



Cairns Southern Access Corridor (Stage 3), Edmonton to Gordonvale.

## North Queensland Region – Northern District and Far North District

The beautiful Great Barrier Reef is one of the many unique experiences the North Queensland Region offers, with thousands of visitors every year flocking to this part of Australia to swim, snorkel and dive. The port and defence city of Townsville is famous for The Strand, Castle Hill and access to the spectacular Magnetic Island. The northern tropical city of Cairns is the gateway to the reef, northern beaches, ancient World Heritage rainforests and Cape York Peninsula. Other iconic locations in the North Queensland Region include the coastal and port town of Bowen, the Burdekin sugarcane region, Ingham and Innisfail and the beachside areas of Cardwell and Mission Beach.

The Bruce Highway in the North Queensland Region is generally of rural highway standard, including overtaking lanes, with duplication on approaches and within key urban centres. In recent years, the Townsville Ring Road has progressively been constructed in stages to remove through-traffic from the Townsville urban area to improve safety, amenity and traffic flow. Duplication of the Townsville Ring Road was completed in 2023. Further north, major capacity upgrades have been progressively delivered, including the duplication of the highway between Edmonton to Gordonvale, south of Cairns, with construction completed in 2023.

## North Queensland Region – Northern District and Far North District priorities

BHTAC members and customers said the key issues on this section of the highway included overtaking lane frequency and length, rest area provision, road quality and design (including width and alignment), narrow bridges and flood resilience.

Over the next 15 years, the BHTAC recommends the delivery of the following key priorities in North Queensland to **unlock economic growth, build flood resilience and improve safety**, including:

- delivering **additional major capacity in Townsville and on southern and northern approaches**, including:
  - service road upgrades south of Townsville, including improved connections to the Townsville State Development Area to support regional economic development opportunities
  - upgrading University Road between Douglas and Annandale
  - duplicating the highway north of Townsville between Pope Road and Purono Parkway
- **completing WCLT on two-lane rural highway sections**, from south of Ayr up to Gordonvale, near Cairns
- **upgrading 15 narrow bridges** (less than 8.4 metres wide) in the North Queensland Region to complement the application of WCLT treatment for safer and more reliable movement of freight and all road users
- continued **rehabilitation and maintenance of the Burdekin River bridge**
- delivering **overtaking lane packages** on priority sections in North Queensland Region
- improving the **resilience of the highway to extreme weather events** between Liverpool Creek and Cowley, south of Innisfail and at Eubenangee, north of Innisfail.

# North Queensland Region - Northern and Far North Districts




Map of North Queensland Region – Northern and Far North Districts.

# North Queensland Region - Northern District (Insert A)

**Legend**




-  Bruce Highway
-  State-controlled roads
-  Project location and map reference number
-  TMR Region boundary
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-  TMR District boundary






No.	Bruce Highway Proposed Investment	Benefits			Tranches		
		●	●	●	▶	▶	▶
61	Bowen - Ayr: Wangaratta Creek to south of Yellow Gin Creek safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●			▶		
62	Bowen - Ayr: north of Beachmont Road to north of Saltwater Creek safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●			▶		
63	Bowen - Ayr: Saltwater Creek to Wallace Road overtaking lanes	●	●				▶
64	Bowen - Ayr: Old Bowen Road intersection upgrade	●					▶
65	Bowen - Ayr: (Package 1) south of Home Hill safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●			▶		
66	Bowen - Ayr: (Package 2) south of Home Hill safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●			▶		
67	Bowen - Ayr: Homestead Road and Charlies Hill Road intersection upgrade	●					▶
68	Bowen - Ayr: north of Koolkuna Road to First Street (Home Hill) safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●			▶		
69	Bowen - Ayr: Bojak Road intersection upgrade	●					▶
70	Bowen - Ayr: South of Burdekin River safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●	●			▶	
71	Bowen - Ayr: Burdekin River Bridge corrosion protection	●	●		▶	▶	▶
72	Bowen - Ayr: (Package 1) Burdekin River Bridge maintenance rehabilitation	●	●		▶		
73	Bowen - Ayr: (Package 2) Burdekin River Bridge maintenance rehabilitation	●	●				▶
74	Bowen - Ayr: North of Burdekin River safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●	●		▶		
75	Bowen - Ayr: south of Ayr safety package (incl. WCLT)	●	●			▶	
76	Ayr - Townsville: West Barratta Creek Bridge replacement (incl. WCLT)	●		●		▶	
77	Ayr - Townsville: Brandon to Five Ways Road safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●			▶		
78	Ayr - Townsville: Ayr to Brandon overtaking lanes	●	●			▶	
79	Ayr - Townsville: Ayr to Brandon safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●	●		▶		
80	Ayr - Townsville: Palm Creek Bridge replacement (incl. WCLT)	●			▶		
81	Ayr - Townsville: St. Margaret Creek Bridge replacement (incl. WCLT)	●			▶		
82	Ayr - Townsville: Emmett Creek Bridge replacement (incl. WCLT)	●				▶	



