

Tabled Estimate
hearing 9:55am
19/2/17 Member for
Nanango
Ref No: MBN17/166

DILGP – BRIEF FOR DECISION Date: 17 February 2017

SUBJECT: Endorsement of 2016–17 Works for Queensland (W4Q) projects

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That you:

- **endorse and initial each page** of the schedule of 2016–17 W4Q projects for 62 councils for a total allocation of \$181,220,000 (**Attachment 1**), noting that the Rockhampton and Livingstone projects have already been approved, and that it is proposed to provide a preliminary approval to Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council (WWASC), Cassowary Coast Regional Council (CCRC) and Gympie Regional Council (GRC) projects (total \$200 million)

NOTED or APPROVED/NOT APPROVED



Hon. Jackie Trad MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Transport and
Minister for Infrastructure and Planning
Date: 19/02/17.

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- **approve the use of your electronic signature for endorsement letters to the mayors of each council (Attachment 3) - With amendment.**
- **note the Director-General will write to the Chief Executive Officer of each local government advising of your endorsement and providing a list of projects (Attachment 4 and 5)**

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- **note that public announcements and notification of successful projects will be scheduled in consultation with your office.**

BACKGROUND:

On 19 January 2017, you approved the release of the 2016–17 W4Q funding program and advised eligible local governments of their allocated funds. Eligible applicants are the 65 local governments outside of South East Queensland. Attachment 7 details council's approved allocations under the program.

The objective of 2016–17 W4Q is to support job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects relating to assets owned or controlled by rural and regional local governments. Councils were requested to submit, by 10 February 2017, a list of eligible projects to the department that amounts to their allocated funding. No co-contribution to the projects is required, though councils may also fund the identified projects.

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KEY ISSUES:Evaluation Process

As an allocation-based program, funding under 2016–17 W4Q is provided to rural and regional local governments outside of south-east Queensland as a fixed amount to be expended on eligible projects. These projects have been evaluated by the department to ensure compliance with the 2016–17 W4Q program guidelines (Attachment 8) and there is no double-up of funding with other programs.

As this is not a competitive application-based process, the department has not undertaken a detailed assessment of the projects submitted, rather, it has worked closely with local governments (and regional state agency representatives) to ensure all submitted projects meet program eligibility requirements.

This evaluation was then reviewed by an interdepartmental panel with representation from the department, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and Queensland Treasury, with other state agencies included on an 'as required' basis (including the Department of Transport and Main Roads for road projects). This process is consistent with previous practice on similar funding programs. Issues/concerns identified throughout the evaluation process were addressed with councils and relevant state agencies.

Identified Projects

The projects submitted by the councils for endorsement cover a wide range of categories, including crime prevention and community safety, cultural and recreational, disaster mitigation, economic development, roads and bridges, sewerage, waste and recycling and water supply. Attachment 9 provides this breakdown. It is significant to note the high number of projects for cultural and recreational and economic development being 441, which highlights the council's focus on much needed outcomes for their community. A total of 5,333 jobs have been identified by councils as supported (2,870) or created (2,463).

703 projects in Attachment 1 have been evaluated as compliant with a total value of \$181,220,000. Three projects identified in Attachment 2 have been evaluated and are recommended for preliminary approval with a total value of \$8,597,548.

Delivery of Projects

It is important the benefits of the endorsed project/s are realised as soon as possible, and it is a requirement for all works be completed by 30 November 2017. The Funding Deed of Agreement already executed between councils and the department in conjunction with the guidelines will govern the delivery of the project/s.

To assist with delivery council allocations will be disbursed on the following basis:

- 60 percent upon endorsement of the projects by the department.
- a further 30 percent upon council expending 50 percent of allocation
- a final 10 percent upon finalisation/acquittal, as per the Funding Deed of Agreement, of all projects.

Immediate steps have been taken to ensure the initial 60 percent payment to councils is being processed, meaning council will receive it shortly after project endorsement.

Local governments are required to submit monthly reporting on all endorsed projects, including delivery risks and information on project completion as well as forecasted expenditure.

Specific Projects

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ELECTION COMMITMENT:

This matter does not relate to an election commitment.

RESULTS OF CONSULTATION:

Consultation was undertaken between the department's Regional Advisors and councils in developing the list of projects for endorsement. Officers from DPC and QT were involved in the evaluation process.

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority was consulted to obtain advice/feedback on each project and the preparation of GIS mapping. **Attachment 10** maps the recommended.

The Acting Auditor-General has provided feedback on the 2016-17 W4Q Guidelines and the acquittal process.

