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**Regional
Development**
Australia

W I D E B A Y B U R N E T T

Hervey Bay Chamber of Commerce Major Projects Pipeline

The Challenges

Wide Bay Burnett region has.....

- The lowest average disposable income in Australia (\$34,261 p.a.)
- The lowest average hourly rate of pay in Australia
- Third fastest increase of youth unemployment (rose to 23% in 2017)
- Population under-19 continues to decline
- 74.2% of over-65 population are on the pension (Australian average is 63.3%)

Competitive advantages

- Close proximity to SEQ
- Largest population base outside of SEQ
- Port of Bundaberg / State Development Area
 - Currently exports to 6 international markets
- Available industrial land supply close to major routes
- Agriculture & agribusiness in demand globally
- Leadership/partnerships across political levels
- Affordability of commercial and residential land
- Availability of workforce
- Fastest growing tourism industries in Qld (GVA growth 2016-17)

Strength of agribusiness

Wide Bay Burnett is **FIRST** in Queensland for:

- Irrigated area (21% of Qld)
- Gross value of irrigated agricultural production (21% of Qld)
- Area of irrigated tree-crops (34% of Qld)
- Citrus production (40% of Qld)
- Mandarin production (99% of Qld)
- Peanut production (56% of Qld)
- Macadamia production (75% of Qld)
- Avocado production (46% of Qld)
- Plantation forestry area (55% of Qld)
- Irrigated dairy production (39% of Qld)
- Irrigated beef production (29% of Qld)
- Pineapple production (25% of Qld)



Future potential

Food & Agribusiness

Advantages in agriculture enable businesses to capitalise on food and agribusiness value chains

Mining

Development of the North Burnett minerals projects, bauxite, ilmenite, gold, coal (coking and thermal).

Tourism

More than 7000 jobs across WBB. Potential to become a significant destination for intrastate and interstate visitor markets, and well as growing the international sector.

Health

Growth of a skilled tertiary-based workforce in WBB will lead to a more skilled and productive workforce. Health Care provides the highest level of employment in the region (16.1% compared to 13.3 for Qld).

Advanced Manufacturing

Vitamins and pharmaceuticals
Defence supply chain
Industrial manufacturing (biofutures)

Infrastructure Projects – Fraser Coast

Project	Investment
Nioa-Rheinmetall forging plant	\$60m
Aircraft manufacturing	\$12m
Munna Creek Solar Farm	\$300m
North Aramara Solar Farm	\$280m
Susan River Solar Farm	\$175m
Ozcare Redevelopment	\$50m
Hyne Glue Laminated Timber Plant	\$20m

Project	Investment
Downer NGR-related upgrades	\$10m
Hervey Bay Hospital	\$44m
Maryborough Base Hospital	\$10m
The Springs Lifestyle Village	\$75m
Latitude 25 Lifestyle Village	\$100m
Residential Lot Developments	\$60m
Hervey Bay CBD Development	\$15m

Infrastructure Projects – Bundaberg

Project	Total Value
Riverside Recreation Park and Waterplay	\$30 m
Solar Projects	\$800 m
Essential Oils Facility – Childers	\$35 m
Pacific Tug marine servicing industry	\$31 m
Mon Repos Turtle Centre	\$20 m
Bundaberg Brewed Drinks ‘Super Brewery’	\$165 m
Macadamias Australia Processing Facility	\$15 m
Isis Mill Cane Railway extension	\$14 m



Hinkler Regional Deal

A shared vision among federal, state and local levels of government to identify potential key investments.

- Negotiations ongoing for more than 18 months to secure the deal.
- First of its kind to be announced in regional Australia.
(all previous deals have been in cities of more than 130,000 population)
- Involves three levels of govt planning and investing in major projects and job-enabling infrastructure.
- Hinkler Regional Deal could be up to \$150m investment across the three levels.
- Brings all parties to the table and commits for longer-term planning and investment (10-15 years).

Regional Deal Potential Projects

Fraser Coast

Convention and Events Centre

Boundary Road Extension

Sports Complex/Stadium

Pialba CBD Development

Marine Centre of Excellence

Hervey Bay Airport Redevelopment

Urangan Marina Master Plan

Burrum River Bridge

Bundaberg

CBD Revitalisation

Riverside Aquatic Centre

Airport Extension/upgrades

Port of Bundaberg Infrastructure

Resource Sector Connectivity

Highway Upgrades

Level 5 Bundaberg Hospital

Paradise Dam upgrades

Thank you

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