

# DELIVERING FOR FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND



Queensland Budget 2026-27

## QUEENSLAND SNAPSHOT



**Making Queensland Safer** with more police, stronger laws, early intervention and rehabilitation.



**Fuel Security Plan** with Taroom Trough fast-tracked, new refineries and more local fuel storage.



**3 new and 10 expanded hospitals** with more free healthcare than ever before.



**7% decrease in Ergon power prices** for families under the *Energy Roadmap Price Drop*.



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



**22 new schools and 4 new TAFE Centres of Excellence** for our growing State, with a \$150 Back to School Boost for primary school students.



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



## Better Services through a Stronger Economy

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### Protecting the Great Barrier Reef

Protecting the Great Barrier Reef for future generations with \$330.5 million over five years to deliver practical, on-the-ground action to improve water quality and protect reef ecosystems now and into the future.



## Building Queensland's Future

### Port Hinchinbrook Revitalisation

Delivering dredging and remediation works as part of the Port Hinchinbrook Revitalisation Project, to restore safe navigability, address longstanding environmental liabilities and enable activation of the Port Hinchinbrook Provisional Priority Development Area (\$64 million over two years).

### Cairns Hospital expansion

Refurbishing areas within the existing hospital to add 64 new beds, while delivering Stage 1A and 1B of the \$1 billion master plan which includes a surgical and innovation centre, four new operating theatres, 16 day-surgery spaces, at least 40 new overnight beds, a new multi-storey staff car park and a new cyclone-rated helipad. Part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.



## Making Queensland Safer

### Regional Reset

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### Enhanced Communications Resilience

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## Making Queensland Safer



### **Cairns Courthouse improvements**

Upgrading the Cairns Courthouse to provide better safety and support to victims of domestic and family violence.

### **Innisfail Courthouse**

Commencing remediation works at the Innisfail Courthouse (\$1 million over one year).

### **Regional Reset**

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### **Youth Justice Schools**

Delivering a Youth Justice School in Cairns for high-risk teens on Youth Justice orders to enhance educational outcomes and reduce reoffending.

### **Cairns Fire Communications Centre**

Progressing the delivery of a replacement Cairns Fire Communication Centre to support fire and emergency services to the community (\$8.5 million over four years).

### **Edmonton Police Facility Upgrade**

Upgrading the police facility at Edmonton to support frontline policing services and target crime in Cairns (\$35 million over four years).

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### **POLAIR Airborne Law Enforcement**

Supporting aerial crime-fighting capability in the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay and Cairns regions to enhance safety in Queensland communities.

### **Keeping our kids safe**

Boosting the safety of children in childcare, schools and the community with \$450 million to progress recommendations from the Child Safety Commission of Inquiry, as well as establish a new Queensland Protection Commission and a first-of-its-kind Intelligence Hub.

### **More police on the frontline**

Recruiting more police to grow our frontline to restore safety where you live.

### **Circuit Breaker Sentencing**

Delivering new court-ordered remote rehabilitation-focused detention for youth offenders to break the cycle of crime and make Queensland safer.

### **Proven Initiatives early intervention programs**

Delivering community-led, results-driven early intervention programs with a proven track record of success, to turn youth away from crime and make Queensland safer.

### **Staying on Track**

Reducing repeat crime with intensive 12-month rehabilitation programs after detention to keep youth on the right path.

### **Domestic and Family Violence Electronic Monitoring**

Helping protect victims of domestic and family violence with an electronic monitoring pilot program for high-risk domestic and family violence offenders.





### **Cairns State Special School**

Delivering a new classroom block to provide additional classrooms, an outdoor learning area and covered link.

### **Cairns Western Arterial Road**

Investing in the Cairns Western Arterial Road, Redlynch Connector Road to Captain Cook Highway. Delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

### **Barron River Bridge**

Investing in a new bridge to replace the Barron River Bridge in Kuranda on the Kennedy Highway. Delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

### **Whitfield State School**

Delivering a performing arts and music centre.

### **More homes for frontline workers**

Delivering fit-for-purpose and secure government employee housing to attract and retain key frontline workers, with 43 homes planned for delivery across Bloomfield, Cooktown, Kowanyama, Lockhart River and Thursday Island in 2026-27.

### **More social and community housing**

Expanding and improving social and community housing, with 1,044 homes in Far North Queensland in construction or under contract towards the delivery of 53,500 social and community homes by 2044.

### **Manunda Sports Precinct**

Investing in the Manunda Sports Precinct redevelopment by adding extra changerooms and lighting upgrades. Part of the *Games On!* Grassroots Infrastructure Program.

