

REGIONAL ACTION PLAN



Townsville

The Queensland Budget will directly support Townsville with significant expenditure in 2021-22 including:

Infrastructure
\$913M

for productivity-enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around **3,200 jobs** in this region.

Health
\$1.1B

in Townsville Hospital and Health Services.

Education
\$37.3M

to maintain, improve and upgrade schools in Townsville.

Townsville will also benefit from:

Inland Freight Route, Charters Towers to Mungindi, funding commitment

\$500M

towards an inland highway by upgrading existing roads and bridges from the NSW border to Charters Towers via Roma. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

Haughton Pipeline Stage 2

\$195M

including \$85 million in 2021-22, to construct a water pipeline from the Burdekin River near Tom Fenwick Pump Station, connecting with earlier stages of the Haughton Pipeline.

Recovery and Resilience against natural disasters

\$43.1M

estimated for the provision of financial assistance for capital works to disaster affected communities in 2021-22.

Delivering for the Townsville region



Back to Work

\$36.1 million paid to 1,467 employers in Townsville to help employ 3,526 eligible unemployed jobseekers.
(July 2016 to May 2021)



Works for Queensland

\$35.7 million provided to regional councils in Townsville to undertake 59 minor infrastructure and maintenance projects.
(June 2019 to June 2021)



First Home Owners' Grant

1,693 grants paid to home buyers worth \$29.8 million to help them buy their first home in Townsville.
(July 2015 to April 2021)



Jobs and Regional Growth Fund

\$1.5 billion capital expenditure supported and 289 new full-time jobs generated in Townsville.
(February 2017 to May 2021)

Restoring frontline services in Townsville

Growth from March 2015 to March 2021



249 extra nurses
up 11.7%



182 extra doctors
up 30.4%



19 extra firefighters
up 12.7%



46 extra ambulance officers
up 18.0%



**Queensland
Government**

Townsville

1 Girringun National Park - Wallaman Falls visitor facilities upgrade
\$600,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend to upgrade visitor infrastructure at Wallaman Falls, Girringun National Park.

2 Bwgcolman Community School
\$3.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$4 million total spend to upgrade the administration building and to provide improved learning spaces.

3 Palm Island seawall project
\$1.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$1.6 million total spend to construct a seawall at Small Bay to prevent the erosion of the shoreline.

4 Kidston Hydro 275kV Transmission Network Connection
\$37 million in 2021-22 towards the Kidston Hydro 275kV Transmission Network Connection, as part of the Government's \$147 million funding support to connect the 250MW Kidston Pumped Storage Hydro Project to the National Electricity Market.

5 Museum of Underwater Art - Stage 3 (Magnetic Island)
\$800,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend to create and install a series of storytelling sculptures submerged in the waters off Magnetic Island.

6 Magnetic Island Trails network
\$1.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.1 million total spend to upgrade the Magnetic Island National Park visitor trails network. Part of the COVID-19 World and National Heritage Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

7 Alma Bay to Horseshoe Bay (Magnetic Island), upgrade various roads
\$4.9 million in 2021-22 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.

8 Bluewater State School
\$1.5 million in 2021-22 to upgrade an existing amenities block.

12 Burdell Ambulance Station and Townsville Local Ambulance Service Network Office
\$500,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$6 million total spend for the new 24/7 Burdell Ambulance Station and Local Ambulance Service Network Office to support the delivery of pre-hospital ambulance responses services.

13 Advanced Manufacturing Hub
\$1.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$3.6 million total spend for a new Advanced Manufacturing Skills Lab at Bohle TAFE.

17 Kirwan State School
\$1.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend to upgrade the administration building.

18 Gregory Developmental Road (Charters Towers - The Lynd), Marble Creek to Christmas Creek, widen pavement
\$10.7 million in 2021-22 out of a \$25 million total spend to widen pavement on sections between Marble Creek and Christmas Creek on the Gregory Developmental Road. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

19 Townsville Community Learning Centre
\$7.9 million in 2021-22 out of a \$13.4 million total spend to construct a new building for additional learning spaces and to deliver a new hall facility.

