

Shaping the future of our region



North West Queensland

# A REGION FULL OF OPPORTUNITIES



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# NWQROC REGION

The North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC) consists of the local government areas of Burke, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, Doomadgee, Flinders, McKinlay, Mount Isa and Richmond.

## MAJOR INDUSTRIES



1 MINING



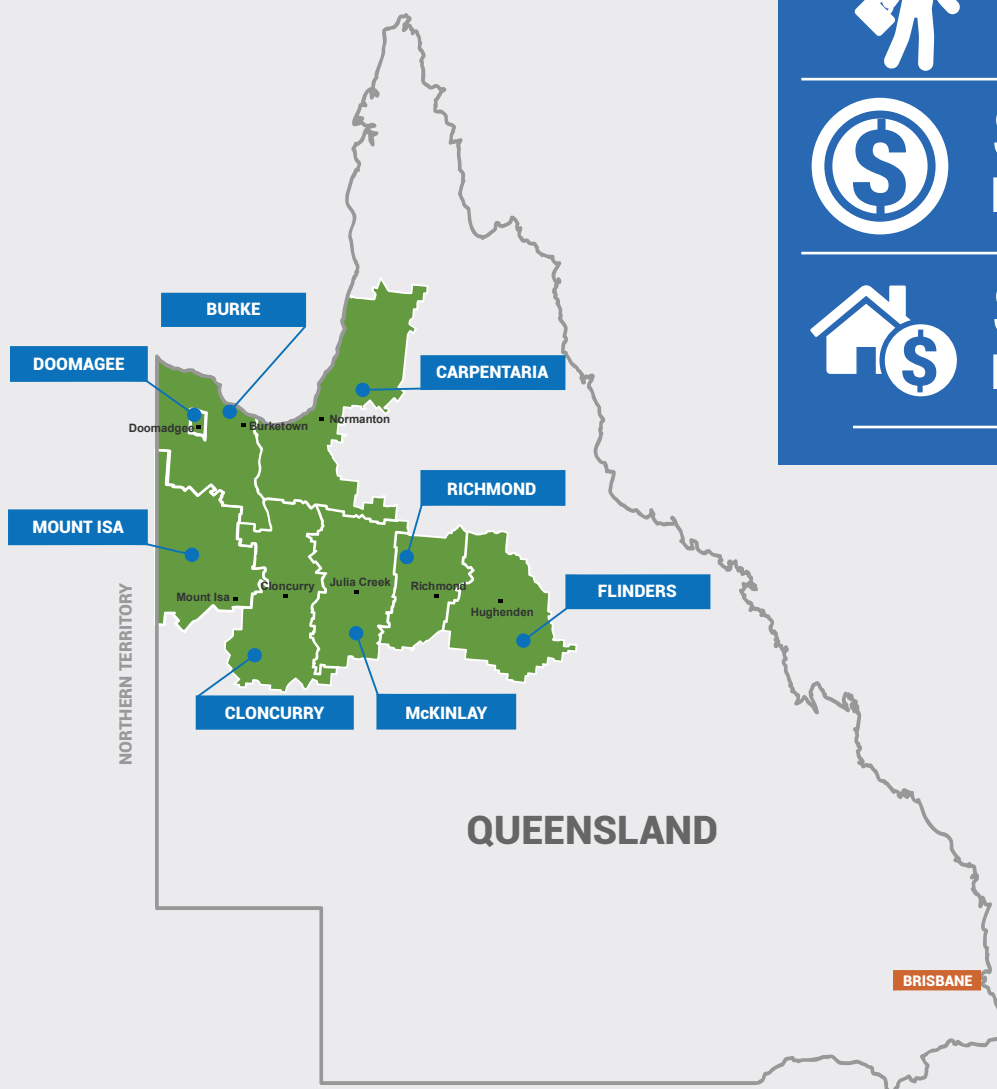
2 AGRICULTURE



3 CONSTRUCTION



4 MANUFACTURING



**305,835** KM<sup>2</sup> AREA



**28,970** RESIDENT POPULATION



**1 in 4** RESIDENT INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATION



**35.5** AVERAGE AGE  
**YEARS**



**12,640** LOCAL WORKERS



**3,590** WORKERS FROM OTHER REGIONS



**\$5.1** GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT  
**BILLION**



**\$1,960** AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD EARNINGS  
**PER WEEK**

## NWQROC COUNCILS

service an area covering 18% of Queensland and contribute significantly to local economies through annual expenditure and employment. Given the relatively small size of the resident communities across the region, ongoing infrastructure and service provision by NWQROC Councils is significantly reliant on external grant funding.