**Indicative Benefit Alignment**

-  Unlock economic growth
-  Improve safety
-  Build flood resilience

**Proposed Delivery Tranche**

-  2024-25 to 2028-29
-  2029-30 to 2033-34
-  2034-35 to 2038-39


Map of North Queensland Region – Northern District (Insert A).



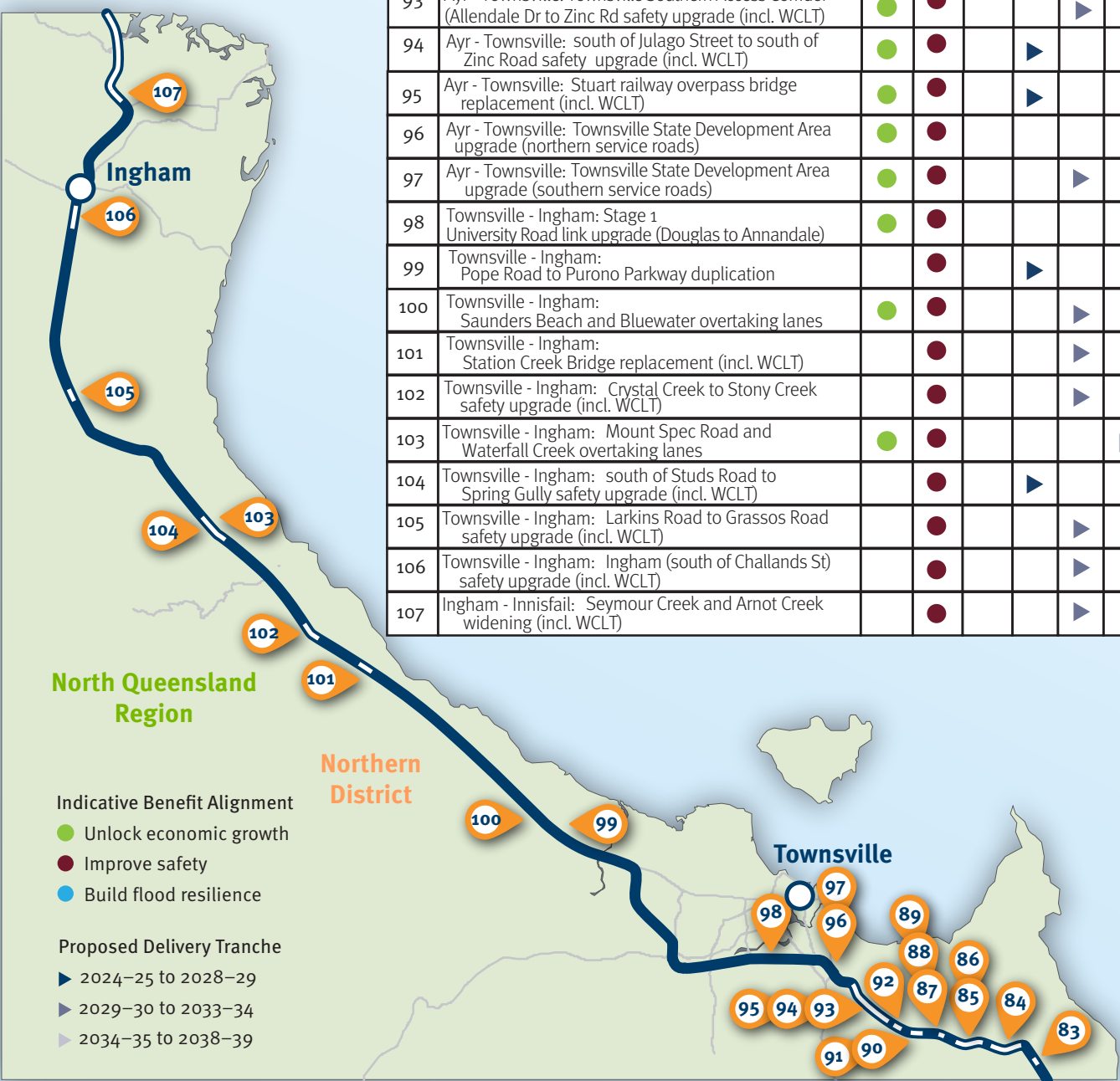
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No.	Bruce Highway Proposed Investment	Benefits			Tranches		
83	Ayr - Townsville: Mackenzie Creek Bridge replacement		●			▶	
84	Ayr - Townsville: Cape Cleveland Road (AIMS turn-off) safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶		
85	Ayr - Townsville: Cape Cleveland Road (AIMS turn-off) to Killymoon Creek safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶		
86	Ayr - Townsville: Killymoon Creek Bridge replacement (incl. WCLT)		●	●	▶		
87	Ayr - Townsville: south of Marron Road to Alligator Creek safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
88	Ayr - Townsville: Killymoon Creek to Tindall Court safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
89	Ayr - Townsville: Alligator Creek Bridge replacement (incl. WCLT)		●	●	▶		
90	Ayr - Townsville: Allendale Drive intersection upgrade	●	●			▶	
91	Ayr - Townsville: Allendale Drive safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●	●		▶		
92	Ayr - Townsville: Muntalunga Drive intersection upgrade	●	●			▶	
93	Ayr - Townsville: Townsville Southern Access Corridor (Allendale Dr to Zinc Rd safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●	●			▶	▶
94	Ayr - Townsville: south of Julago Street to south of Zinc Road safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●	●		▶		
95	Ayr - Townsville: Stuart railway overpass bridge replacement (incl. WCLT)	●	●		▶		
96	Ayr - Townsville: Townsville State Development Area upgrade (northern service roads)	●	●				▶
97	Ayr - Townsville: Townsville State Development Area upgrade (southern service roads)	●	●			▶	
98	Townsville - Ingham: Stage 1 University Road link upgrade (Douglas to Annandale)	●	●				▶
99	Townsville - Ingham: Pope Road to Purono Parkway duplication		●		▶		
100	Townsville - Ingham: Saunders Beach and Bluewater overtaking lanes	●	●			▶	
101	Townsville - Ingham: Station Creek Bridge replacement (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
102	Townsville - Ingham: Crystal Creek to Stony Creek safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
103	Townsville - Ingham: Mount Spec Road and Waterfall Creek overtaking lanes	●	●				▶
104	Townsville - Ingham: south of Studs Road to Spring Gully safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶		
105	Townsville - Ingham: Larkins Road to Grassos Road safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
106	Townsville - Ingham: Ingham (south of Challands St) safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
107	Ingham - Innisfail: Seymour Creek and Arnot Creek widening (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	


