

Greater Whitsunday Regional Projects Forum

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Enabling economic development

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Our vision is to be recognised as a delivery partner who enables, innovates, and collaborates across government, industry and our broad range of stakeholders to deliver outcomes for Queensland.

We are focused on resolving key challenges facing Queensland's economy.

The **OCG has wide-ranging powers** that can **streamline** and **expedite** the assessment, approval and delivery of priority projects, including through extensive construction powers. **We do this through:**

- Coordinated Project declaration (one process for State and Commonwealth approvals)
- Controlling the planning and development of State Development Areas (SDAs)
- Using Prescribed Project powers to ensure timely approvals
- Acquiring land for projects within an SDA or for a program of works, including Private Infrastructure Facilities

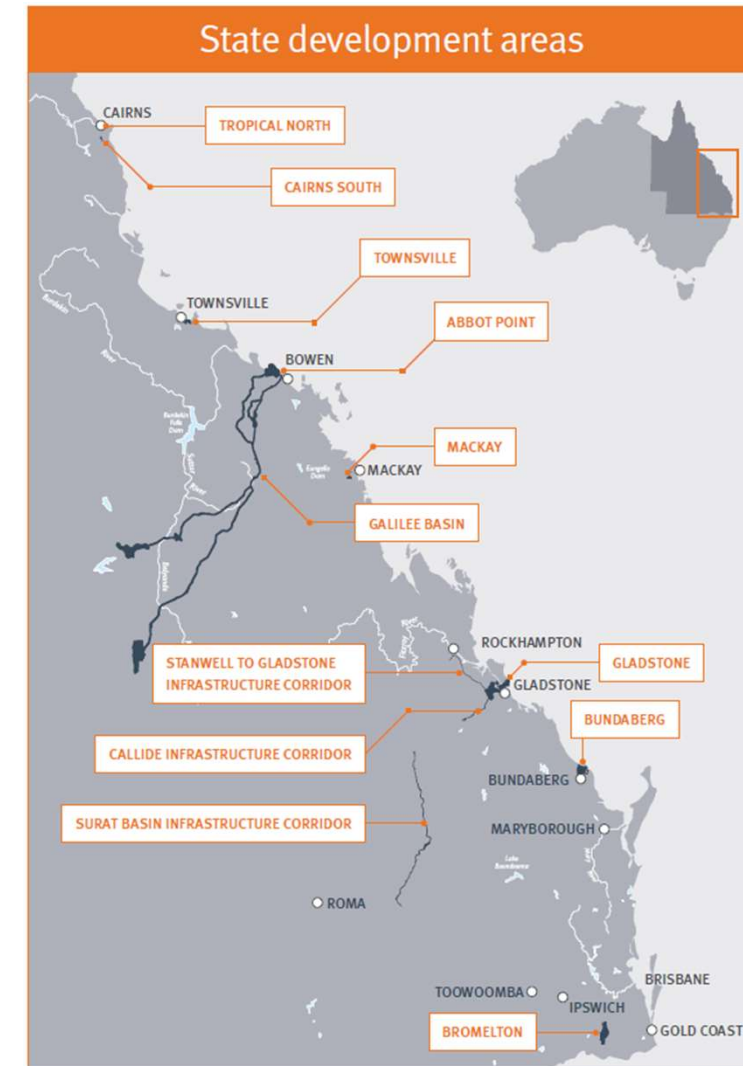
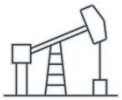


State Development Areas

State development areas (SDA) are clearly defined areas of land established to **promote economic development in Queensland**.

There are **currently 12 SDAs, across the State**, including Cairns, Townsville, Abbot Point, Mackay, Gladstone and Bundaberg.

The declaration of an **SDA provides a unique opportunity for the State** to support key industries such as bio-fuels, biomedical and defence and support regional communities.



Mackay State Development Area

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Declared in 2024 to **leverage regional strengths in rural industry and support investment opportunities** for new and emerging industries, including bio futures and bio-fuels.

Comprised of **137 ha centered around the established Racecourse Mill and 770 ha in the Rosella area.**

Provides **opportunities for bio-industry to co-locate with** the exiting sugar refinery, co-generation facilities, and the QUT Renewable Biocommodities Pilot Plant at Racecourse.



Image: Racecourse Mill in the Mackay SDA

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Abbot Point State Development Area

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Comprised of **16,885 ha approximately 20 kms north-west of Bowen.**

Ideal location for industrial and port-related development that requires a large footprint, proximity to a port and separation from sensitive receptors.



Image: Abbot Point SDA Port

The Abbot Point SDA has **potential to support key industries such as bio-fuels, biomedical and defence.**

The Bowen Orbital Space Port in the Abbot Point SDA was developed by Gilmore Space Technologies and is Queensland's first orbital rocket facility.



