

Cairns deserves a fairer share of Queensland Government investment

How much have we missed out on?

OVER THE 10 YEARS TO 2026/27

If Cairns had received the same \$ per person allocation as:

The **additional** State Government investment allocated to our region would have been:

Townsville region	\$2.29 billion
Mackay region	\$792 million
Central Queensland (Fitzroy) region	\$7.54 billion
Toowoomba/Darling Downs region	\$746 million
Wide Bay region	\$3.54 billion

Council welcomes the modest increase in per capita State investment for Cairns in the 2026/27 Queensland Budget. It's a step in the right direction, but Cairns still trails several comparable regional centres for per capita capital expenditure. As one of Queensland's fastest-growing regions, we'll continue advocating for the investment Cairns needs — and deserves.

CAIRNS
\$30,077

TOWNSVILLE
\$38,805

MACKAY
\$33,122

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND
\$58,753

WIDE BAY
\$43,269

TOOWOOMBA & DARLING DOWNS
\$32,967

**Budgeted
Queensland Government
capital expenditure
per person
for the ten years to 2026/27
(non SEQ regions)**

SOURCE: ANALYSIS OF QUEENSLAND
GOVERNMENT BUDGET PAPERS
BY SA4 REGION