289 people.

(February 2017 to November 2020)

### Skilling Queenslanders for Work

\$25.3 million allocated to provide training to 3,582 people, including 1,963 people who have now been employed.

(July 2015 to October 2020)

### Works for Queensland

\$102.2 million provided to regional councils to undertake 237 job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Townsville.

(February 2017 to November 2020)

## Restoring frontline services for Townsville

(March 2015 to September 2020)



213 extra nurses, up 10%



133 extra doctors, up 22.1%



103 extra teachers, up 4.9%



83 extra police officers, up 13.2%



# CREATING JOBS FOR Townsville

**1** **Ingham State School**  
✓ \$250,000 in 2020-21 to relocate administration.

**2** **Palm Island Aboriginal Council**  
\$14,384 in 2020-21 out of a \$351,000 total spend to construct an amenities block to support female participation in netball on Palm Island.

**3** **Bwngcolman Community School**  
✓ \$3.5 million in 2020-21 for a new administration building and to refurbish learning spaces.

**4** **Magnetic Island National Park - Forts Junction Hub upgrade**  
✓ \$1.9 million in 2020-21 out of a \$2.4 million total spend to upgrade Forts Walk, carpark, and visitor facilities.

**5** **Magnetic Island Roads**  
✓ \$3 million in 2020-21 out of a \$7 million total spend to upgrade Magnetic Island roads between Alma Bay and Horseshoe Bay and explore options to overhaul the drainage systems.

**6** **Magnetic Island National Park walking tracks upgrade**  
\$500,000 in 2020-21 to upgrade walking tracks on Magnetic Island National Park.

**7** **Townsville Regional Industrial Estate**  
\$200,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$8.1 million total spend for the development of future industrial land at Bohle Plains in Townsville to support jobs generation and economic development.

**8** **Bluewater State School**  
✓ \$1.7 million in 2020-21 to install a ramp to administration and to replace the existing amenities block.

**9** **Port of Townsville initiatives**  
Commitment to progress Port of Townsville projects in 2020-21, such as \$52.2 million for the Channel Capacity Upgrade (delivered in partnership with the Australian Government), \$14.2 million for wharf upgrades and \$14.1 million for Berth 4 and road upgrades.

**12** **Advanced Manufacturing Hub and Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Training Facility**  
✓ \$14.2 million for a new Advanced Manufacturing Skills Lab and for a new Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Training Facility at Bohle TAFE.

**13** **Estates Football Club**  
✓ \$400,000 for new change rooms and field lighting at Estates Football Club.

**14** **Pimlico State High School**  
✓ \$13.1 million for upgrades, including a new performing arts centre, security fence and enhanced aquaponics infrastructure.

**18** **Murray Sporting Complex**  
✓ \$566,000 to upgrade the Townsville Basketball Inc. facilities at the Murray Sporting Complex.

**19** **Townsville Connection Road (Idalia), University Road to Bowen Road Bridge**  
✓ \$20,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$46.4 million total spend for safety improvements on the Townsville Connection Road between University Road to Bowen Road Bridge.

**20** **Bruce Highway (Townsville to Ingham), Townsville Ring Road (stage 5)**  
✓ \$20 million in 2020-21 out of a \$230 million total spend to duplicate a section of the Townsville Ring Road to four lanes. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

