CAIRNS and surrounds
major projects pipeline

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In 2018-19 the Queensland Government will deliver a $779.7 million capital program in the Far North region, providing essential infrastructure to meet the increasing service needs of residents and directly support an estimated 2,600 jobs.

The data used within the Cairns and surrounds major projects pipeline booklet incorporates detailed information sourced from private developers and investors on projects over $100 million and relevant projects noted within the Queensland Government Capital Statements 2017/18 and 2018/19.

This booklet provides information on projects currently under construction but not yet completed as well as proposed projects in the pipeline.

This information can be used by local contractors and suppliers to ensure they are ready to take advantage of the future opportunities and high level of economic activity that Cairns and surrounds is set to experience.

This booklet aims to:

- support and grow local jobs and assist certain sectors to be ‘job ready’
- inform government and private sectors of future peak demand for labour and resources
- assist with future infrastructure planning and timing so the increase in job levels is sustained over the longer term
- assist in keeping government and private sector costs down whilst maintaining jobs and wage growth, thereby promoting further investment and growth.

With this strong capital program for the Far North region, we are confident that the pipeline of projects will create the jobs of tomorrow, sustain economic growth and support a more secure future for the region.
About the department

The Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDMIP) aims to improve productivity and quality of life in Queensland by leading economic strategy, industry development, infrastructure and planning, for the benefit of all.

DSDMIP achieves this by:

- strengthening Queensland’s supply chain infrastructure to improve Queensland’s attractiveness to the private sector
- leading a whole-of-government approach to increase private sector investment in Queensland
- attracting high-growth industries, such as advanced manufacturing and knowledge-based industries, to provide secure, well-paid jobs for the future
- increasing investor confidence by coordinating and communicating a pipeline of Queensland’s major projects
- ensuring that Queensland’s planning system provides investor confidence and supports investment attraction.

To strengthen your regional supply chain contact the Far North Queensland Regional Office to discuss how we:

- assist major contractors and subcontractors to develop local content strategies
- build regional supply chain capability and capacity
- mentor regional businesses to prepare effective capability statements
- advise regional businesses on government and private-sector tendering processes
- link regional industry with project information
- connecting industry with government support.

‘It is a key priority of DSDMIP’s Far North Queensland Regional Office to support major contractors and governments to engage with regional contractors, suppliers and manufacturers to maximise their participation in project and operational supply chains across Queensland.’

Kelsey Ormsby
Regional Director
Far North Queensland
Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
Summary of project spend

A summary of private project spend over the next five to six years is summarised below. In addition, public project spend over the next three to four years is also recorded to give a total spend for Cairns and surrounds.

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*Source – Cairns and surrounds major projects pipeline spreadsheet. Major private tourism and energy development projects >$100M. The proposed Tropical North Global Tourism Hub estimated construction amount is not included within this analysis.

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External consultation with key developers of major tourism projects in the Cairns city provided an indication of material and labour demand for the stages of construction, summarised below.

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It was identified that given the level of construction activity expected over the next five to six years, it is important for new developments to be staggered to mitigate bottlenecks in both the availability of materials and subsequent labour requirements. This approach will ensure that a higher employment rate and flow-on economic benefit is maintained over the long term, whilst promoting future investment and growth.
Industry outlook

The construction industry across regional Queensland is undergoing a resurgence. With ‘green shoots’ appearing in many regional economies, both public and private investors are showing a renewed appetite for major projects across the state. There are few better places than Cairns to witness this turnaround in regional fortunes. With an unemployment rate of 5.5 per cent — compared to 9 per cent just two years ago — and rebounding economic growth, Cairns is poised for a solid recovery over the coming years (Figures 1 and 2).

Cairns construction turnaround

Like many regions across Queensland, the Far North endured a prolonged period of under-investment in the decade to 2017. This reflected both the after-effects of the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) and the wind-down of the mining boom.

Prior to the GFC, Cairns builders were producing over 2,000 new dwellings each year. By 2013-14, that rate had slowed to around 450, far below what was needed to accommodate population growth. This slowdown in residential construction was only partially offset by a reasonably stable engineering construction sector, whereas the fortunes of commercial builders largely matched those of their residential cousins (Figure 3).

