

# Far North Queensland

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The 2022-23 Queensland Budget supports *good jobs*, provides *better services* for all Queenslanders and protects our *great lifestyle*. In Far North Queensland it provides:

## \$1.2B

### on infrastructure

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works estimated to support around

**3,900 JOBS** in this region.

## \$172.9M

### for social housing

to expand and improve social housing in Far North Queensland. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

## \$1.5B

### on health

for the Torres and Cape and Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Services.

## \$20.6M

### for Screen Queensland - Far North Queensland film studio

including \$13.4 million in 2022-23 for the construction and operation of a new film studio in Cairns.

## \$66.5M

### on education

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Far North Queensland.

## \$6.6M

### for Skilling Queenslanders for Work

to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation.

## Delivering for the Far North Queensland region



### Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

An estimated \$403.2 million total grants paid and payable to Local Government Authorities in Far North Queensland for reconstruction, betterment and other projects to recover from natural disaster events that occurred between 2019 and 2022. The program is jointly funded by the Queensland Government and the Australian Government.



### Back to Work

\$63.2 million of payments have been paid to 5,453 employers in Far North Queensland to employ 2,456 eligible unemployed jobseekers. (July 2017 to April 2022)



### Works for Queensland

\$46.7 million provided to regional councils to undertake 70 maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Far North Queensland. (July 2021 to June 2024)



### First Home Owners' Grant

2,204 grants worth \$37.3 million paid to home buyers to help them buy their first home in Far North Queensland. (July 2015 to April 2022)

## Delivering better services in Far North Queensland

Growth from March 2015 to March 2022



838 extra nurses  
up **38.3%**



271 extra doctors  
up **56.9%**



185 extra teachers  
up **6.1%**



18 extra firefighters  
up **12.2%**

# Far North Queensland

## 1 Mer (Murray) Island Primary Health Care Centre

\$5 million in 2022-23 out of a \$7 million total spend for the replacement of the existing primary health care centre to support the provision of quality and safe services to current and future healthcare needs.

## 2 Thursday Island Hospital

\$11 million in 2022-23 out of a \$50.7 million total spend for the redevelopment of the hospital and the separate primary health care centre.

## 3 The Olkola Cultural Knowledge Centre

\$100,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$981,748 total spend for delivery of a multi-dimensional, unique tourism product and culturally significant experience for Cape York Olkola Country. Part of the Growing Indigenous Tourism in Queensland Fund.

## 4 Northern Peninsula Area Water Supply System - water supply rectification and repair program of works

\$1.3 million in 2022-23 out of a \$4 million total spend to undertake an annual capital works program for the Northern Peninsula Area Water Supply System for a 10-year period commenced in 2020-21.

## 5 Mapoon Short Stay Accommodation - Stage 3

\$250,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$1 million total spend to expand the existing Mapoon Short Stay Accommodation Complex to meet the strong demand for accommodation options in this remote shire. Part of the Building our Regions program.

## 6 Western Cape College - Weipa

\$3 million in 2022-23 out of a \$11 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.

## 7 Peninsula Developmental Road (Coen - Weipa), Archer River Crossing, construct bridge

\$25.3 million in 2022-23 out of a \$44.9 million total spend towards a bridge at the Archer River Crossing on the Peninsula Developmental Road between Coen and Weipa. Part of the Cape York Region Package Stage 2 through the Roads of Strategic Importance initiative, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

## 8 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program

\$1.3 million in 2022-23 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Aurukun, and engage Aurukun youth in school and training to pathways to Ranger careers. Part of the Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program, providing \$21 million statewide in 2022-23.

## 9 Kowanyama Visitor Camping and Tours pilot

\$225,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$250,000 total spend for Kowanyama Visitor Camping and Tours pilot to deliver and pilot unique eco-tourism products and culturally significant experiences for the Kowanyama region. Part of the Growing Indigenous Tourism in Queensland Fund.

## 10 Gateway to the Cape - tourist Information Centre and interactive sculpture park

\$286,574 in 2022-23 out of a \$998,000 total spend to deliver a tourist Information Centre and interactive sculpture park, providing an avenue for the promotion of Cape York businesses and organisations. Part of the Building our Regions program.

