Queensland State Budget 2014-15 Regional Budget Statement

Townsville

Regional Hospitals Redevelopment

Regional Queenslanders will benefit from \$173.3 million for hospital redevelopments in Cairns, Mackay, Townsville, Rockhampton and Mt Isa. The total estimated cost is \$1.424 billion.

Cairns

• \$81.4 million for the \$446.3 million Cairns Hospital redevelopment, delivering an additional 168 beds by 2015

The redeveloped Cairns Hospital will also provide an ambulatory cancer care centre, radiation oncology service, more cardiac care facilities, surgical capacity, intensive care capacity, birthing and special care nursery services and aged care and rehabilitation.

Townsville

 \$41.2 million in 2014-15 for the \$334 million Queensland and Australian Government funded Townsville Hospital expansion.

The Townsville Hospital expansion will significantly expand health services in the Townsville region and deliver long-term local benefits. It will include an emergency department, maternity unit, intensive care unit, neonatal intensive care services, operating theatres, clinical support and services, pathology expansion, Townsville Cancer Centre expansion and Planned Procedure Centre.

Mackay

• \$29.4 million for the \$408.3 million Mackay Base Hospital redevelopment.

The Mackay Base Hospital redevelopment will almost double bed capacity to 318 beds. It will include emergency and outpatients departments, delivery suites and special care nursery, an intensive care and coronary care unit, inpatient surgical and medical wards, renal support, dental services and a mental health facility.

Rockhampton

• \$13.6 million for the \$173.1 million Queensland and Australian Government funded Rockhampton Hospital expansion.

The Rockhampton Hospital expansion has included increasing capacity by 30 beds, four new operating rooms and support areas, a new eight-level building to house cancer services, medical officers' facilities, two wards and provision for a future intensive care unit.

Townsville Ring Road

The Government is investing \$80.4 million in Stage 4 of the Townsville Ring Road, in partnership with the Australian Government.

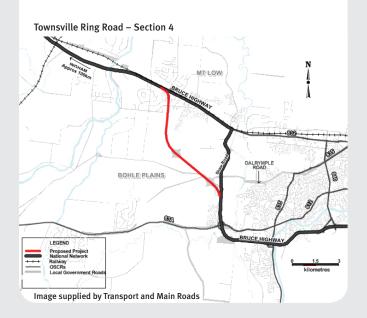
As part of the Australian and Queensland Governments' strategy to improve the 1,700 kilometre Bruce Highway, this final stage will connect the route to the highway north-west of Townsville.

Stage 4 will be an 11 kilometre, four-lane, median divided section, built to motorway standard, which will cross the Bohle Plains. It will provide a safe, high-speed bypass of Townsville for heavy and commercial vehicles and direct access to and from the Port Access Road (currently under construction). Motorists will have greater certainty of travel as they will not be faced with the same delays experienced on the current Bruce Highway route. It will also better connect residential areas with employment centres.

Unlike the current Shaw Road route, Stage 4 will not be susceptible to flooding, a key concern for North Queensland communities.

Like the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing, Townsville's completed ring road will improve the standard of the National Network. It will maintain freight efficiency by reducing congestion with its more direct route for Port freight.

Read more about Townsville Ring Road at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Projects



For more detail: www.budget.qld.gov.au

A STRONG PLAN FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Regional Budget Statement TOWNSVILLE

This Budget continues to deliver a Strong Plan for a Brighter Future.

The 2014-15 Budget carefully balances increases in education, health and community services spending, while not introducing or raising any new taxes or reducing services.

Strong choices have to be made so that a brighter future can be ours; we need to reduce the State's \$80 billion debt and the annual \$4 billion interest bill. This Budget outlines our plan to secure our finances by making the strongest and smartest choice to reduce debt so we can sustainably invest in the schools, hospitals and infrastructure for the future.

We are making significant progress in restoring our finances, growing a four pillar economy, revitalising frontline services and funding infrastructure projects and jobs – with more than 60,000 jobs created in Queensland in the last year. To sustain this we must reduce debt, so we can truly keep building on our Strong Plan for a Brighter Future.

Health 6% to \$13.6 billion

New and improving hospitals:

\$224.5 million towards building the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital

\$369.8 million towards building the Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital

\$173.3 million for the redevelopment of hospitals in Cairns, Mackay, Mount Isa, Townsville and Rockhampton

Education 7% to \$11.8 billion

Great Results Guarantee

improve the numeracy and literacy of our children

10 new schools

under the \$1.4 billion

Queensland Schools Project

Transport and roads \$5.4 billion

Toowoomba Second Range Crossing

\$321 million towards the history making \$1.6 billion, 41km innovative toll road project

75 new six-car trains

Bruce Highway 🔼

\$768 million in 2014-15 to upgrade sections of the Bruce Highway



\$44.5 million to address alcohol and drug-related violence

Royalties for the Regions \$495 million

for infrastructure improvements

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Safer Children \$406 million for child and family

services in response to the Carmody Inquiry





\$33.9 million for tourism marketing and event promotion



Townsville

A STRONG PLAN FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Royalties for the Regions

The Queensland Government has committed \$495 million over four years from 2012 for community infrastructure, roads and flood mitigation projects across Queensland's regions.