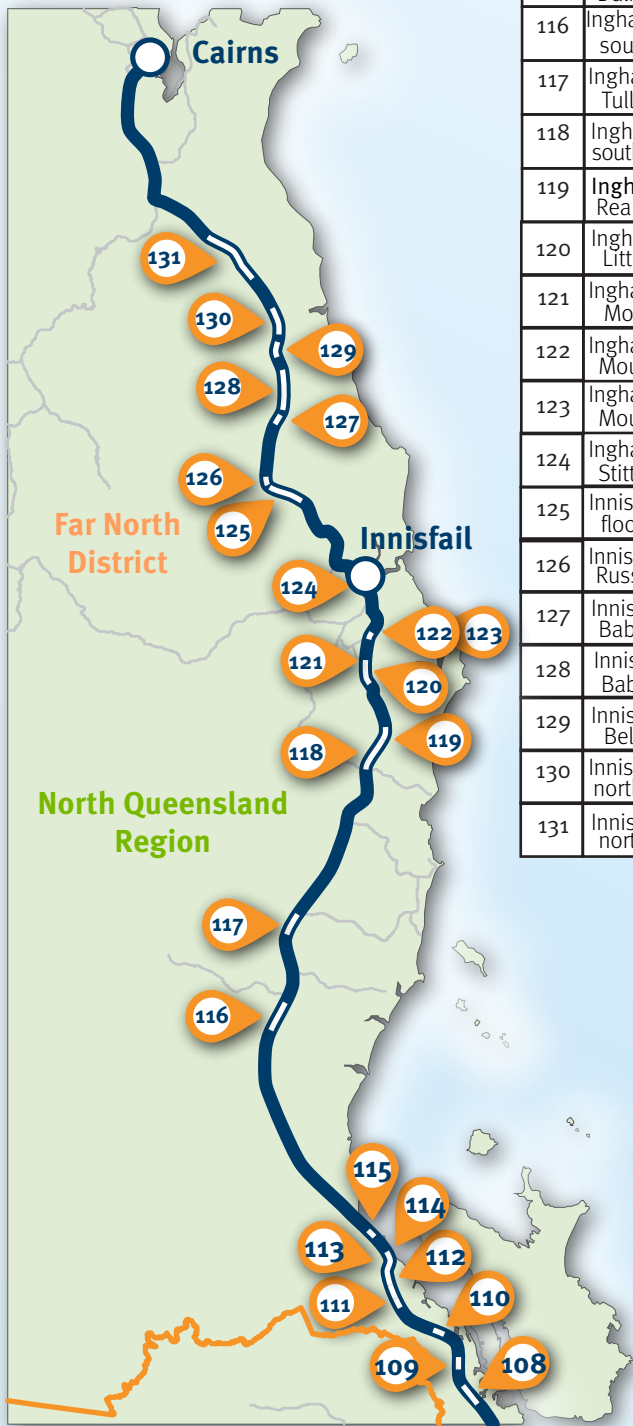


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# Far North Queensland Region - Northern District (Insert C)

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No.	Bruce Highway Proposed Investment	Benefits			Tranches		
108	Ingham - Innisfail: south of Rungoo safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●	●		▶		
109	Ingham - Innisfail: Porters Creek Bridge duplication (incl. WCLT)		●	●	▶		
110	Ingham - Innisfail: Damper Creek Bridge upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶		
111	Ingham - Innisfail: Clarkson Creek Bridge upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●	●	▶		
112	Ingham - Innisfail: Broken Pole Creek Bridge replacement (incl. WCLT)		●	●	▶		
113	Ingham - Innisfail: south of Damper Creek Safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶		
114	Ingham - Innisfail: 5 Mile Creek Bridge replacement (incl. WCLT)		●	●	▶		
115	Ingham - Innisfail: Keith Williams Drive to Dalrymple Street safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
116	Ingham - Innisfail: south of Euramo safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
117	Ingham - Innisfail: Tully safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶		
118	Ingham - Innisfail: south of Liverpool Creek safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶	▶	
119	<b>Ingham - Innisfail:</b> Liverpool Creek to Cowley Realignment flood resilience works (incl. WCLT)		●	●	▶	▶	
120	Ingham - Innisfail: Boobah Creek and Little Moresby River Bridge upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●	●	▶		
121	Ingham - Innisfail: south of Sandy Pocket to Moresby River safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶	▶	
122	Ingham - Innisfail: Mourilyan safety upgrade		●			▶	
123	Ingham - Innisfail: Mourilyan Harbour Road intersection upgrade		●				▶
124	Ingham - Innisfail: Stitt Street and Ida Street intersection upgrade	●	●				▶
125	Innisfail - Cairns: Eubenangee safety and flood resilience upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●	●	▶		
126	Innisfail - Cairns: Russell River safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
127	Innisfail - Cairns: Babinda Creek safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
128	Innisfail - Cairns: Babinda safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
129	Innisfail - Cairns: Bellenden Ker safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
130	Innisfail - Cairns: north of Bellenden Ker safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶		
131	Innisfail - Cairns: north of Fishery Falls safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶	▶	

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