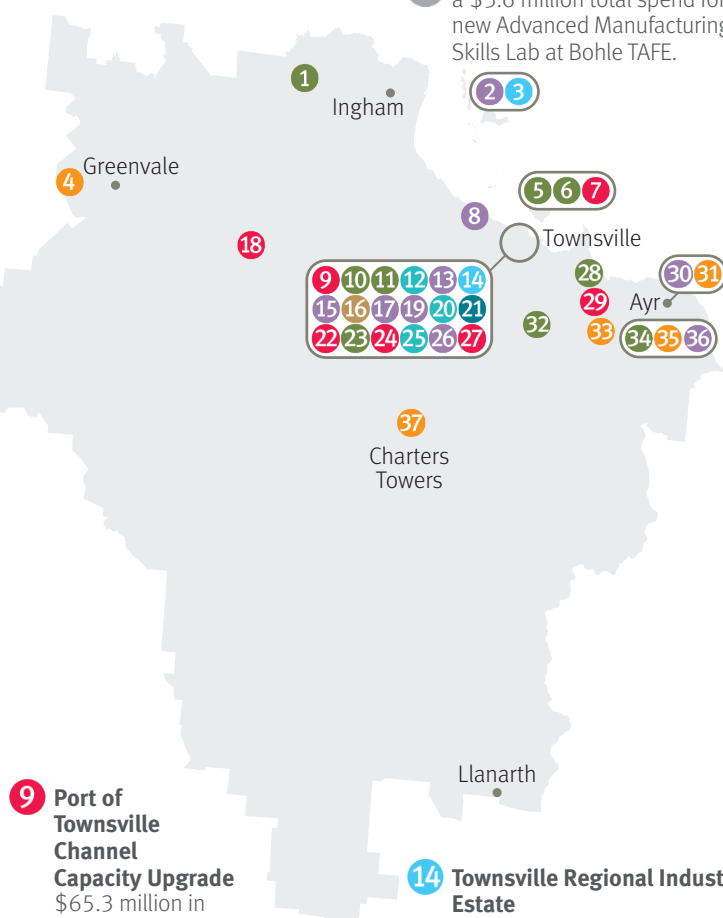
20 Kirwan Health Campus
\$150,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$40 million total spend for an expansion of Kirwan Health Campus to provide midwifery community clinics, upgraded dental services, the existing carpark and ICT to support telehealth.

21 Kirwan replacement police facility
\$200,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$30 million total spend to progress the replacement police facility at Kirwan.

22 Townsville Ring Road (Stage 5)
\$65 million in 2021-22 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.

23 Curra Swans Football Club
\$628,874 in 2021-22 out of a \$640,964 total spend to construct an amenities block including toilets, showers and change rooms to support female participation in Australian football at Annandale.

24 Townsville Connection Road (Idalia), University Road to Bowen Road Bridge
\$1.3 million in 2021-22 out of a \$46.4 million total spend for safety improvements on the Townsville Connection Road between University Road and Bowen Road Bridge.



9 Port of Townsville Channel Capacity Upgrade
\$65.3 million in 2021-22 to continue the \$232 million channel capacity upgrade project, which involves capital dredging and reclamation works to widen the channel for access by larger vessels. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

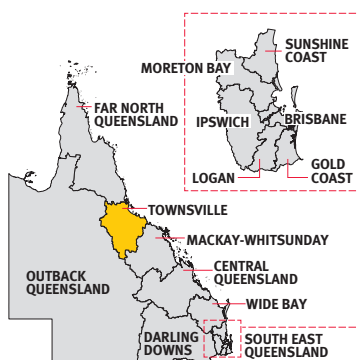
10 Townsville Sailing Club
\$4 million in 2021-22 for Townsville Sailing Club to purchase the land it currently occupies and support initial development plans for a water sports hub at the Mariners Drive site.

