

Draft North Queensland Regional Plan and Infrastructure Plan 2026

Fact sheet



Plan at a glance

The Queensland Government is developing new regional plans across the state. The draft North Queensland Regional Plan and Infrastructure Plan 2026 was gazetted on 18 August 2026.

The new draft regional plan sets a 20-year vision and strategic direction for the North Queensland region to cater for growth to 2046.

For the first time, the North Queensland infrastructure plan is included as an appendix to the regional plan – linking land use and infrastructure planning in one place. This ensures transport, water, energy, digital and social and community infrastructure are planned together to support growth.

Region at a glance

The North Queensland region includes:

- Burdekin Shire Council
- Charters Towers Regional Council
- Hinchinbrook Shire Council
- Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
- Townsville City Council.

The region is projected to grow to 298,000 by 2046, with at least 20,000 new dwellings required by 2046.

The draft new regional plan is supported by an infrastructure plan that sets out the regionally significant infrastructure needed to support the region's growth.

More information

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Key themes



Housing



Economy



Infrastructure

Have your say

Consultation is open until **11.59pm Tuesday 29 September 2026**.

You can provide feedback by making a submission, attending an online or in-person talk-to-a-planner session, or using the online engagement page.

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