

DELIVERING FOR FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND



Queensland Budget 2025–26

QUEENSLAND SNAPSHOT



1,600 police recruits with stronger laws and new programs to turn kids away from crime.



15 new schools and \$300 in vouchers for education essentials and kids' sport.



3 new hospitals and 10 major upgrades. More free healthcare than ever before.



Boost to Buy delivering a place to call home for more Queenslanders with a new nation-leading home ownership scheme to reduce the deposit gap.



Major Bruce Highway upgrades and new road and rail projects to get you home sooner.



DELIVERING safety where you live

→ **Making Queensland Safer laws rollout**

Restoring safety where you live with strong laws and consequences for actions across the state.

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DELIVERING health services when you need them

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DELIVERING a better lifestyle through a stronger economy

→ **A Place to Call Home**

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→ **Barron River Bridge**

Delivering generational infrastructure to cross the Barron River that is safe and reliable.



DELIVERING a plan for Queensland's future

→ **Smithfield Mountain Bike Trail Network Expansion**

\$15.5 million for Smithfield Conservation Park and surrounds mountain biking trail upgrades.

→ **Games On! Manunda Sports Precinct**

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To see what is being delivered in Far North Queensland, visit the **interactive map**.

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Safety where you live



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Cairns Watchhouse

Making the community safer with upgrades to the Cairns Watchhouse.

Edmonton police facility upgrade

Delivering further improvements and maintenance upgrades to Edmonton Police Station.

POLAIR – Airborne Law Enforcement

Extending the aerial crime-fighting capability in Cairns and expanding the POLAIR operations in Far North Queensland.

Regional Reset Program

Commencing delivery of 9 short stay programs for youth who are demonstrating high-risk behaviours, including in Far North Queensland.

Enhancing the Victim Liaison Service at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

\$11.6 million over 4 years to enhance the support provided to victims of crime across the state by the Victim Liaison Service.

Bamaga Fire and Emergency Services Complex

\$4.9 million for the fire and emergency services complex at Bamaga.

Cairns fire communications centre replacement

\$8.5 million to deliver the replacement of the Fire Communications Centre at Cairns.

Early Intervention and Rehabilitation

\$560 million for comprehensive early intervention and rehabilitation programs across the state, to reduce youth offending and reduce the number of victims.

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Cairns Health and Innovation Centre (Stage 1)

\$60 million to deliver extra capacity for clinical services and provide necessary health education, training and research facilities.

Cairns Adolescent Mental Health Inpatient Services

\$19 million to deliver Adolescent and Young Adults mental health acute beds as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.

Moa St Pauls Public Health Community Centre rectification

\$10.7 million to deliver a new extension to the public health community centre, as part of the newly uplifted Timely Investment Infrastructure Maintenance program.

Cairns Hospital E Block Pharmacy and Cancer Care refurbishment

\$3 million to add chemotherapy chairs and enhance the oncology ward and pharmacy, as part of the newly uplifted Timely Investment Infrastructure Maintenance program.

QAS Cairns Operation Centre redevelopment

\$29 million to redevelop Cairns Operational Centre and Regional Office providing support to communities through delivery of pre-hospital ambulance response services. Part of the Queensland Ambulance Service.

Atherton Hospital Ward refurbishment

\$12.9 million to refurbish ward block with ancillary spaces, staff and patient amenities, as part of the newly uplifted Timely Investment Infrastructure Maintenance program.

More health workers

More health workers for Far North Queensland with additional funding in 2025–26 to grow the workforce to 6,100 (FTE) across the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service and 1,314 (FTE) across the Torres Strait and Cape Hospital and Health Service.

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Cairns Western Arterial Road

Delivering the Cairns Western Arterial Road, Redlynch Connector Road to Captain Cook Highway, in partnership with the Australian Government.

Gilbert River Bridge

Delivering a business case for the Savannah Way focused on upgrading the Gilbert River Bridge.

Kuranda Range Road Upgrade

Improving safety and resilience of the Kuranda Range Road (jointly funded with the Australian Government).

Community bus service

Providing a community bus for 3 years in areas like Dimbulah, Ravenshoe and Babinda.