RIGHT TO INFORMATION: Contents/attachments suitable for publication? Yes No

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY: Is there a media opportunity for the DP's Office? Yes No

Pages 4 through 29 redacted for the following reasons:

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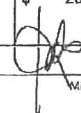
**2016-17 Works for Queensland (W4Q)
Schedule of Recommended Projects for Endorsement**

Council	Project title	Project category	Project description	Jobs supported	Jobs created	W4Q project budget (GST Excl)
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Townsville City Council	Kalynda Chase Dog Park	Cultural & recreational	Development of a dog park within the suburb of Bohle Plains - including the establishment of fencing, softscapes, irrigation, shade and park furniture.	4	1	\$ 150,000.00
Townsville City Council	Edison Park Recreation Park Upgrade	Cultural & recreational	Comprehensive upgrade of Edison Park to a District Park Standard - including the establishment of new pathways, shelters, dog off-leash area, footbridges, irrigation, softscapes.	23	7	\$ 1,993,000.00
Townsville City Council	Alligator Creek Multi-Purpose Sporting Hub	Cultural & recreational	Construction of an enclosed multi-purpose sporting facility over the existing basketball court at Alligator Creek. Will include 3.6m high enclosure, line marking for multi sports, texture re-surfacing and lighting.	4	1	\$ 175,000.00
Townsville City Council	Castle Hill - Cutheringa Track Upgrade	Cultural & recreational	This project is for the improvement of track walkability, legibility, safety and erosion control. Works will include structural engineer and geotechnical engineer assessments of the current walkways and structures; track widening and hardening works; the repair of existing and the installation of new steps, rock pave landings, drains, handrails, seats and lookout areas.	7	1	\$ 384,000.00
Townsville City Council	Castle Hill - Goat Track Upgrade	Cultural & recreational	This project is for the improvement of track walkability, legibility, safety and erosion control. Works will include structural engineer assessments of the existing structures; track widening and hardening works; the repair of existing and the installation of new steps, rock pave landings, drains and seats.	8	2	\$ 482,500.00
Townsville City Council	Street Trees Project	Cultural & recreational	The City Street Trees project will add efficiencies and benefits to our existing 'CBD Utilities Project' and 'Footpath Treatment Upgrade' projects, whilst increasing the street appeal of our CBD. This project would be eligible under the guidelines as it improves the conditions and useability of the City footpaths. It will also promote a healthy lifestyle by providing a more comfortable experience through the streets, encouraging pedestrian movement, passive surveillance and driving active streets to benefit our CBD traders and creating economic opportunities.	19	6	\$ 2,500,000.00
Townsville City Council	Construct carpark	Cultural & recreational	Construct on-road car parking adjacent to Wulguru Soccer Club ground along Marconi St, Wulguru. The works include kerb and channel, dish drain, new pavement, asphalt surfacing, line marking and parking signage.	7	1	\$ 260,000.00
Townsville City Council	Walkway / footpath 1	Cultural & recreational	The construction of footpath from the end of the existing footpath at Kepler St to Stuart Dr. This would be on the North side of the road and include upgrade to several bus shelters.	8	2	\$ 680,000.00
Townsville City Council	Bike pathway	Cultural & recreational	Shared path 2.5m wide through park reserve from Ring Road back to St Anthony's School approximately 500-700m long	7	1	\$ 530,000.00
Townsville City Council	Walkway / footpath 2	Cultural & recreational	3m Shared path from X Base to Yates St.	9	3	\$ 1,777,750.00
Townsville City Council	Install banner frames on existing light poles	Cultural & recreational	Installation of brackets on light poles to support advertising banners along Riverway Park area. Scope of works unknown as investigations required into the suitability of foundations to withstand wind loads and impacts on lighting and CCTV.	2	0	\$ 100,000.00
Townsville City Council	Seal carpark	Cultural & recreational	Surfacing of an existing gravel car park. The works may also include new pavement material and concrete haunch surrounding the car park area.	5	1	\$ 150,000.00
Townsville City Council	Construct street art wall (similar to one recently built at Townsville Stadium)	Cultural & recreational	Construct a Street Art Wall at Riverway. Street Art can significantly enhance the region's social, cultural, recreational and economic vitality; whilst mitigate acts of graffiti.	3	0	\$ 20,000.00

