



Hinkler Regional Deal – Fact Sheet

Overview

The Hinkler Regional Deal is the second pilot Regional Deal in Australia. It recognises the unique challenges and opportunities for the region, and the roles of various levels of government to maximise the region’s potential.

What is the Hinkler Regional Deal?

The Hinkler Regional Deal is a 5 year commitment between the Australian Government, Bundaberg Regional Council and Fraser Coast Regional Council for the Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region and its surrounds.

What is the vision of the Deal?

The vision of the Deal Partners is that the Bundaberg and Hervey Bay areas and their surrounds will grow more vibrant and liveable with strong employment opportunities, facilitated through innovative and progressive thinking from the business sector and community to enhance the region’s lifestyle advantages.

What are the objectives of the Deal?

Commitments through the Hinkler Regional Deal leverage the region’s comparative advantages with a focus on:

- Economic Development
 - Invest in job creation
 - Promote business growth
 - Develop a skilled workforce
- Resilience
 - Enhance the resilience of the community and the environment
- Liveability and Community
 - Build strong and cohesive local communities
 - Ensure the area is a destination of choice for generations to come

How much funding has been committed?

The total value of the Deal exceeds \$260 million, and includes:

- Almost \$173 million committed by the Australian Government;
- Almost \$79 million committed by the Bundaberg and Fraser Coast Regional Councils; and
- Contributions and in-kind support committed by community and private sector delivery partners

The Queensland Government has also separately committed \$9 million towards key regional transport projects and \$2.5 million under the Bruce Highway Safety Package in the region.

How will the Deal support local and Indigenous employees and businesses?

The Hinkler Regional Deal aims to maximise the share of jobs held by local people, including Indigenous Australians, on projects funded through the Deal. Indigenous, local employment and supplier-use targets aligned with national policy objectives will be established through the Deal.

Targets for individual projects will be set, monitored and evaluated to maximise potential opportunities for the region.

How will the Hinkler Regional Deal benefit the region long-term?

In addition to the significant investment in the region, the Hinkler Regional Deal also recognises that ongoing collaboration will be key to the region’s success.

As part of the Deal, the Australian Government will partner with the Bundaberg and Fraser Coast Regional Councils and the local community throughout the 5 years of the Deal.

A leadership group and executive board will oversee the delivery of the long-term outcomes for the region. Their roles will be supported through ongoing community engagement through a local partnership forum.



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Summary of Hinkler Regional Deal Initiatives

Initiative	Total Funding	Funding Contributions			Lead	Current Status
		Australian Government	BRC / FCRC	Other Key Partners		
Facilitate innovation and new industries						
Ag-Tech Facility Bargara	\$5.75M	\$5.00M	\$0.75M	Supporting contribution	CQU	Planning
Royal Flying Doctor Service Flight, Medical and Simulation Training Facility	\$15.00M	\$15.00M		Supporting contribution	RFDS	Commenced
Enhancing Regional Tourism	\$0.25M	\$0.25M			AG/BRC/FCRC	Commenced
Enhance Local Communities						
Redevelopment of the Hervey Bay City Centre	\$76.00M	\$40.00M	\$36.00M		FCRC	Planning
De-maining of Quay Street	\$41.86M	\$32.00M	\$9.86M**		BRC/QLD	Planning
Fraser Coast Hospice	\$7.60M	\$7.00M	\$0.60M		FCHA	Commenced
Unlock Regional Transport						
Bargara Road / Princess Street Upgrade	\$10.00M	\$8.00M		\$2.00M	QLD	Planning
Bruce Highway / Buxton Road Intersection Upgrade	\$12.50M	\$10.00M		\$2.50M	QLD	Planning
Childers Road Overtaking Lanes	\$5.00M	\$4.00M		\$1.00M	QLD	Planning
Torbanlea Pialba Road	\$30.00M	\$24.00M		\$6.00M	QLD	Planning
Urraween to Boundary Road Extension	\$21.70M	\$7.70M	\$14.00M		FCRC	Planning
Hervey Bay Airport Redevelopment	\$26.66M	\$9.19M	\$17.47M		FCRC	Commenced
Bulk Goods Conveyor at the Port of Bundaberg	\$10.00M	\$10.00M			GPC/QLD	Planning
Pre-Feasibility Study at the Port of Bundaberg	\$0.75M	\$0.75M			QLD	Planning

** Total includes funding provided by Bundaberg Regional Council to redevelop the precinct into the future.

CQU – Central Queensland University

RFDS – Royal Flying Doctor Service (Qld Section)

AG – Australian Government

FCHA – Fraser Coast Hospice Association

BRC – Bundaberg Regional Council

QLD – Queensland Government

FCRC – Fraser Coast Regional Council

GPC – Gladstone Ports Corporation