

Budget Snapshot

2026/2027

\$786M

TOTAL
BUDGET

\$308M

CAPITAL
EXPENDITURE

3.95%

GENERAL
RATE RISE

+

water and waste
utility charges
and
State Waste
Levy

=

7.5%

TOTAL
RATE RISE

Capital works program: investing in essential infrastructure

- Roads, traffic facilities, bridges and drainage: **\$31.8M**
- Sewage collection and treatment: **\$33M**
- Transfer stations and recycling: **\$2.8M**



Benefiting the community

- Maintaining community assets: **\$41.6M**
- CitySafe program and CCTV: **\$6.3M**
- Cairns Community and Multicultural Centre: **\$6.2M**
- Upgrades to sporting facilities: **\$6.8M**
- New footpaths and cycleways: **\$4.7M**
- Renewal of Cairns Esplanade, Muddy's Playground and Lagoon: **\$4.2M**
- Improvements to libraries, arts and culture facilities: **\$2M**

Major projects

- Cairns Water Security Stage 1: **\$65.6M**
- Water reservoirs: **\$41.8M**
- Resource recovery site facility: **\$8M**
- Smart water meter project phase 2: **\$3.4M**
- Disaster recovery: **\$18.8M**



Fees and charges

- Sewerage access: **3.95% increase**
- Water access: **10.7% increase**
- Water usage charge: **18c/kl increase (residential)** and **19c/kl increase (commercial)**
- General waste management charge: **\$51.30 increase**
- State Government Waste Levy: **\$45.00**
- Parking fees in the CBD will increase to **\$2.40 per hour**
- All-day parking at Hartley Street and CPAC carparks will be capped at **\$6.00**
- All-day parking at Grafton Street carpark will be capped at **\$6.50**

Investing in tourism, events and sporting activities

- **\$3.6M** for Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ) to promote Cairns
- **\$1.6M** to attract and deliver major events
- **\$380K** to support key local organisations