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Townsville City Council	Complete enhancement of Nathan Street	Cultural & recreational	Improve the scenic vista of Nathan St with street scaping. The proposal provides for upgrade to landscape works along the section of Nathan St between Charles St and Dalrymple Rd.	15	5	\$ 1,250,000.00
Townsville City Council	Stairs on the dam wall	Cultural & recreational	Reinstatement of access stairs to crest of Ross River Dam to provide alternative public access.	4	1	\$ 50,000.00
Townsville City Council	Smart water meters	Economic development	Trial of Smart Water Meters – 5 Suburbs (300 devices available for each trial suburb) • Purchase of Devices • Establishment of data management system and customer/utility portals	8	2	\$ 305,000.00
Townsville City Council	Strand Water Park Stage 2	Cultural & recreational	Stage 2 of the water park, includes infrastructure and associated landscaping elements for enhancement of the community use.	8	2	\$ 500,000.00
Townsville City Council	Pathway lighting	Cultural & recreational	The provision of pathway lighting along the river pathway which links from riverside tavern to vickers bridge path. Lighting and security cameras have been added to the cost of the project.	8	2	\$ 900,000.00
Townsville City Council	Walkway / footpath 3	Cultural & recreational	1.5m wide concrete path from Iluka St to Hugh St including 2 pedestrian refuges and 3 bus stops.	8	3	\$ 1,083,000.00
Townsville City Council	Walkway / footpath 4	Cultural & recreational	Connecting footpaths to extend the connectivity through Armstrong St and surrounds focusing on Ahearn St to the intersection at Marks St. Approximately 70m of 1.5m wide footpath.	3	0	\$ 40,000.00
Townsville City Council	Footpaths - Construction of concrete footpaths on the pathway network	Cultural & recreational	Improve condition quality of asset to footpath/pathway infrastructure, new minor infrastructure works. Construction of new concrete footpaths, kerb ramps, signage, blister islands at a number of sites	15	5	\$ 570,000.00
Townsville City Council	Walkway / footpath 5	Cultural & recreational	Construct a foot path for 450m on Mary St In West End.	4	1	\$ 200,000.00
Townsville City Council	Sun shelters over play equipment	Cultural & recreational	Install a metal shelter over the new playground at Rosewood Park. The playground area is 16m x 27 m	7	1	\$ 200,000.00
Townsville City Council	Install "Welcome to Murray Sporting Complex" sign	Cultural & recreational	Large "Welcome to Murray Sporting Complex" sign with landscaping near the roundabout on Stuart Drive	3	0	\$ 40,000.00
Townsville City Council	Upgrade park - • Beautification • Safety fences near playground (baseball diamond) • Upgrade toilet block	Cultural & recreational	Enhance fencing to improve park safety and upgrade to the existing toilet block.	7	1	\$ 250,000.00
Townsville City Council	Park upgrade	Cultural & recreational	Provide a safety fence and top dress the playing fields at MA Olympic Soccer Club on Burt St	3	0	\$ 40,000.00
Townsville City Council	Top Dress Oval at Park	Cultural & recreational	Top-dress sporting oval at Pace Park, Rollingsstone Community Centre. The facility aims to cater for sporting groups and recreational activities, providing for all community members	4	1	\$ 15,000.00
Townsville City Council	Shade Structures over Riverway Lagoons	Cultural & recreational	The construction of shade structures to sit above the Riverway Lagoons is an eligible project under the guidelines as it improves the conditions and useability of the recreational facility. It would also have the added bonus of minimising the evaporation of water in the lagoons to help with our water shortage issues.	5	1	\$ 1,001,650.00
Townsville City Council	Flood Light Fishermans landing kids playground	Cultural & recreational	Allow for the installation for 2 flood lights at the playground area. Includes electrical service connection to the switchboard and underground power cabling to the playground area.	3	0	\$ 51,000.00
Townsville City Council	Dog off-leash park 1	Cultural & recreational	Install dog off leash area within Mount View Park	4	0	\$ 200,000.00
Townsville City Council	Dog off-leash park 2	Cultural & recreational	Installation of signage and supporting infrastructure to develop an unfenced leash free area within the drain.	3	0	\$ 20,000.00
Townsville City Council	Hervey Range Transfer Station Upgrade	Waste & recycling	The application is for the entire installation of a mechanical compaction system for the transfer station. This infrastructure enhances the community asset and future proofs the facility against the expected population growth. This infrastructure will create jobs during the construction phase as well as during operation and ongoing maintenance.	2	0	\$ 450,000.00
Townsville City Council	Stuart Wasic Facility Entry Upgrade	Waste & recycling	This application has two parts. Firstly it will provide for the installation of an additional weighbridge including a service point. Secondly, it will facilitate the upgrade of existing transaction control mechanisms (e.g. traffic lights, boom gates, etc.) as well as renewing the civil infrastructure associated with the weighbridge. The upgrades enhance community assets, whilst reducing queuing considering the projected growth.	2	0	\$ 400,000.00
Townsville City Council	Construct fence, and ramp over white pipe (to get kids safe to school)	Cultural & recreational	Install a footbridge (including handrails) over existing water supply pipe to improve access for students travelling to Bluewater State School	8	2	\$ 65,000.00
Townsville City Council	Walkway / footpath 6	Cultural & recreational	Construct a foot path from Lumeah St to Nathan St. 1.5m wide concrete footpath of approximately 325m of footpath	4	1	\$ 160,000.00
Townsville City Council	Reseal (completion of unfinished section)	Roads & bridges	Asphalt overlay of existing road along Flinders Street. Total area of overlay 11600m ²	9	3	\$ 460,000.00
Townsville City Council	Rubbish bins	Cultural & recreational	Install 3 refuse bins including bin stands at the Lakes	2	0	\$ 5,000.00
Townsville City Council	Reseal and k&c	Roads & bridges	Replace kerb and channel and asphalt overlay the whole of Banora Court.	4	1	\$ 267,000.00
Townsville City Council	Reseal	Roads & bridges	Asphalt overlay of existing road along Queens Rd. Road may also require some reconstruction. Approx total area is 4500m ²	5	1	\$ 200,000.00