11 Townsville Skate Park
\$900,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend to construct a skate park at Harold Phillips Park, Garbutt, Townsville.

14 Townsville Regional Industrial Estate
\$200,000 in 2021-22 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.

15 Pimlico State High School
\$969,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$12.4 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities and to deliver a new performing arts facility.

16 The Oasis Townsville funding
\$150,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$1 million total spend for The Oasis Townsville to provide support services to veterans and their families, with the \$9.3 million centre being officially opened in 2021.



25 Townsville University Hospital

\$17.8 million in 2021-22 out of a \$54.4 million total spend for construction projects to improve facilities at the Townsville University Hospital site, including the expansion of Outpatients Department. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

26 Thuringowa State High School

\$620,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$7 million total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities and to deliver a new hall facility.

27 Garbutt - Upper Ross Road (Riverway Drive, Stage 2), Allambie Lane to Dunlop Street

\$2.6 million in 2021-22 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.

28 Bowling Green Bay National Park visitor facilities upgrade

\$1.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$1.9 million total spend to upgrade visitor infrastructure at Bowling Green National Park.

29 Bruce Highway (Ayr - Townsville), Houghton River Floodplain upgrade, construct bridges and approaches

\$40.1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$514.3 million total spend to construct bridges and upgrade intersections on the Bruce Highway at Giru Horseshoe Lagoon to Palm Creek. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

30 Ayr State High School

\$280,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$5.8 million total spend to deliver a new hall facility.

31 Ayr Water Supply - infrastructure project

\$1 million in 2021-22 out of a \$10 million total spend to install three bores, a 10 megalitre reservoir, associated pumps and water main to move Ayr's primary water source from Nelson's Lagoon borefield to South Ayr.

32 DriveIT

The Government continues to work with proponents on planning the third phase of the DriveIT driver education, motorsport and recreation precinct, subject to economic viability and other conditions.

KEY

 Community wellbeing

 Utilities

 Health

 Education


 Transport and roads

 Justice and safety

 Government services

 Recreation and culture

 S/R Statewide/region-wide

 Relates to election commitment

33 Burdekin groundwater management

\$5.6 million in 2021-22 out of a \$11.2 million total spend to contribute to mitigating the threat of rising groundwater levels and soil salinity in the Burdekin Haughton area.

34 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program

\$600,000 in 2021-22 to protect environmental and Indigenous cultural heritage values in Home Hill.

35 Home Hill Water Reservoir project

\$1.4 million in 2021-22 out of a \$2 million total spend to construct a new 5 megalitre water reservoir to improve potable water storage and provide priority water security.

36 Home Hill State High School

\$340,000 in 2021-22 out of a \$500,000 total spend to upgrade skills development and training facilities.

37 Charters Towers substation upgrade

\$1.5 million in 2021-22 out of a \$5.4 million total spend to carry out substation transformer replacements to improve network performance.

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

Investing in Townsville's economic recovery

To support Townsville's ongoing economic recovery, the Queensland Government is providing \$21.4 million in the North Queensland region across 30 projects to support around 293 jobs.

This regional funding forms part of the \$80 million investment in 2021-22 in the \$200 million COVID Works for Queensland program, which is supporting local governments to undertake job-creating new infrastructure, maintenance and minor works projects. The program is also bringing forward planned and budgeted maintenance or capital works that are focused on essential services, economic development and community wellbeing outcomes.

From the available \$200 million investment, \$150 million has been allocated across regional councils outside of South East Queensland. In the Townsville region, five local councils to receive program funding include Townsville City Council, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, Charters Towers Regional Council, and Hinchinbrook and Burdekin Shire Councils.

Townsville projects set to benefit from the investment include the construction of an aerator at the Ross River Dam, an upgrade of the water main at Cleveland Bay, and the replacement of water pipes across a number of Townsville suburbs.