The slump in building over recent years created considerable pent-up demand for new projects across the region, particularly in the residential and commercial space.

Improving economic conditions has put Cairns on a path of increasing construction activity that we expect to continue to 2020 and beyond (Figure 3).

Major projects will play a big part in this growth story. This booklet shows the current pipeline of projects in Cairns is not skewed to any one specific sector as there is a good mix of projects across tourism and energy, with funding from both the private and public sectors.
Cairns construction labour market

The turnaround in construction activity will place significant demands on the Cairns construction workforce.

The construction labour market in Cairns has been relatively balanced since 2013, with some periods of oversupply. The next five years will be very different.

A pattern of undersupply is developing that will deepen into 2019 and persist for the foreseeable future (Figure 4).

This pattern will be fairly broad-based, affecting most construction occupations. Inevitably, though, some trades will be harder to find than others.

CSQ estimates suggest that administrators, plumbers, electricians and structural steel construction workers (a category that includes scaffolders) will be the most in-demand construction occupations in 2019 (Figure 5).

This suggests that employers of construction workers in Cairns will find it increasingly difficult to source labour at specific times and places.

This in turn raises the risk of labour-driven project delays and cost increases. In summary, now is the time for contractors to secure their supply chains and for industry to invest in training to prepare the workforce.

Figure 4: A developing labour shortage

Construction labour shortage/surplus estimates

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Source: NIER

Figure 5: Shortages by occupation - Cairns

Labour shortage estimates by occupation - Cairns

- Contract, program and project administrators
- Plumbers
- Structural steel construction workers
- Electricians
- Plasterers
- Crane, hoist and lift operators
- Roof tilers
- Glaziers
- Metal fitters and machinists
- Total
- Wall and floor tilers
- Other stationary plant operators
- Gardeners
- Bricklayers and stonemasons
- Airconditioning and refrigeration mechanics
- Carpenters and joiners
- Painting trades workers
- Concreters
- Floor finishers
- Labourers

Source: NIER, CSQ
Cairns major project jobs flow

The pipeline of projects catalogued in this booklet represents great opportunity for construction workers, who will directly benefit from the increased demand for their skills.

It is also a boon for many other sectors of the economy that thrive on the back of this expenditure.

The Cairns major projects pipeline will draw a monthly construction headcount of between 1,500 and 2,000 construction workers until 2022 (Figure 6).

These jobs will be shared across a wide range of construction occupations. Eighty per cent of the work will be delivered by 20 occupations, led by concreters, carpenters and plumbers (Figure 7).

Of these 20 key trades, it is estimated that plumbers, electricians, plasterers and structural steel construction workers (a category that includes scaffolders) will be hardest to find.

Figure 6: Major project jobs flow
Monthly headcount for Cairns major projects

Figure 7: Occupational distribution
Occupational shares in Cairns major projects headcount (top 20)

- Concreters
- Carpenters and joiners
- Plumbers*
- Electricians*
- Plasterers*
- Painting trades workers
- Construction managers
- Building and plumbing labourers
- Earthmoving and plant operators
- Wall and floor tilers
- Bricklayers and stonemasons
- Architectural, building and surveying technicians
- Other stationary plan operators
- Crane, hoist and lift operators
- Truck drivers
- Structural steel construction workers*
- Architects and landscape architects
- Forklift drivers
- Other mobile plant operators
- Civil engineering professionals

Source: CSQ

*Greatest estimated shortages
About Construction Skills Queensland

CSQ provides tailored workforce planning support and assistance to selected major projects, including access to a range of building and construction related training, to upskill workers and enhance workforce capability.

CSQ works alongside project teams to:
- collaborate on workforce plans
- identify any potential skills gaps for projects and provide meaningful solutions
- identify project-specific training and funding solutions
- provide guidance and support where needed around the Queensland Government Building and Construction Training Policy (Training Policy).

