




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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Resources Community Infrastructure Fund, Grants

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure) (9.41 am): The Palaszczuk government and the resources sector are giving back to the many local communities who support our state's resources projects. We are partners in the \$100 million Resources Community Infrastructure Fund, with the resources sector contributing \$70 million of that amount. Together, we are going above and beyond to provide community infrastructure for these towns, cities and communities because they go above and beyond for all of us. They are home to the families, workers and service providers who contribute to our resource industries.

I am pleased to announce that \$52.71 million from the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund is now approved for 20 new projects in 15 resources communities. This is the second and final round of project funding from the RCIF. I thank the resources sector for supporting this fantastic success story.

From Biloela in Central Queensland to Mapoon on the cape and west to Mount Isa, round 2 projects will soon be underway. Over \$6.92 million will help build the Royal Flying Doctor Service's new aeromedical base in Mount Isa. It will be located with the new LifeFlight base which will receive \$3.98 million from the RCIF; Collinsville Aerodrome will be upgraded with a contribution of over \$1.81 million; \$4.39 million will be invested in a new early learning childcare facility at Cloncurry; and over \$6.29 million in a new children's services hub at Julia Creek.

There will be aquatic facilities and splash parks too: \$5 million to help upgrade the Springsure Aquatic Centre; \$2.7 million for the Biloela splash park and playground; and over \$996,000 for a Mount Isa aqua play facility. Townsville will gain \$250,000 for a playroom at its Ronald McDonald House, a home away from home for families with seriously ill children receiving medical care. An investment of more than \$5.21 million will help redevelop the St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland's Mackay Community Support Centre to facilitate the delivery of integrated housing and support services. I know that the member for Mackay has been a strong advocate for that project. On the cape, more than \$2.89 million will help upgrade the Cullen Point Campground and develop a historical walk of the mission village in the old Mapoon precinct. Weipa will receive \$3.33 million to help create a new youth precinct.

There are many more projects. It is a long list that goes a long way in showing our appreciation to Queensland resources communities. Congratulations to all the recipients.