## 11 Splash Parks for Port Douglas and Mossman

\$1.1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$1.5 million total spend for construction of a Splash Park in Port Douglas and a Splash Play area in Mossman at the existing pool site.

## 12 Wangetti Trail

\$9.4 million in 2022-23 for a 94 kilometre walking/ mountain biking trail from Palm Cove to Port Douglas, with public and eco-accommodation facilities. Part of the National Icons Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

## 13 Cairns Ambulance Station and Operation Centre

\$3.4 million in 2022-23 out of a \$10.4 million total spend to redevelop the Cairns Ambulance Station and Operations Centre to support communities through the delivery of pre-hospital ambulance responses services.

## 17 Trinity Bay State High School

\$5.8 million in 2022-23 out of a \$11.5 million total spend to deliver a new performing arts facility.

## 18 Cairns Water Security Program

\$107.5 million to complete stage one of the Cairns Water Security Program, subject to a business case and matching Australian Government funding.

## 19 Cairns Convention Centre expansion & refurbishment

\$46.2 million in 2022-23 out of a \$176 million total spend towards the refurbishment and expansion of the Cairns Convention Centre to capitalise on the national and international convention markets.

## 20 Screen Queensland - Far North Queensland film studio

\$13.4 million in 2022-23 out of a \$20.6 million total spend for the construction and operation of a new film studio in Cairns.

## 21 Lyons Street Diversionsary Centre Expansion

\$3 million in 2022-23 out of a \$4.4 million total spend for the expansion of Lyons Street Diversionsary Centre.

## 22 Woree police facility expansion

\$6 million in 2022-23 out of a \$9.2 million total spend to complete the expansion of the police facility at Woree.

## 23 Upgrade to Mareeba research facility

\$2.5 million in 2022-23 out of a \$3.4 million total spend to upgrade fruit handling laboratories enabling scientists to provide research services to the expanding and new horticultural industries at Mareeba.

## 24 Bruce Highway, Cairns Southern Access Corridor (Stage 3), Edmonton to Gordonvale, construction

\$117.4 million in 2022-23 out of a \$481 million total spend towards the upgrade of the Bruce Highway between Edmonton to Gordonvale. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.



## 14 Barron Gorge Hydro other projects

\$1.1 million in 2022-23 for maintenance of existing assets including the generator and remote operations implementation.

## 15 Cairns Hospital

\$66.1 million in 2022-23 out of a \$123.2 million total spend for construction of a new mental health facility and the expansion of the emergency department to deliver a new preadmission clinic and additional endoscopy room.

## 16 Cairns Advanced Manufacturing Hub

\$3.3 million in 2022-23 out of a \$3.6 million total spend to build an advanced manufacturing centre at Cairns TAFE. Part of the Equipping TAFE for Our Future program.



### 25 Crater Lakes National Park visitor facilities upgrade

\$500,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$3.3 million total spend to upgrade visitor infrastructure at Crater Lakes National Park.

### 26 Atherton Hospital

\$12.2 million in 2022-23 out of a \$74.8 million total spend for the redevelopment of the existing facility, including a new clinical services building as well as a community allied and mental health services building. Part of the Advancing Queensland Health Infrastructure Program.

### 27 Atherton Neighbourhood and Community Centre

\$4.1 million in 2022-23 to design and construct the Atherton Neighbourhood and Community Centre. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

### 28 Malanda State High School

\$7 million in 2022-23 out of a \$11.5 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces.

### 29 Cardwell Mountain Bike Trail

\$191,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$491,000 total spend to support Cassowary Coast Regional Council's investigations into the Cardwell Tropical Mountain Bike Network.

### 30 Backing Indigenous Arts Festivals

\$670,000 in 2022-23 out of a \$2.7 million total spend to build and celebrate culture, create economic opportunity for Queensland Indigenous artists and provide platforms for cultural exchange.

### 31 Continuation of fisheries reform

\$16.2 million in 2022-23 out of a \$82.8 million total spend for improvements to on-ground biological monitoring, stock assessments and compliance to support evidence-based catch limits and fishing rules. Part of the *Queensland Sustainable Fisheries Strategy 2017-2027*.