‘It’s a good time to be a construction worker in Cairns.

CSQ is here to help major contractors and subcontractors build the skilled workforce they need to deliver important regional projects.’

Brett Schimming
Chief Executive Officer
Construction Skills Queensland
Cairns construction and proposed developments

Cairns Performing Arts Centre
Crystalbrook Collection - GA Group
Riley - Bailey - Flynn
Cairns Gallery Precinct

Cairns Shipping Development Project
Proposed Tropical North Global Tourism Hub development site
Cairns Convention Centre
Nova City tourism development site (edge of development)
## Cairns and surrounds major projects pipeline - Private projects

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# Cairns and surrounds major projects pipeline - Public projects

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Queensland Government
business assistance
Advance Queensland program

A comprehensive suite of programs that will create jobs now and for the future, drive productivity improvements, and harness innovation.

advancequeensland@qld.gov.au
www.advance.qld.gov.au

Advancing Small Business grants

The Advancing Small Business Grants can develop your business through activities such as expansion, commercialisation, research and development, innovation and exporting.

This economic support is backed up by:
- advisory and mentoring services
- workshops and seminars
- general and industry-specific training
- networking opportunities
- subsidised products, such as business planning tools.

grants@dtesb.qld.gov.au

Back to Work program

Support payments of up to $20,000 are available for eligible employers who hire eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(07) 4037 3813
bridget.kelly@desbt.qld.gov.au
www.qld.gov.au/backtowork

Business grants and assistance service

Quickly identify government grants, assistance and support for your business with the Business Grants and Assistance service.

www.grants.services.qld.gov.au

Business and Industry Portal

The Business and Industry Portal provides small businesses direct access to Queensland Government services and information.

With just a few clicks and a couple of questions, users can access more than 100 business support programs and information on:
- starting, marketing and growing a business
- employing people
- grants, tools and support services
- industry and market information
- investing in Queensland.

www.business.qld.gov.au

Department of State Development, Manufacturing Infrastructure and Planning supply chain development workshops

Our industry workshops can assist businesses within regional supply chains to be more competitive in positioning for work opportunities.

Topics include:
- preparing capability statements
- tendering for business
- responding to non-price criteria
- ICN gateway profile improvement
- sector-specific content (i.e. defence quad charts).

cairns@dsdmip.qld.gov.au
www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/workshops

Industry Capability Network (ICN)

Online database and network of consultants, giving companies access to:
- projects large and small
- supply chain development
- channels to promote company capabilities to our business network.

(07) 3364 0670
info@icnqld.org.au
www.gateway.icn.org.au
Queensland Government

business assistance

Jobs and Regional Growth fund

DSDMIP’s Jobs and Regional Growth Fund helps facilitate private sector projects which create employment and economic growth opportunities in regional areas outside South East Queensland facing significant economic and employment challenges.

1300 785 106
projects@dsdmip.qld.gov.au

Made in Queensland program

Made in Queensland supports Queensland’s manufacturing sector to become more internationally competitive and adopt innovative processes and technologies.

madeinqueensland@dsdmip.qld.gov.au
www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/miq

Mentoring for Growth program

Mentoring for Growth offers insights, options and suggestions relating to business challenges and opportunities that you may be facing in your business.

13 74 69
m4g@dtesb.qld.gov.au

QMI Solutions

A Queensland-based organisation dedicated to improving the growth, skills, performance, innovation and capability of businesses Australia wide.

1300 364 739
www.qmisolutions.com.au

Skilling Queenslanders for Work

Funds training and support for unemployed or underemployed people, with a focus on:
- young people (including those in and transitioned from out-of-home care)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- people with disability
- mature-age jobseekers
- women re-entering the workforce
- veterans and ex-service personnel
- people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

1300 369 935
training@det.qld.gov.au
The Queensland Budget will directly support Far North Queensland with significant expenditure in 2018-19 including:

**Infrastructure**

$779.7M

for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around 2,600 jobs in Far North Queensland.

**Health**

$1.15B

for the Torres and Cape, Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Services.

