

DELIVERING FOR 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.



Better Services through a Stronger Economy

New CT scanners

Delivering new CT scanners to the Ayr Hospital and Ingham Health Service to provide easier access to vital diagnostic imaging services closer to home. Part of the Statewide MRI and CT Expansion.

Expansion of Mother and Baby Units

Adding eight new perinatal mental health mother and baby beds in Townsville, providing new mums with access to specialist mental healthcare while staying close to their little ones, ensuring both receive the support and connection they need.



Building Queensland's Future

Townsville University Hospital expansion

Delivering Stage 1 to provide at least 165 new overnight beds, focused on meeting clinical needs, as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.

CopperString

Delivering a record investment in CopperString, including progressing early works, design, approvals and procurement to connect the North West Minerals Province to the national electricity grid. Part of the Queensland Energy Roadmap.



Making Queensland Safer

Crime Prevention School

Establishing new specialised Crime Prevention Schools, including in Townsville, to re-engage youth who have disengaged from mainstream education and are at risk of falling into crime.

Kirwan Police Complex Stage 2

Delivering a new state-of-the-art Police Academy, Dog Squad and other specialised facilities in Townsville (\$100 million over four years).



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

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Making Queensland Safer



Additional District Court Judge for Townsville

Expanding court resources with an additional District Court Judge plus ancillary staff as part of the Faster Justice Plan (\$7 million over four years).

Ayr - replacement permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station

Commencing delivery of a replacement permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station at Ayr, to support the provision of fire and emergency services to the community.

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Expanding the DVConnect Womensline and Mensline

Expanding the capacity of statewide Domestic Family Violence helplines with a new North Queensland Hub for greater immediate response (\$31.3 million over four years).

Townsville Correctional Centre

Upgrading infrastructure and security and expanding capacity.

Kirwan Police Complex Stage 2

Delivering a new state-of-the-art Police Academy, Dog Squad and other specialised facilities in Townsville (\$100 million over four years).

Palm Island Multi-Agency Community Safety Facility

Replacing the multi-agency community safety facility to enhance community safety through collaborative locally based services (\$27 million over seven years).

Regional Reset

Delivering nine short-stay programs across the state, including one in Townsville, for youth demonstrating high-risk behaviours to give them the best chance of success and pathways into education, training and employment.

Townsville Courthouse - courtroom expansion

Constructing two additional courtrooms (\$10.1 million over three years).

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.

Fixing the DNA Debacle

Continuing to deliver faster justice for victims by clearing the backlog at the DNA Lab and bolstering Director of Public Prosecutions resources to get cases to court quicker.



Upgraded school infrastructure

Delivering classroom refurbishments and new specialist spaces at Pimlico State High School.

Angus Smith Drive (Douglas) roundabout upgrade

Investing in upgrades to the roundabout. Delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

Local state school oval upgrades

Upgrading the school ovals at Brandon and Townsville West state schools.

Bruce Highway (Ingham-Innisfail), Gairloch Floodway to Ripple Creek

Improving resilience on the Bruce Highway (Ingham-Innisfail), Gairloch Floodway to Ripple Creek. Part of the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program, delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

Bruce Highway Targeted Safety Program

Delivering key safety treatments on priority sections north of Gympie with the poorest safety record to reduce fatalities and serious injuries. Includes safety barriers, wide centre lines, audio tactile line marking, intersection upgrades, strengthened road pavement, new overtaking lanes, additional rest areas, improved intersections and widening of narrow structures. Delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

CopperString

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Foundation for Homes: Hinchinbrook Trunk Infrastructure Projects 1 and 2

Constructing sewer pump stations and rising mains to support residential developments in Toobanna (\$6.3 million over three years) and Ingham (\$1.6 million over three years). Part of the Residential Activation Fund delivered in partnership with the Hinchinbrook Shire Council.

School tuckshop refurbishments

Refurbishing school tuckshops at Kelso State School and William Ross State High School.

More social and community housing

Expanding and improving social and community housing with 328 homes in North Queensland in construction or under contract, towards the target of 53,500 social and community homes by 2044.

Mount Spec Road reconstruction works

Undertaking reconstruction works on Mount Spec Road, under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements in partnership with the Federal Government.

North Townsville Road (Woolcock Street) and Dalrymple Road intersection safety improvements

Developing plans to improve safety and efficiency at the intersection.

Trunk Road Infrastructure Package

Delivering trunk roads and associated infrastructure to support residential development at the Northern Beaches, Elliot Springs and Cosgrove Estate in Townsville. Part of the Residential Activation Fund.

Townsville State High School

Delivering a new performing arts centre.

Townsville University Hospital expansion

Delivering Stage 1 to provide at least 165 new overnight beds, focused on meeting clinical needs, as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.

Townsville University Hospital Transit Lounge expansion

Expanding the transit lounge to deliver 16 new treatment spaces and improve patient flow.

Townsville University Hospital Car Park

Constructing a new multi-storey car park for patients, carers, visitors and staff at the Townsville University Hospital providing more than 1,000 spaces, as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.

Townsville Youth *Step Up Step Down* facility

Constructing a new youth *Step Up Step Down* facility funded by the Mental Health Levy.

Better Services through a Stronger Economy



Townsville Airport Bus

Delivering a new bus service in Townsville, connecting Townsville Airport to the heart of the city, improving public transport access for travellers and airport workers.

New CT scanners

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Boost to Buy

Delivering the Boost to Buy home ownership scheme, supporting up to 2,000 first home buyers.

Protecting our local heritage and environment

Supporting the conservation and restoration of Aldborough House and Charters Towers Civic Club in Charters Towers, and projects to restore land and marine environments along the Great Barrier Reef through the Community Sustainability Action Grant Program.

First Home Owner Grant

Supporting first home buyers to buy or build a new home with boosted \$30,000 grants to get into the market sooner.

Frontline housing and homelessness services

Delivering housing and homelessness services to vulnerable Queenslanders across North Queensland to assist them to secure longer-term housing and access other specialist support services including temporary accommodation, outreach and connection to broader community services.

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.

Expansion of Mother and Baby Units

Adding eight new perinatal mental health mother and baby beds in Townsville, providing new mums with access to specialist mental healthcare while staying close to their little ones, ensuring both receive the support and connection they need.

Palm Island Tourism Development Plan and Infrastructure

Investing in the development of a tourism master plan and infrastructure with \$4.9 million over four years to support Palm Island to become a premier tourism destination. Part of the Destination 2045: Delivering Queensland's Tourism Future.

Securing a Future for Mount Isa and the North-West

Securing the ongoing operations of the Mount Isa copper smelter and Townsville Refinery, to protect regional jobs and strengthen Australia's copper capability as part of an up to \$600 million package. Delivered in partnership with the Federal Government.

Supercharged Solar for Renters

Driving down renters' power bills for more than 6,500 households with solar rebates, saving around \$700 a year. Eligible landlords can receive a rebate of up to \$3,500 to install solar on rental properties.

Townsville Customer Service Centre refurbishment

Refreshing the existing customer service centre office experience at the Garbutt service centre (\$2 million over two years).

Visitor facilities at Wallaman Falls, Girringun National Park

Upgrading the camping area in Girringun National Park (\$3 million in 2026-27).

\$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.