Royalties for the Regions ensures regional communities receive real long-term benefits through better planning and infrastructure investment. The program is helping communities better manage the impacts of resource sector development and ensures they remain liveable and sustainable well into the future.

To date, Royalties for the Regions has approved over \$296 million to support 93 infrastructure projects, with a total cost of over \$501 million, across 38 regional and shire councils. These include:

- 34 community infrastructure projects including 20 water, sewerage and waste management projects, six regional airport upgrades, two telecommunications projects, and other projects that will provide a variety of community facilities
- 40 projects to provide critical road safety and access improvements across regions impacted by resource development
- 16 flood mitigation projects that will provide levees, upgraded town drainage and road and bridge upgrades to improve access and safety
- 3 projects to support essential community services including two new childcare facilities and a new medical centre.

Investment in these projects is critical to managing growth and improving the liveability of resource communities.

The Townsville region will benefit from \$36.4 million for four projects in the Burdekin Shire and Townsville City Council areas, including flood mitigation drainage works, community facilities and significant road upgrades.



Recovery and reconstruction

\$27.8 million for local government authorities for recovery and reconstruction projects in partnership with the Australian Government.



Tackling homelessness

\$12.6 million for specialist homelessness services.



Reef water quality

\$934,000 for the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan.



Reef management

\$8.4 million for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Field Management Program.



Social housing

\$36.6 million to expand and improve social housing, including \$9 million for remote Indigenous housing.



Indigenous heritage

\$700,000 for Indigenous communities to protect natural and cultural resources.



Year 7 moving to high school

\$7.8 million of up to \$15.2 million for education facilities at Kirwan, Pimlico, and William Ross State High Schools as Year 7 joins high school in 2015, and a further \$862,000 of \$1.6 million to replace Kirwan State High School's air conditioning.



Ingham fire and rescue

\$2.5 million to complete the \$3.2 million replacement auxiliary fire and rescue station at Ingham.



Secure rehab unit

\$10.4 million to complete the \$12.7 million Townsville Medium Secure Rehabilitation Unit.





Support for tropical medicine

\$14.3 million to establish the \$42.1 million Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine at James Cook University.



\$87.8 million for Townsville region regulated network refurbishment, load energy management, asset replacement, and reliability and augmentation works

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\$850,000 to commence

a 3 year project to

identify new deposits

of copper and gold in

North Queensland.

gold research

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Burdekin cyclone shelter

\$2 million to **Burdekin Shire** Council to complete the cyclone shelter.



\$1.7 million for underground drainage to take storm and flood water away from the Home Hill CBD.



Townsville Ring Road Stage 4

\$80.4 million, in partnership with the Australian Government, for the \$200 million Stage 4 of the Townsville Ring Road, providing a bypass for heavy and commercial vehicles, due for completion in October 2016.



Support for resources sector

Assessment Hub in Townsville to improve service delivery for the mineral resources sector State-wide.



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Woolcock and Mather Streets Intersection Upgrade

\$10 million to upgrade the intersection of Woolcock and Mather Streets to fix traffic bottlenecks and increase traffic efficiency.

Townsville Ocean Terminal

\$12.1 million of \$14.2 million to demolish Berths 6

and 7 to improve navigational access at Townsville

Ocean Terminal, due for completion in June 2016.



Police catamaran for Townsville

Sunshine Coast

Gold Coast

\$1 million for a \$4.3 million replacement police catamaran at Townsville.



Sustainable agriculture and water quality

\$1 million to target pests and weeds, improve reef water quality, and promote and enhance sustainable agriculture in the Burdekin region.



Townsville Hospital

\$41.2 million to continue the \$334 million Townsville Hospital expansion, in partnership with the Australian Government.



Townsville Correctional Centre

\$5.8 million to refurbish and reopen the Harold Gregg Unit at Townsville Correctional Centre.



New neighbourhood centre

\$1.6 million of \$1.8 million for the Upper Ross Community Neighbourhood Centre.



Townsville police hub

\$120,000 for a policing hub in Townsville, for a more visible and flexible police presence.



Mount Louisa roadworks

\$14.3 million for the \$18 million realignment of traffic lanes at Dalrymple Road and Banfield Drive, Mount Louisa, due for completion in February 2015.



Vantassel Street duplication

\$66 million for the \$137.5 million project to duplicate between Vantassel Street and Stuart Drive in Townsville to four lanes, in partnership with the Australian Government and due for completion in May 2015.