**Education**

$24.4M

for maintenance and capital work projects for schools in Far North Queensland.

Far North Queensland will also benefit from:

**Support for the Great Barrier Reef**

$330M

over five years, including funding for the Joint Field Management Program and Reef Water Quality Programs.

**Bruce Highway Upgrade Program**

$585M

including $43.4 million in 2018-19, to widen the Bruce Highway between Innisfail and Cairns.

**Cairns Performing Arts Centre**

$66.5M

to construct the Cairns Performing Arts Centre on the site of the existing Cairns Civic Theatre.

Delivered in Far North Queensland

Back to Work

$20.8 million of payments have been paid to 13,172 employers to employ 2,564 eligible unemployed jobseekers.

(July 2016 to May 2018)

Building our Regions

$33.8 million allocated to 41 projects to provide funding for critical infrastructure in regional areas of the state to support economic development including generating jobs.

(March 2015 to March 2018)

Recovery and resilience against natural disasters

$65.5 million for the provision of financial assistance for capital works to disaster affected communities in 2018-19.

Works for Queensland

$102.7 million provided to regional councils to undertake 323 maintenance and minor infrastructure projects in Far North Queensland.

(December 2016 to April 2018)

Restoring frontline services in Far North Queensland

Growth from March 2016 to March 2018

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DELIVERING FOR FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Government is investing in Far North Queensland by delivering a diverse range of projects and initiatives, including:

1. Mer (Murray) Island Primary Health Care Centre
   $425,000 in 2018-19 out of a $7 million total spend to replace the Primary Health Care Centre and upgrade staff accommodation to support the provision of quality and safe services to meet current and future healthcare needs, Part of the Rural and Regional Infrastructure Package.

2. Torres Strait Power Station maintenance
   $417,000 in 2018-19 out of a $2.1 million total spend to repair and maintain fuel tankers.

3. Torres Shire Water Treatment Infrastructure Upgrade
   $4.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $12 million total spend to upgrade Torres Shire Council’s drinking water treatment infrastructure including water filtration and other related infrastructure on Thursday Island and Hinchinbrook Island. The adjacent Ham Island will also benefit from the upgrade as its drinking water is sourced primarily from Torres Shire Council via a pipeline.

4. Kupai Omasker
   $597,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1 million total spend to engage with Queensland's Torres Strait Islander community on how traditional Torres Strait Islander child rearing practices can be recognised in law. The consultation process will include the engagement of eminent persons.

5. Horn Island Rural Fire and State Emergency Services facility
   $2.1 million in 2018-19 out of a $2.8 million total spend to upgrade the Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Services facility for the Horn Island community.

6. Aurukun Primary Health Care Centre redevelopment
   $806,000 in 2018-19 out of a $6.7 million total spend to upgrade the existing Primary Health Care Centre. The project includes internal refurbishments and new administration facilities, secure ambulance drop-off, and new staff accommodation.

7. Aurukun Four Point Plan
   $1.6 million in 2018-19 to build community safety, provide access to education, strengthen the community and its governance, and, harness jobs and economic opportunities.

8. Peninsula Developmental Road
   $9.8 million in 2018-19 out of an $11.4 million total spend for stage 2, paving and sealing from Telegraph to Archer River, due for completion in July 2019. Part of the Cape York Regional Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

9. Peninsula Developmental Road pave and seal (south of Duck Holes Creek)
   $6.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $10.5 million total spend, due for completion in October 2018. Part of the Cape York Regional Package, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

10. Cairns High School - refurbish classrooms
    $900,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1.8 million total spend to refurbish classroom blocks.

11. Cairns Performing Arts Centre
    $26.4 million in 2018-19 out of a $66.5 million total spend to construct the Cairns Performing Arts Centre on the site of the existing Cairns Civic Theatre. Delivered in partnership with the Australian Government and the Cairns Regional Council.

12. Mareeba Hospital new CT scanner
    $4 million in 2018-19 out of a $5 million total spend to purchase and install a new CT scanner.