### 32 Health Capacity Expansion Program

\$9.785 billion over 6 years for the Capacity Expansion Program to deliver around 2,200 additional overnight beds at 15 facilities across Queensland, including expansion of the Cairns Hospital.

#### KEY

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

### 33 Hear her voice - Report one

\$71.9 million in 2022-23 out of a \$363 million total spend over 5 years to respond to the recommendations of the Queensland Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce in *Hear her voice - Report one - Addressing coercive control and domestic and family violence in Queensland*.

### 34 Mobile Police Beats

\$1.6 million in 2022-23 out of a \$3.8 million total spend as part of the commitment for 25 new mobile police beats across the state.

### 35 Rural and Remote Health Program - Phase 2

\$943.5 million over 7 years for delivery of the Building Rural and Remote Health Program - Phase 2 to replace regional health facilities and staff accommodation, including improvements at Bamaga Hospital, Cow Bay Primary Health Centre, and Pormpuraaw Primary Health Care Centre.

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.

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## \$150M investment in Cairns Marine Precinct

The Queensland Government is investing \$150 million in a major expansion to the Cairns Marine Precinct to establish Far North Queensland as a leading maritime maintenance, repair and overhaul hub.

The expansion will enable Cairns to secure larger defence and maritime contracts, further supporting around 4,600 jobs in the region's marine sector. Construction of a new Common User Facility will include a 5,000-tonne shiplift, allowing ships of up to 120 metres in length to be repaired and maintained on hardstand areas. The expansion will open up significant opportunities for local service providers to pursue new business opportunities, increase capabilities and create additional skilled jobs throughout the supply chain.

The Queensland Government will now seek a cost-sharing arrangement for the project with the Australian Government.

The \$150 million expansion is in addition to the \$32 million Cairns Marine Precinct Early Works, to progress infrastructure upgrades including the delivery of 2 new wharves at the Port of Cairns.



Cairns Marine Precinct



Artist impression of new mental health unit

## New mental health unit for Cairns patients

Construction is underway for a new \$70 million, 53-bed mental health unit at Cairns Hospital as part of the hospital's ongoing expansion.

It will provide a more flexible response to acute mental health services in a therapeutic environment, providing improved services for local patients and their families. The 3-storey building will also include a 10-bed mental health intensive care unit. The infrastructure project is boosting the Cairns economy, creating nearly 70 full time jobs during the construction phase. The build is expected to be completed by the end of 2023, with the facility opening its doors in early 2024.

The new mental health unit is part of the government's \$82.2 million health investment in Far North Queensland for 2022-23, which includes the Atherton Hospital redevelopment and the Cairns Hospital Emergency Department expansion.

# At a Glance

Total health funding in 2022-23	<b>\$23.6B</b>	New jobs since COVID-19 began – the largest rise in the nation	<b>206,000</b>
Health capacity expansion: estimated additional beds over 6 years	<b>2,200</b>	Total infrastructure program over 4 years	<b>\$59.1B</b>
Total education and training funding in 2022-23	<b>\$19.6B</b>	Percentage of capital spend outside of Greater Brisbane in 2022-23	<b>63.3%</b>
Recovery and reconstruction following the 2021-22 disaster season	<b>over \$3B</b>	Concessions lowering the cost-of-living for Queenslanders in 2022-23	<b>\$6.8B</b>

## Good jobs. Better services. Great lifestyle.

### More jobs in more industries

#### Good, secure jobs in our traditional and emerging industries

Queensland is building on its advantages in traditional and emerging industries that support good, secure jobs. The Queensland Government's economic strategy will help Queensland businesses to take advantage of these opportunities and grow the economy.



### Better services

#### Deliver even better services right across Queensland

A growing economy will allow the government to deliver better services across the state, including in education, justice and social services. High-quality services improve the lives of Queenslanders and help everyone to participate fully in our economy and our community.

### Protecting Queenslanders' lifestyle

#### Protect and enhance our Queensland lifestyle as we grow

Our great Queensland lifestyle will be protected while the economy grows. The Queensland Government is investing in crucial infrastructure to support our growing population, reducing cost-of-living pressures and taking care of our natural environment.