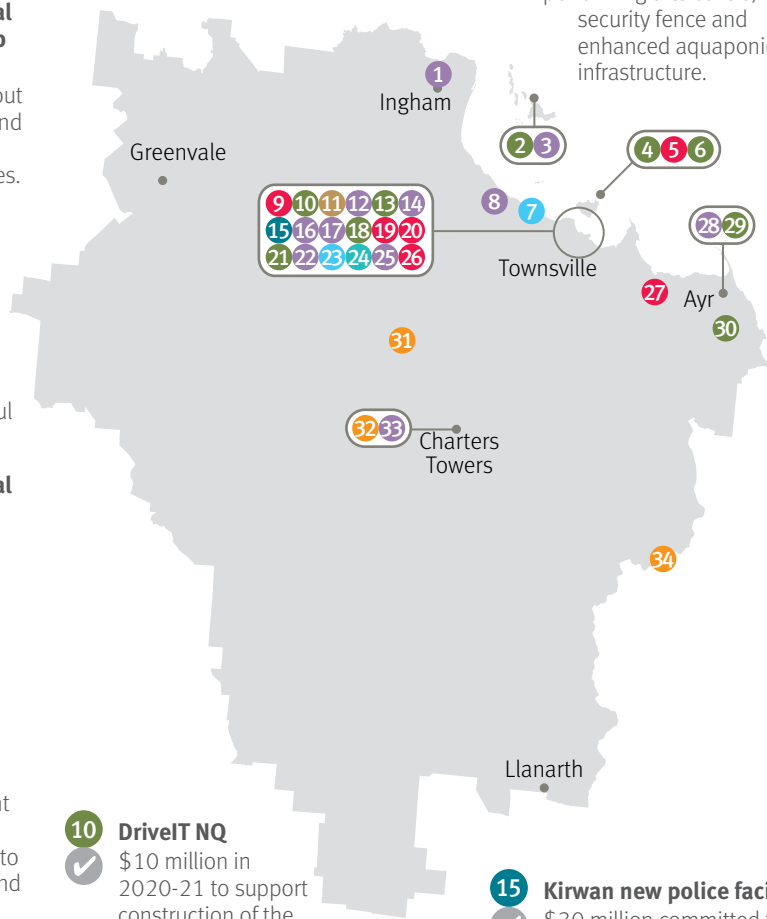
**21** **Townsville Cycling Velodrome**  
✓ \$250,000 towards establishing Townsville Cycling as a Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) legal velodrome.

**22** **William Ross State High School**  
✓ \$1.2 million to upgrade the oval and irrigation system, provide an improved learning space, as well as planning for a new school hall.

**23** **Emergency services headquarters at Kirwan - feasibility study**  
✓ \$500,000 in 2020-21 for a feasibility study to investigate the suitability of the 1300 SMILES stadium site at Kirwan for a multi-agency, emergency services headquarters.

**24** **Townsville University Hospital**  
✓ \$16.7 million in 2020-21 out of a \$62.1 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Townsville University Hospital site. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**25** **Thuringowa State High School**  
✓ \$7 million over four years to construct a new multi-purpose hall and to refurbish the science lab.



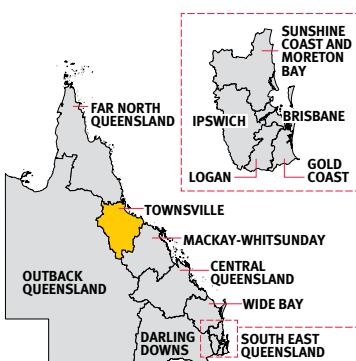
**10** **DriveIT NQ**  
✓ \$10 million in 2020-21 to support construction of the DriveIT NQ Driver Education and Motorsport Precinct at Lansdown Industrial Estate, subject to economic viability and conditions.

**11** **Oasis Townsville funding**  
✓ \$8.2 million in 2020-21 out of a \$10.3 million total spend for construction and operation of the Oasis Townsville to provide a one-stop for support services to ex-Australian Defence Force personnel and their families. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**15** **Kirwan new police facility**  
✓ \$30 million committed for a new police facility at Kirwan.

**16** **Townsville Community Learning Centre - A State Special School**  
✓ \$13.4 million to construct a new building with additional classrooms and a new multi-purpose hall.

**17** **Oonoona State School**  
✓ \$500,000 over four years to deliver a covered cloister to the school hall and a cover for the second basketball court.



**26** **Riverway Drive (Garbutt - Upper Ross Road), stage 2**

\$500,000 in 2020-21 out of a \$95 million total spend to duplicate Riverway Drive to four lanes between Allambie Lane and Dunlop Street in Townsville. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**27** **Bruce Highway (Ayr - Townsville), Haughton River Floodplain, construct bridges and approaches**

\$93.9 million in 2020-21 out of a \$514.3 million total spend to construct bridges, approaches, and upgrade intersections on the Bruce Highway at Giru Horseshoe Lagoon to Palm Creek. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

**28** **Ayr State High School**

\$5.8 million over four years for a multi-purpose hall.