13. Mareeba replacement ambulance station
    $400,000 in 2018-19 out of a $1.8 million total spend to construct a purpose-built station to support the growing demand for services.

14. Atherton Hospital redevelopment
    $9.5 million in 2018-19 out of a $70 million total spend for a purpose-built clinical services building, medical imaging facilities, and operating theatres, as well as refurbishment of existing beds and upgrades to outpatient and community health facilities. Part of the Advancing Queensland’s Health Infrastructure Program.

15. Community Education, Training and Disaster Coordination Facility
    $1.9 million in 2018-19 out of a $2.7 million total spend to construct a multi-function facility in Atherton for natural disaster resilience and preparedness training, as well as the Local Disaster Coordination Centre. Part of the 2017-19 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.
Smithfield Bypass progress update

The $152 million Smithfield Bypass is a 3.8 kilometre road running parallel with the Captain Cook Highway which will provide an alternative route between the McGregor Road intersection and Yorkeys Knob Road intersection. Construction is due to commence in late 2018, with $17.5 million allocated for 2018-19.

When constructed, the new road is expected to significantly improve traffic flow for road users by providing for current and future forecast demand. Traffic modelling forecasts that travel times will be reduced by about 63 per cent during the morning peak (13 minutes to five minutes) and 75 per cent during the afternoon peak (15 minutes to four minutes).

Reducing demand at the Smithfield and Caravonica roundabouts will improve safety by reducing the risk of crashes on the Captain Cook Highway.

Atherton Hospital redevelopment

Atherton Hospital is the major acute and primary hub facility for the Tablelands region in the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service. The hospital provides services to around 45,000 residents across the southern Atherton Tablelands and areas to the west including Atherton, Croydon, Herberton, Malanda, Millaa Millaa, Ravenshoe and Yungaburra.

Atherton Hospital is the largest referral centre on the Tablelands and is a key health facility for the provision of both frontline and community health care. The hospital offers emergency, general medical and surgical, aged care and low risk maternity services, and provides visiting specialist services in paediatrics, gastroenterology, psychiatry and women’s health.

The $70 million redevelopment of the Atherton Hospital is part of the $230 million Advancing Queensland’s Health Infrastructure Program. The redevelopment includes a new purpose-built Clinical Services Building, medical imaging facilities, and operating theatres. The redevelopment will include new inpatient beds in the Clinical Services Building, and upgrade outpatient and community health facilities. Anticipated completion of the redevelopment is 2021.
2018-19 Budget delivering for Queensland

The 2018-19 Budget supports the delivery of the Palaszczuk Government’s election commitments and includes measures focused on building the infrastructure our community needs and expects, supporting the delivery of services for all Queenslanders and developing the skills needed in a changing economy.

Since January 2015 approximately 150,000 jobs have been created in Queensland. This Budget will continue to support job creation and deliver for Queenslanders, with key initiatives including:

- $808 million over seven years for the Building Future Schools Fund to deliver world-class learning environments and address enrolment growth
- $109.6 million over two years to increase nurse navigators to 400 and $57 million over four years to recruit an additional 100 midwives
- $171.9 million over four years for 400 police officers in high priority areas across the state
- $330 million over five years to protect our national treasure, the Great Barrier Reef
- $37.1 million over the next four years to deliver a new public transport ticketing system across the state
- $26 million to extend the increased the Apprentice and Trainee Payroll Tax Rebate Initiative (up from 25 per cent to 50 per cent) until June 2019

- $200 million over three years to extend Works for Queensland for regional maintenance and minor infrastructure works
- $40 million over two years for the Growth Area and Regional Infrastructure Investment Fund
- additional funding to bring Advance Queensland support to $650 million
- a further $155 million to extend the Back to Work regional program to continue to provide support payments to employers, with applications open until 30 June 2020
- $180 million over three years to boost Skilling Queenslanders for Work to fund more training opportunities and increase workforce participation
- the Government’s commitment to employ 3,700 teachers over the next four years at an estimated cost of $1 billion
- up to $34.6 million in 2018-19 for the continuation of the Drought Assistance Package, including the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme.

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