Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2027
Regional Snapshot

Cairns

Population to grow by
30,500 people by 2027

Most social housing in Cairns was built over 30 years ago

Cairns Social Housing Demand

Cairns is a great place to live and as our population grows, so too does the demand for housing and associated services. It is important that we invest now in preparation for future demand.

The $1.8 billion Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2027 will deliver more social and affordable housing across the state and transform the way that housing services are delivered, to better support people in need and create a pipeline of development opportunities for local trades and builders.

The Housing Construction Jobs Program will help address Cairns’ long-term housing needs by supporting and accelerating new construction and precinct development.

We are also transforming the way that housing services are delivered to better support people in need and offer more early intervention and prevention services.

Cairns Capital Investment over five years

Not to scale

Department of Housing and Public Works

Queensland Government
Cairns – program of works

The Housing Construction Jobs Program Expressions of Interest (EOIs) will outline the range of potential partnership arrangements to be developed with the market. The EOIs will seek proposals for small, medium and large scale projects and forecast opportunities for multi-year development.

For the first time the market will have an opportunity to shape the construction program aligning innovative design projects with the outcomes sought to address local housing affordability and amenity. The approach will form part of a rolling program which will enable industry and community partners to take advantage of the pipeline of development forecast for the Cairns region.

The Housing Construction Jobs Program EOI is available via QTenders with local industry briefing sessions and engagement opportunities to follow.

This will be the Cairns community’s opportunity to shape the future of social and affordable housing in Cairns and to be part of the building of better neighbourhoods.