Electricity Maintenance Guarantee

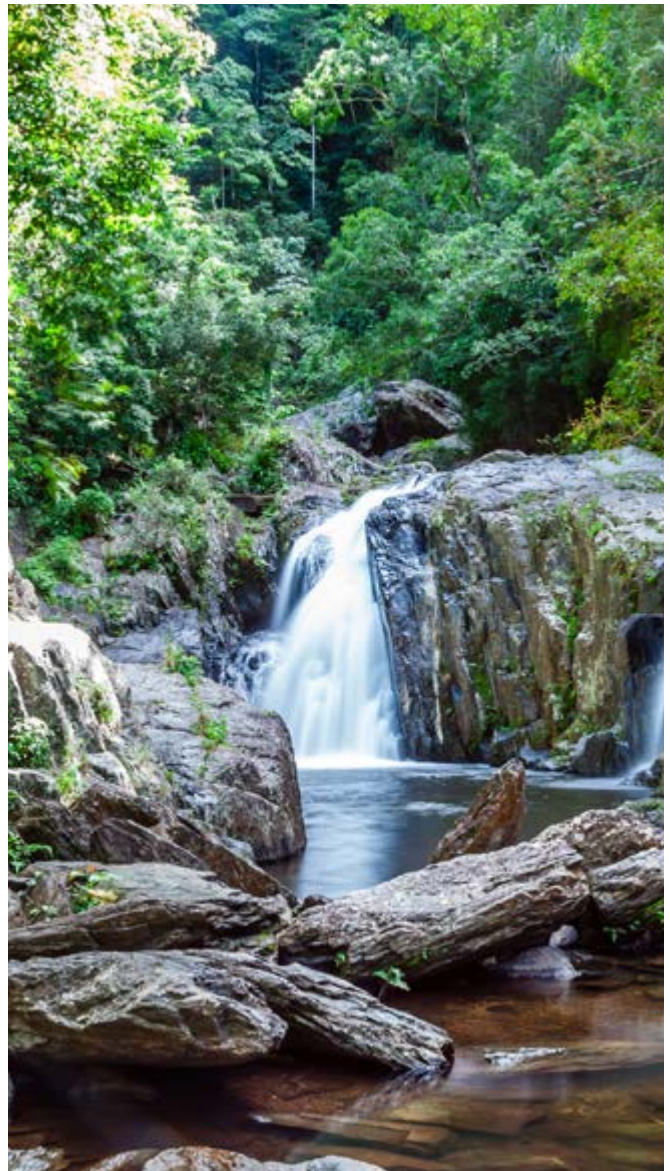
Implementing the \$1.6 billion Electricity Maintenance Guarantee to properly maintain our power assets, including Barron Gorge Hydroelectric Power Station, to deliver affordable, reliable and sustainable power for Queenslanders.

Napranum Council Depot Upgrades and Refurbishment

\$310,000 total spend to upgrade and refurbish the Napranum Council depot with storage, bus parking slab, and minor maintenance works. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

Cooktown Oval Lights Replacement

\$350,000 to replace Cooktown Oval lighting with LED fold-down lights to enable night games and ease maintenance without elevated platforms. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.



Boost to Buy to reduce the deposit gap

Reducing the deposit gap for 1,000 Queenslanders across the state who don't have savings to get into their first home.

Back to School Boost

Delivering cost of living relief with \$100 for every Queensland primary school child across the state to help cover the cost of school essentials every year.

Play On!

More affordable and accessible sport for all Queensland kids with \$200 *Play On!* voucher program to help reduce the cost of participation in the biggest investment ever.

A plan for Queensland's future



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More TAFE teachers

As part of a major hiring blitz to employ the next generation of TAFE teachers, delivering a satellite learning centre in Cairns to help identify potential candidates and assist them through courses.

School Savvy Program

\$1.4 million over 4 years to employ a regional coordinator and family engagement officer to expand the Centacare School Savvy program currently operating in the Far North, to other regional and remote areas.

Jeff Pezzutti Park

\$1.5 million towards upgrades to Jeff Pezzutti Park in partnership with Cairns Regional Council, delivering a new youth activity space.

Yarrabah multipurpose facility

Delivering a business case, planning and design works for a new multipurpose indoor facility in Yarrabah which could be used as a refuge centre during natural disasters and to host local indoor sport.

Abandoned Mine Lands Program

\$32.3 million for the management and mitigation of significant public safety, health and environmental risks at high-risk abandoned mine sites, including in Far North Queensland.

Reef Joint Field Management Program

\$19.2 million for joint management of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

2032 Delivery Plan

Putting the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games back on track with a plan to deliver what's needed for Queensland's future, with transport and infrastructure, tourism and grassroots sporting facilities across the state.

Fixing the Bruce

\$9 billion to deliver improvements to the Bruce Highway across multiple regions, delivered in 80:20 partnership with the Australian Government.