# ABOUT THE NWQROC REGION

## CRITICAL FOCUS AREAS

The following critical focus areas will facilitate economic diversification and sustainable growth of the NWQROC region:

- ✓ STRENGTHENING OF LOCAL RESIDENT AND EMPLOYMENT BASES
- ✓ PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE DROUGHT
- ✓ INCREASING CONNECTIVITY ACROSS MARKETS
- ✓ PROVISION OF MORE RELIABLE (AND STRONGER) EXTERNAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE
- ✓ ENHANCING EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING
- ✓ INVESTMENT IN FACILITATING INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING NEW AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY AND WATER SUPPLIES



The NWQROC economy is a significant contributor to state and national economic and employment outcomes.



The North West Minerals Province is one of the world's richest mineral producing areas with copper, lead, zinc, silver, phosphate and rare earth potential.



The region's products have significant flow on benefits for other regions such as Townsville, Cairns and SEQ through processing, port and employment linkages.

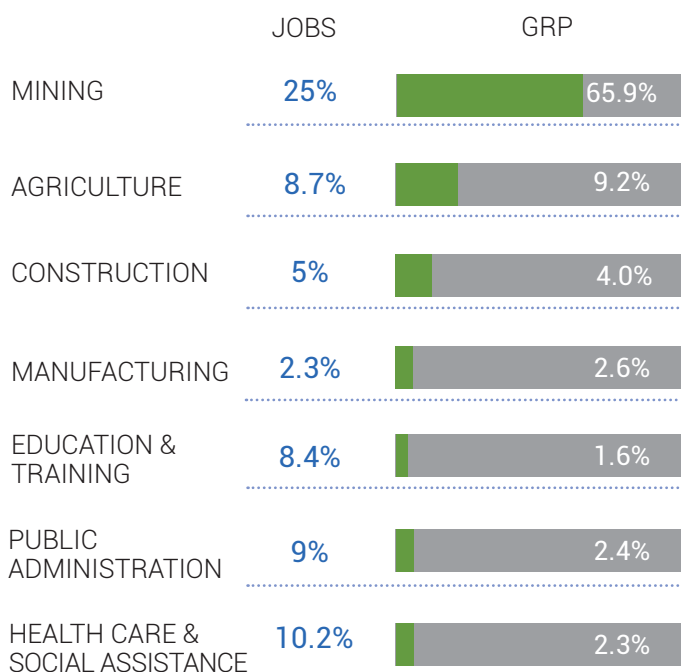


Given the abundance of natural resources across the region, facilitating a stronger and more resilient NWQROC region will enhance state and national growth outcomes.



Opportunities exist to further develop the resources sector as well as in beef cattle (and processing), irrigated agriculture and horticulture, transport and logistics, riverine and marine economies, digital transformation, tourism attraction and renewable energies.

## MAJOR INDUSTRY IMPACT



# NWQROC COUNCILS



**\$2.63**

BILLION ASSETS



**\$177M**

OPERATING EXPENSES



**855**

EMPLOYEES



**10,988 KM**

COUNCIL-CONTROLLED ROADS

**4,280 KM**

STATE-CONTROLLED ROADS



**10,975**

RATEABLE PROPERTIES



**25**

WATER SOURCES



**10**

SEWERAGE  
TREATMENT  
PLANTS



**10**

COMMUNITIES  
SERVICED



**10**

WATER TREATMENT  
PLANTS

**17**

COMMUNITIES  
SERVICED



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