COVID Works for Queensland funds replacement of water pipes in Townsville suburbs



The Oasis Townsville

The Oasis Townsville is a purpose-built hub in Townsville that will support veterans and defence families through the experience of transition to civilian life. The Oasis Townsville will focus on the needs of veterans, Australian Defence Force (ADF) families and the ex-ADF community in Townsville, offering support for illness and disability, helping to find secure employment, and financial literacy skills.

A Queensland Government election commitment of \$1 million over 4 years to The Oasis Townsville will contribute to the operating costs of the new facility including the employment of staff and will support the free use of the facilities for organisations and associations of the ADF community. In 2021-22, \$150,000 out of the \$1 million total spend will provide support services to veterans and their families, with the \$9.3 million centre opening in June 2021.

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BUDGET 2021-22 AT A GLANCE

Jobs recovered since May 2020	253,200
Queensland Jobs Fund	\$3.34B
Total infrastructure program, over 4 years	\$52.2B
Percentage of capital spend outside of Greater Brisbane	61.2%
Health in 2021-22	\$22.2B
Education and training in 2021-22	\$18.3B
COVID-19 economic support initiatives, more than	\$14.2B
Concessions and lowering the cost of living	\$6.1B
Social housing and homelessness investment, over 4 years	\$1.9B

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 employers in Townsville will also benefit in 2021-22 from the higher payroll tax threshold.

STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

The Queensland Government's Economic Recovery Plan continues to support businesses, workers, families and communities across the state. Our success in managing the health challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic means the state's **\$360 billion** economy has begun to recover sooner and is stronger than the rest of Australia.

2021-22 Budget highlights include:

- Record health investment of **\$22.2 billion** will continue to provide a world-class health system, which is also critical to effectively manage the ongoing risks of COVID-19.
- The new **\$3.34 billion** Queensland Jobs Fund focuses on investment attraction and industry development to attract the investment needed to drive ongoing growth, and provide wider economic and employment benefits.
- The **\$52.2 billion** capital program over the forward estimates will help create many thousands of ongoing jobs, including an estimated **46,500** direct jobs in 2021-22.
- **\$460 million** toward targeted investments in flagship skills and training and employment programs Skilling Queenslanders for Work and a revitalised Back to Work program.

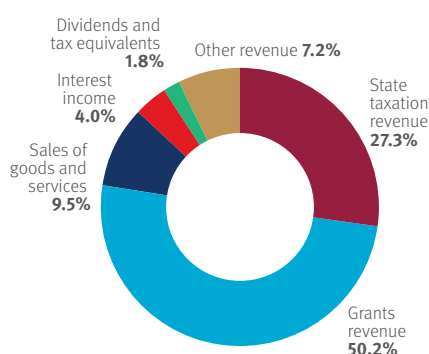
\$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund

The \$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund will provide cheaper, cleaner energy to power more jobs and industries in Queensland, while helping to deliver on our 50 per cent renewable energy target by 2030.

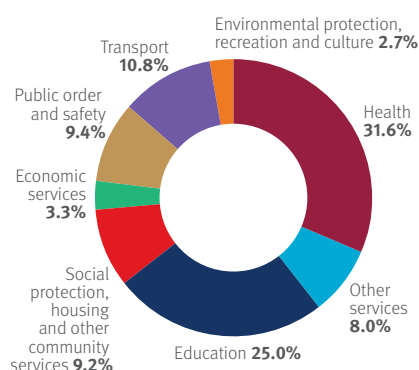
The Fund will increase investment by government-owned corporations in commercial renewable energy and hydrogen projects, along with supporting infrastructure, including in partnership with the private sector.

Forming part of the new \$3.34 billion Queensland Jobs Fund, this investment will ensure Queensland capitalises on economic development opportunities and creates more jobs and industries through cheaper, cleaner energy.

2021-22 revenue



2021-22 expenses



Queensland's labour market forecasts

