

Snapshot of the Bruce Highway

The Bruce Highway is Queensland's longest road, stretching 1673 kilometres from Brisbane in the south of the state, to Cairns in the north. The Bruce Highway joins coastal population centres, directly and through connecting roads to Brisbane, Moreton Bay, the Sunshine Coast, Gympie, Maryborough, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville and Cairns.

Key functions of the Bruce Highway include:

- providing connectivity to 11 coastal trading ports, and between key economic areas of the state, such as the Atherton Tablelands, Bowen Basin, and the South and North Burnett regions
- providing an inter and intra-regional connection for medium and long-haul freight and passenger movements, including the National Land Transport Network freight routes to and from Queensland's capital city Brisbane and beyond
- providing access to Queensland's natural attractions, including the Great Barrier Reef, beaches, resorts and tropical rainforests and supporting the 'drive tourism' economy
- providing connectivity for regional centres in and around Cairns, Townsville, Mackay and Rockhampton to essential businesses and health and educational services
- connecting the Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast regions to Brisbane in the south.



Cairns Southern Access Corridor (Stage 4), Kate Street to Aumuller Street, Peter Moss Bridge over Chinaman Creek (June 2021).



1673 kilometers long

Queensland's longest road connecting people and freight between Brisbane and Cairns and a vital part of the National Land Transport Network



Services 62 percent of Queensland's population

Including 18 local government areas and equating to 3.21 million people, and expected to reach 4.13 million people by 2041



Carries around 20 million tonnes of freight every year

Supporting major industries, including agriculture, resources, construction, manufacturing and services with connections to 11 coastal trading ports

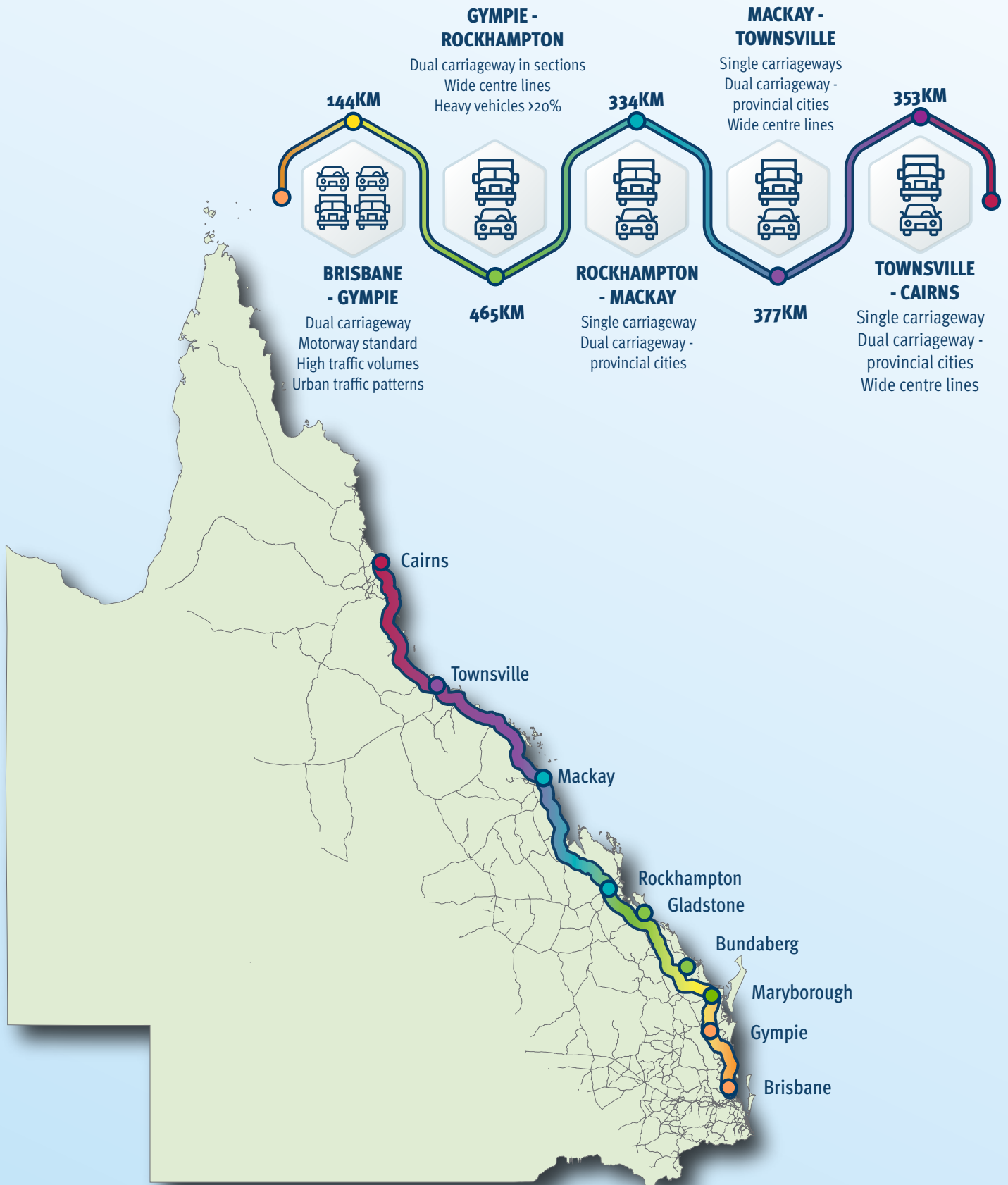


Drives tourism

Is a major route providing access to Queensland's natural attractions, including the Great Barrier Reef, beaches and tropical rainforests

The Bruce Highway

More than half of Queensland's population lives and works along Queensland's coastline, with the Bruce Highway providing the primary north-south road connection.



Map of Queensland with the Bruce Highway.