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Projects in the Greater Whitsunday Region

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The OCG has supported numerous major projects which have shaped the Greater Whitsunday region and built its reputation as a hub for critical minerals and mining, essential to Queensland's economic future and protecting the lifestyles of Queenslanders

Examples of Coordinated Projects in GWS

The Capricornia Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Project

- Located in the Isaac Regional Council local government area, 80km west of Makay
- 750MW pump/generation facility with a storage capacity of 12GWh (16hr)
- EIS being prepared



Peak Downs Mine Continuation project

- Located in the Isaac Regional Council Local Government Area, approximately 30km south-east of Moranbah and 40km north-west of Dysart
- To enhance steel production
- Draft EIS being developed by proponent



Queensland Resources Common User Facility

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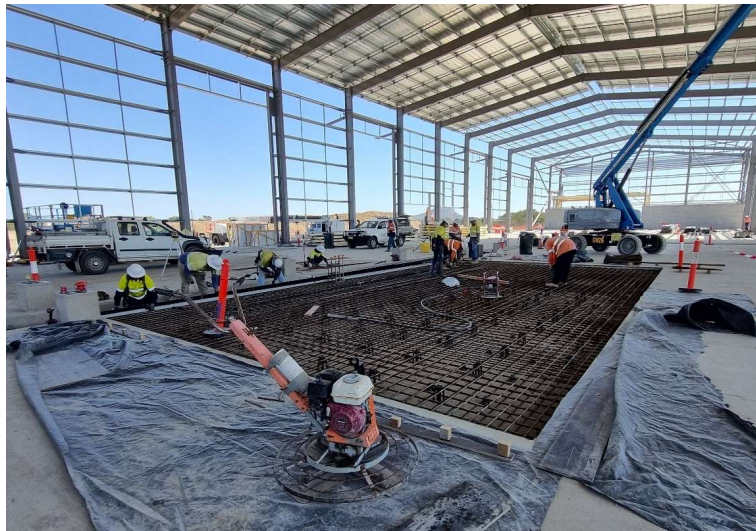
Project – delivery of an **advanced critical mineral process testing and demonstration facility** within the Townsville State Development Area.

Objectives - **promote investment** in advanced mineral manufacturing opportunities, supporting the **supply chain and industry development**.

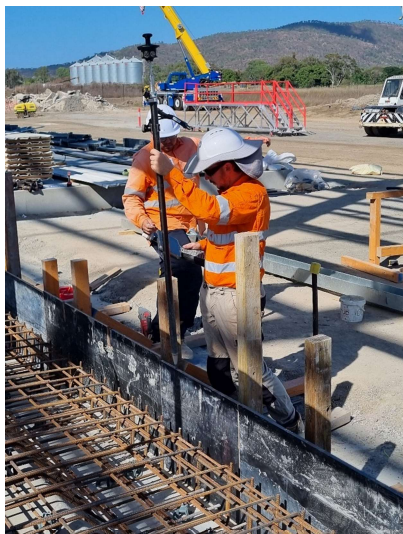
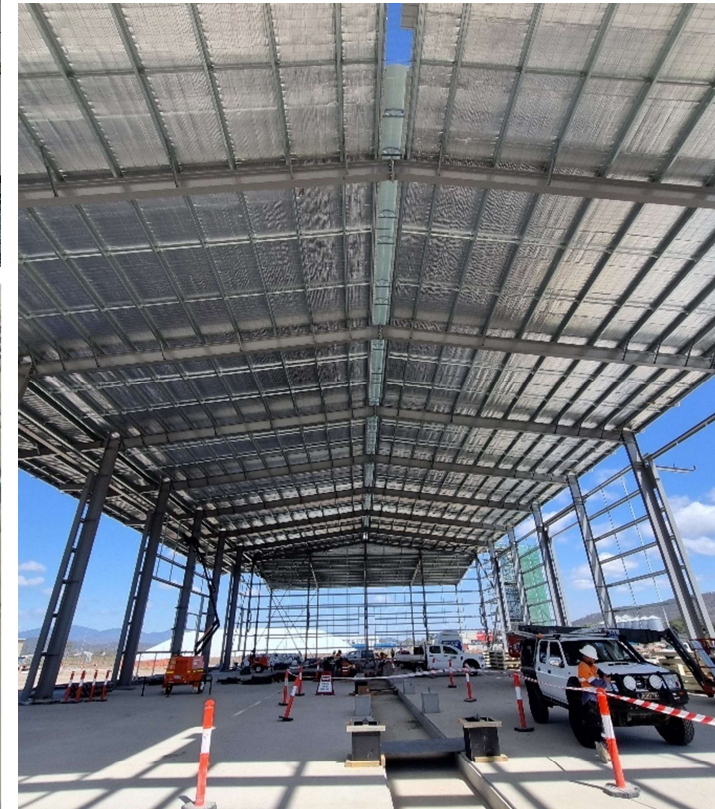
Industry opportunities -

- **Proponents**
- **Laboratories and Pilot Plant Providers**
- **METS Companies**
- **Research Institutions**





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