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Townsville City Council	Road construction	Roads & bridges	Construct road pavement of gravel section of Dommelt Street and construct drainage invert at bend.	5	1	\$ 130,000.00
Townsville City Council	Construct and Install Bluewater Signs	Cultural & recreational	Install two Bluewater suburb threshold signs (including landscaping) along the Bruce Highway nature strip. The signs will highlight the Bluewater area to motorists and be consistent with existing northern suburb threshold signs	8	2	\$ 60,000.00
Townsville City Council	Visual screening of pump station	Cultural & recreational	The installation of further landscaping and screening at the recently constructed pump station at the intersection of Yolanda and University Drive. Works would include additional garden beds, planting, mulching and irrigation.	2	0	\$ 15,000.00
Townsville City Council	LED Lighting in Palmer Street and CBD	Cultural & recreational	This LED lighting project will have create a legacy of lower power costs along Townsville's busiest restaurant street. It will also support the city's image during the Commonwealth Games.	5	1	\$ 325,000.00
Townsville City Council	Shade Structures over Townsville Parks	Cultural & recreational	This will provide shade over a number of Townsville Parks to increase the recreational appeal and enhance the outdoor lifestyle of the city.	9	2	\$ 1,100,000.00
Townsville City Council	Riverway Precinct - Renewal of irrigation control system with digital decoder/encoder technology	Cultural & recreational	Renewal of the aged & unreliable Riverway Precinct irrigation control system. Includes the replacement of 6 existing & separately located irrigation controller & UHF radio assemblies with 1 single master controller. Replacement of old multicore field control cabling with new twin core cable using digital decoder/encoder equipment & control valves.	2	0	\$ 330,720.00
Townsville City Council	Irrigation stand-alone controller site renewals - new digital SCADA Controller system	Cultural & recreational	Renewal of aging stand-alone irrigation controller sites with new digital Irrinet Network SCADA (supervisory control & data acquisition); controllers & equipment; enabling remote control & irrigation water management.	2	0	\$ 480,730.00
Townsville City Council	Water Saving Initiatives Irrigation - Soil moisture sensors & digital rain sensor	Water	Installation of Water Saving technology equipment into councils existing Irrigation Network sites. Installation of soil moisture sensors (20 sites) & infra-red beam digital rain sensor technology (20 sites).	2	0	\$ 180,730.00
Townsville City Council	Cranbrook Park Sports Field - non-potable irrigation water supply	Water	Installation of infrastructure to enable the irrigation of Cranbrook Park Sports Fields using supplementary non-potable ground water for irrigation. Funding would be spent installing ground water extraction bores, pumping, filtration, tank storage & SCADA control equipment located adjacent to the sports fields. This would enable one of Townsville's high use sporting facilities (utilised by multiple community groups & sports clubs) to be kept in a "fit for purpose condition" even during drought & water restrictions.	7	1	\$ 380,730.00
Townsville City Council	Deflection Rails - Installation and maintenance along footpaths on pathway network	Roads & bridges	Meets program guidelines and objective - Improve condition quality of asset to footpath/pathway infrastructure, new minor infrastructure works and maintenance. Installation of new and maintenance of deflection rails, kerb ramps, post/rail barrier, signage and pavement marking at a number of sites along the footpath/pathway network on local roads for pedestrian and cyclist safety.	5	1	\$ 190,730.00
Townsville City Council	Refurbishment of Lake Paluma Recreation Facilities	Cultural & recreational	Refurbishment of recreation facilities at Lake Paluma including camp ground and day use area facilities, interpretive signage, renewable power supply upgrade.	2	0	\$ 180,730.00
Townsville City Council	Mt Stuart Road Bridge, deck replacement.	Roads & bridges	Replacement of bridge superstructure/bridge decking. The project is an essential element of council's infrastructure which allows access to the telecommunications facility, abseiling and viewing platforms located at the summit of Mount Stuart.	5	1	\$ 600,730.00

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