**29** **Ayr Rugby Park - facility upgrade**

\$1 million to Burdekin Rugby League for a new clubhouse at Ayr Rugby Park including dressing rooms, office, referee room, first aid room, toilets and amenities for people with a disability.

**30** **Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger program**

\$600,000 in 2020-21 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Home Hill.

**31** **Big Rocks Weir**

\$3 million in 2020-21 to progress environmental and other regulatory approvals, geotechnical assessments and detailed weir design to supply additional water to support the growth of agriculture and jobs in the region.











**32** **Charters Towers substation upgrade**

\$1.1 million in 2020-21 out of a \$3.6 million total spend to carry out substation transformer replacements to improve network performance.

**33** **Charters Towers Central State School**

\$300,000 in 2020-21 to refurbish amenities.

**KEY**

-  Community wellbeing
-  Utilities
-  Health
-  Education
-  Transport and roads
-  Justice and safety
-  Government services
-  Recreation and culture
-  Statewide/region-wide
-  Relates to election commitment

**34** **Burdekin Falls Dam improvement and raising project**

\$11.6 million in 2020-21 out of a \$29.6 million total spend to continue planning works for enhancements to meet future extreme weather events and investigating the potential of raising the dam.

**35** **Haughton Pipeline Stage 2**

\$7.5 million in 2020-21 out of a \$195 million total spend to construct a water pipeline from the Burdekin River near the Tom Fenwick Pump Station, connecting with earlier stages of the Haughton Pipeline.

**36** **Inland Freight Route, Charters Towers to Mungindi, Future Priorities funding commitment**

\$200 million towards an inland highway by upgrading existing roads and bridges from the NSW border to Charters Towers via Roma.

Please note: Not all Government expenditure for the region is shown. Dollar amounts may include capital and operating expenditure, though may not represent the entire funding allocated.

To see more Palaszczuk Government initiatives visit [budget.qld.gov.au](http://budget.qld.gov.au)

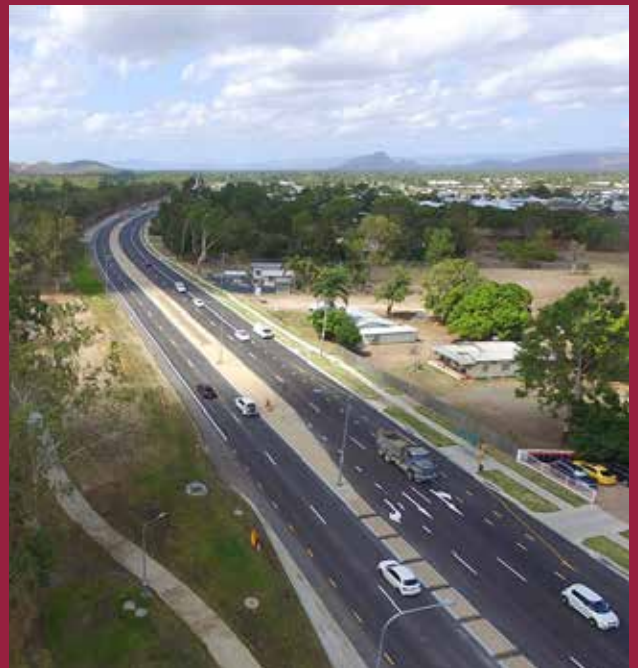
## Support for Big Rocks Weir

The Queensland Government is set to invest up to \$30 million in Big Rocks Weir on the Burdekin River, approximately 26 kilometres north of Charters Towers, to improve water security and support local agriculture in North Queensland.

Working in partnership with Charters Towers Regional Council and Sunwater, the Queensland Government is investing an initial \$3 million to fast track pre-construction activities for the 10,000 megalitre weir. Subject to a successful business case and the finalisation of regulatory approvals, the Queensland Government has committed up to \$27 million towards construction. The Australian Government has committed up to \$30 million for construction on a 50:50 basis. Construction of the weir will support about 172 full-time equivalent positions at its peak.



Big Rocks Weir on the Burdekin River



## More upgrades for Riverway Drive

The Queensland Government has committed \$19 million towards the \$95 million duplication of Riverway Drive (stage 2), to be funded in partnership with the Australian Government (\$76 million contribution).