### **Residential Activation Fund**

Delivering a range of essential infrastructure projects to unlock land for new homes in Atherton, Aurukun, Bamaga, Cooktown, Daradgee, Eaton, Innisfail, Injinoo, Malanda, Mareeba, Mission Beach and Pormpuraaw.

### **Disaster Recovery Funding**

Delivering reconstruction works on several roads in Far North Queensland including the Captain Cook Highway, Gillies Range Road and Kennedy Highway, under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. Delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

### **Kuranda Range Road upgrades**

Investing in safety and resilience upgrades on Kuranda Range Road. Delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

### **Port Hinchinbrook Revitalisation**

Delivering dredging and remediation works as part of the Port Hinchinbrook Revitalisation Project, to restore safe navigability, address longstanding environmental liabilities and enable activation of the Port Hinchinbrook Provisional Priority Development Area (\$64 million over two years).

### **Cairns Marine Precinct Common User Facility**

Progressing the development of the Cairns Marine Precinct Common User Facility project at the Port of Cairns, delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

### **Barlow Park Stadium**

Upgrading the stadium to support regional events, broader sporting participation and delivery of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Part of the \$7.1 billion Games Venue Program jointly funded by the Queensland and Federal Governments.

### **Cairns Hospital expansion**

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### **Jalbu Integrated Women's Health Hub**

Delivering easier access to health services for women and girls in the Cairns region through a new First Nations designed and led community health hub providing free, walk-in health services.

## Better Services through a Stronger Economy



### **Delivering the Wangetti Trail from Palm Cove to Port Douglas**

Delivering a 94-kilometre walking and mountain-biking trail from Palm Cove to Port Douglas, including eco-accommodation (\$24 million in 2026-27). Co-funded through the Federal Government's National Tourism Icons Package.

### **Smithfield Mountain Bike Park**

Expanding Smithfield Mountain Bike Park to more than 85 kilometres, reaching a nationally significant network, including visitor infrastructure (\$15.5 million over four years).

### **New Turtle Rehabilitation Centre**

Delivering a new Turtle Rehabilitation Centre on Green Island (\$600,000 over two years). Part of the Wildlife Hospital - Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre.

### **Crater Lakes National Park visitor facilities**

Upgrading visitor infrastructure at Crater Lakes National Park.

### **Cairns Northern Beaches and Hinterland community hall upgrades**

Supporting upgrades to the Machans Beach Hall, Stratford Bowls Club, Holloways Beach Community Hall, Yorkeys Knob Community Hall, Koah Hall and Kuranda Hall in the Cairns northern beaches and hinterland (\$2 million).

### **Jeff Pezzuti Park Youth Activities Centre**

Upgrading the Jeff Pezzutti Park Youth Activities Centre in Cairns, including a new youth space with a skate park, multi-use court, playground and pump track (\$1.5 million over three years).

### **Yarrabah multi-purpose centre**

Delivering a new multi-purpose indoor facility at Yarrabah that can be used as a refuge centre during natural disasters and host local indoor sport (\$1.2 million over three years).

### **Mossman Transition Plan**

Supporting local canegrowers impacted by the closure of Mossman Mill to help them identify and pursue opportunities for agricultural development and diversification (\$12.5 million over three years).

### **Cairns Adolescent Mental Health Inpatient Services**

Delivering eight Adolescent and Young Adult mental health acute beds, funded through the Mental Health Levy.

### **New Medical Imaging Service in Cairns South**

Delivering a new MRI machine, CT scanner and mammography services in Edmonton, providing easier access to vital diagnostic imaging services closer to home. Part of the CT and MRI Expansion Program.

### **\$150 Back to School Boost**

Better relief you can rely on with a 50% increase to the Back to School Boost, with \$150 for every primary school student.

### **Healthy Kindy Kids**

Expanding the Healthy Kindy Kids program statewide, with free vision, hearing and speech development checks for children in kindergarten, giving them the best chance to be ready for school.

### **Queensland Fuel Security Plan**

Fast-tracking the Taroom Trough Development Plan and investing in new refining and storage capability on Queensland soil.

### **Protecting the Great Barrier Reef**

Protecting the Great Barrier Reef for future generations with \$330.5 million over five years to deliver practical, on-the-ground action to improve water quality and protect reef ecosystems now and into the future.

### **Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme**

Delivering a boost to the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme, with faster payments through system upgrades and a nation-leading 45c/km fuel subsidy, providing cost of living relief for patients travelling to specialist medical services by car.