

**Question on Notice  
No. 681  
Asked on 26 May 2021**

**MR D CRISAFULLI** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the \$1.003m line item in the Budget 2020-21 Capital Statement titled Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund—

Will the Minister provide a full list of all projects being undertaken as part of this program outlining (a) project cost, (b) project description, (c) project spend to date and (d) projected underspend for this Financial Year?

**ANSWER:**

A list of projects supported under the Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund, including project cost and project description and spend to date is provided at **Attachment 1**. All payments listed exclude GST.

There is no projected underspend for this financial year.

The Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport are continuing to work with project proponents to ensure the timely completion of remaining contractual arrangements.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19 and the impacts of significant weather events in some parts of the state, the majority of proponents maintained project progress and are buoyed by the positive outlook for a strong domestic tourism season.

## Attachment 1 – Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund

Project Grant	Project Description	Project Spend to Date
\$834 000	<b>Australia's Largest Dinosaur Interpretation Infrastructure</b> A climate-controlled, glass fronted room to display the real bones of 'Cooper' alongside a full sized, scientifically accurate, 3D printed and painted skeleton.	\$834 000
\$336 000	<b>Super Constellation Interior Construction and Display Area</b> The new interior display explains the aeroplane's significance to Qantas history and includes part of a recreated passenger cabin, multimedia screens and interpretative displays	\$336 000
\$1 230 000	<b>The Bigger Big Rig and Tree Walk</b> Enhancement of the existing Big Rig, a 40 metre high observation tower and deck allowing visitors to climb along the Big Rig.	\$131 655
\$1 122 226	<b>Enriching Outback Tourism: Experience the Brisbane Line</b> Infrastructure to showcase Charleville's World War II heritage.	\$1 122 226
\$120 000	<b>Birdsville Court House Hologram Project</b> Renovate the Old Court House building to showcase the history of Birdsville.	\$120 000
\$471 317	<b>Freedom Parks</b> Construction of Barcaldine Regional Council's Freedom Parks in Aramac, Jericho and Muttaborra to accommodate campers, caravanners and Recreational Vehicles.	\$471 317
\$510 000	<b>Mitchell Grass Retreat</b> Construction of a mix of 15 'family and couples' eco-friendly luxury 5 star lodges in the form of permanent tents which will be self-contained with common areas.	\$510 000
\$1 230 000	<b>Riversleigh Fossil Centre Revitalisation</b> Revitalisation of the Riversleigh Fossil Centre to showcase the fossil stories of the local area.	\$1 230 000
\$461 700	<b>Cobbold Gorge Glass Bridge</b> Develop, construct and install a glass bottom bridge to span an 11 metre gap over the Cobbold Gorge.	\$461 700
\$353 009	<b>Cunnamulla All Aboard! Time Travel After Dark</b> Build new and renovate existing infrastructure on the history of the rail experience in the outback.	\$353 009
\$400 000	<b>Murra Kumbee Yambangku – Hands Sharing On Country Together</b> Installation and upgrading of tourism access, support and safety facilities on three cattle properties with substantial Aboriginal and Ecological Tourism potential, providing a high-value experience for tourists, while preserving and explaining their cultural value.	\$400 000
\$797 500	<b>The Dinosaur Dreaming Trail</b> Construction of a number of facilities at the North Gregory Hotel, the Desert Dreaming Centre, Dinosaur Dreaming, Winchester Station (Flinders), and Katji-Wirri Keeping Place. Facilities include a theatre, studio, adventure base camps, seating and shade structures.	\$797 500
\$1 000 000	<b>Outback Rail Adventure (ORA)</b> Two Rail Motors and associated infrastructure.	\$0.00
\$244 924	<b>Julia Creek Caravan Park Artesian Bath and Landscaping</b> Construction of two new 'boundary rider huts' to provide an upmarket experience at the artesian bath facility at Julia Creek Caravan Park.	\$244 924
\$70 500	<b>Adels Grove Camping Ground</b> Upgrade of the campground kitchen to assist Adels Grove to accommodate growing visitor numbers to Outback Queensland	\$70 500