The project will upgrade Riverway Drive between Allambie Lane and Dunlop Street. The Queensland Government has already delivered the \$43.5 million Riverway Drive duplication project for stage 1.

Stage 2 will include duplication of a further 1.6 kilometres and safety upgrade to another 1.5 kilometre section.

# BUDGET 2020–21 AT A GLANCE

Jobs supported by infrastructure investment in 2020–21	<b>46,000</b>
Total infrastructure program over four years	<b>\$56B</b>
Percentage of capital spend outside Greater Brisbane	<b>58%</b>
Total spend on road and transport infrastructure in 2020–21	<b>\$6.3B</b>
COVID-19 economic stimulus measures to date	<b>\$7B</b>
Education and training in 2020–21	<b>\$17.5B</b>
Health in 2020–21	<b>\$21.8B</b>
Concessions and lowering the cost of living	<b>\$6.3B</b>
Building trains in Queensland over 10 years	<b>\$1B</b>
Social housing improvements in 2020–21	<b>\$526.2M</b>

## Tax Relief Package

The Government provided significant tax relief to support Queensland businesses, landlords, tenants, pubs and clubs, including:

- Payroll tax refunds, waivers and deferrals for eligible businesses, targeted at small to medium businesses
- A payroll tax exemption for wages subsidised by the JobKeeper payment
- Land tax rebates, waivers and deferrals for eligible taxpayers.

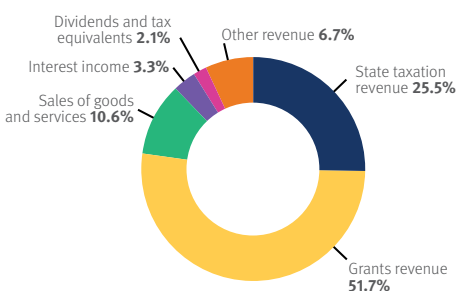
**An estimated 300 businesses in Townsville will also benefit in 2020-21 from the higher payroll tax threshold.**

# STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

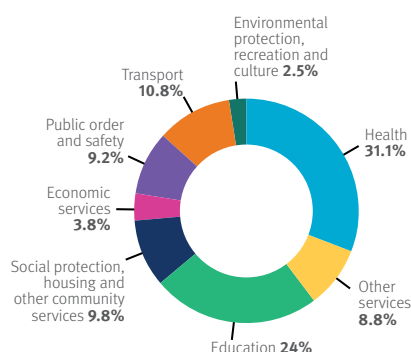
This Budget is focused on creating jobs and getting our economy moving sooner. Initiatives include:

- Driving the largest infrastructure program in over a decade - \$14.8 billion in 2020–21, directly supporting 46,000 jobs. Around 58% of the capital program and 28,700 of the jobs supported will be outside the Greater Brisbane area.
- Growing our regions and supporting key industries such as tourism, agriculture and mining. An additional \$200 million will be provided to the Works for Queensland program to support local governments outside South East Queensland.
- Enhancing frontline services. The Budget will support funding for additional frontline health staff including 5,800 nurses, 1,500 doctors and 1,700 allied health professionals through to 2024.
- Providing more Queenslanders with access to the skills and training they need for rewarding careers. \$100 million has been provided over three years to upgrade TAFE campuses.
- Backing small businesses to support jobs and communities. More than \$7 billion in COVID-19 stimulus measures have been provided so far, including reducing business costs through payroll tax relief and other tax relief measures, and accelerating projects to unlock development and increase economic activity.
- Providing concessions and easing the cost of living, with an estimated \$6.3 billion in 2020–21 in targeted discounts, fee waivers, rebates, and subsidies.
- Protecting the environment. The Great Barrier Reef will benefit from an additional \$40 million worth of support. This includes \$10 million for a Reef Assist Program and \$6 million over four years for the GBR Island Arks project to deliver ecotourism in the region.
- Increasing investment in manufacturing including \$1 billion to make trains again in Queensland.
- Delivering lower debt than New South Wales and Victoria.

## 2020–21 Revenue



## 2020–21 Expenses



## Queensland's Labour Market Forecasts

