

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, Croydon, Doomadgee, Etheridge, Flinders, McKinlay, Mornington, Mount Isa and Richmond.

MAJOR INDUSTRIES



1 MINING



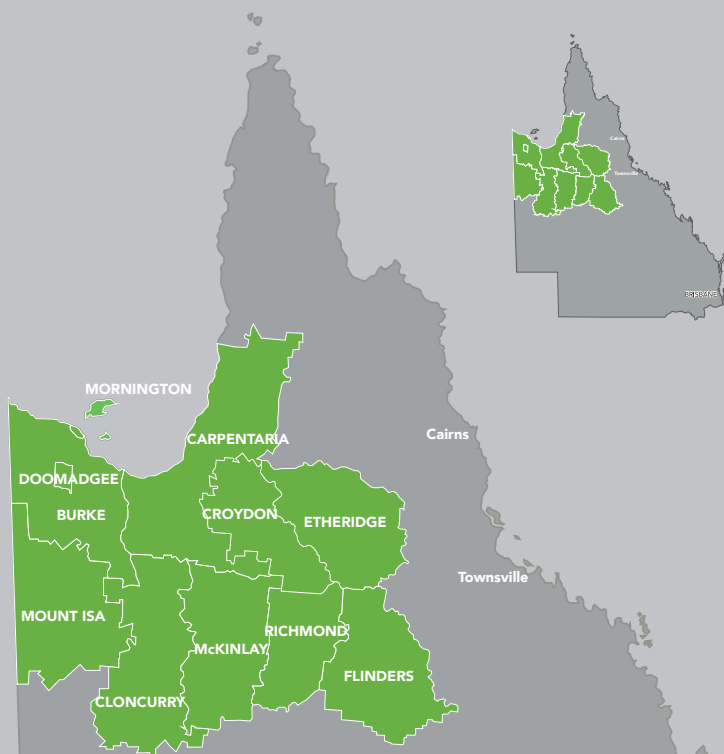
2 AGRICULTURE



3 CONSTRUCTION



4 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



NWQROC COUNCILS

service an area covering 22% 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.



0.38
MILLION

KM² AREA
22% OF THE
STATE



32,165
RESIDENT
POPULATION



28.9%
RESIDENT
INDIGENOUS
REPRESENTATION



34.2
YEARS
AVERAGE AGE



15,355
LOCAL
WORKERS



4,211
WORKERS
FROM OTHER
REGIONS



\$8.84
BILLION
GROSS
REGIONAL
PRODUCT



CONTRIBUTION TO THE
NATIONAL ECONOMY
\$275,000
PER CAPITA COMPARED TO
\$84,000
ELSEWHERE IN QLD



3.27 X MORE PER CAPITA
COMPARED TO REST
OF QLD



\$2,125
PER WEEK
AVERAGE
HOUSEHOLD
EARNINGS



620,000
VISITORS PER YEAR

ABOUT THE NWQROC REGION



Despite its small population base, **North West Queensland** contributes significantly 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, gold, silver, phosphate, vanadium 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.**



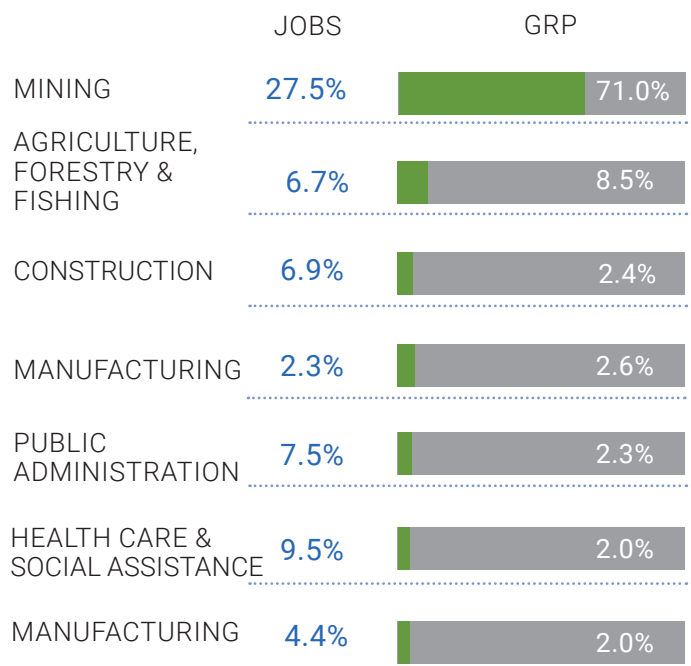
Opportunities exist to further develop the resources sector as well as in beef cattle (and processing), irrigated agriculture and horticulture, transport and logistics, riverine and marine economies, digital transformation, tourism attraction and renewable energies.

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 TO STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE
- ✓ INCREASING CONNECTIVITY ACROSS MARKETS
- ✓ PROVISION OF MORE RELIABLE (AND STRONGER) EXTERNAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE
- ✓ ENHANCING EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING
- ✓ INVESTMENT IN FACILITATING INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING RENEWABLE AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY AND WATER ACCESS

MAJOR INDUSTRY IMPACT



NWQROC COUNCILS



\$3.94
BILLION ASSETS



\$303.5M
OPERATING EXPENSES



939
FTE EMPLOYEES



13,879 KM
COUNCIL-CONTROLLED ROADS



10,770
RATEABLE PROPERTIES

4,280 KM
STATE-CONTROLLED ROADS



38
WATER SOURCES



12
SEWERAGE
TREATMENT
PLANTS



12
COMMUNITIES
SERVICED



12
WATER TREATMENT
PLANTS

25
COMMUNITIES
SERVICED



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