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Statistical Note –

Queensland State Budget 2018-19 Capital Expenditure by Region

(Note: This paper is an update for the 2018-19 budget of an earlier statistical note on the 2016-17 budget.)(V2)

Budget 2018-19

The following table gives an analysis of the 2018-19 State budget capital expenditure (purchases) by region compared with population.

The table gives expenditure per capita, the expenditure that would occur if the capital expenditure was on the same per capita basis across the State and the comparative deficit/surplus for that region.

Table #1: Comparative Capital Expenditure by Region – Queensland Budget 2018-19

Region	Budget expenditure \$m	Population 2016 No.	Expenditure per capita \$	Expenditure on State average \$m	Deficit/Surplus \$m
Greater Brisbane	\$4,110 m	2,360,241	\$1,741	\$4,829 m	(-\$719 m)
Gold Coast	\$583 m	591,570	\$986	\$1,210 m	(-\$627 m)
Sunshine Coast	\$723 m	357,542	\$2,022	\$732 m	(-\$9) m
Twba/Darling Downs	\$1,154 m	281,823	\$4,095	\$577 m	+\$577 m
Wide Bay	\$488 m	292,364	\$1,670	\$598 m	(-\$110 m)
Central Queensland	\$918 m	226,314	\$4,057	\$463 m	+\$455 m
Mackay	\$453 m	173,892	\$2,604	\$356 m	+\$96 m
Townsville	\$736 m	235,037	\$3,132	\$481 m	+\$255 m
Cairns	\$412 m	247,762	\$1,663	\$507 m	(-\$95 m)
Outback Qld	\$344 m	82,452	\$4,172	\$169 m	+\$175 m
Total	\$9,921 m	4,848,877	\$2,046		

Source : Cummings Economics from, Q'ld Budget Papers Capital Statement – 2:2 Capital Purchases Table 3. Population ABS Cat No. 3218.0 2016.

What is clear is that among the regional areas, the Cairns region (Cairns, Tablelands, Cassowary Coast, Douglas) continues to be the big loser.

It has the lowest per capita expenditure outside of Greater Brisbane/Gold Coast area. On State per capita averages, it is short changed by about \$95 million.

While Greater Brisbane has the lowest per capita expenditure, some of the surrounding regions in the south-east have very high per capita expenditure. If you take SE Queensland as a whole (Greater Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba/Darling Downs), per capita expenditure was \$1,913 million, ie. higher than Cairns region at per capita \$1,663.

Movements Over Past Five Years

The following analyses movements over the past five years.

Table #2: Comparative Queensland Budget Capital Expenditure by Region – 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

Region	2018-19 \$m	2017-18 \$m	2016-17 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2014-15 \$m
Greater Brisbane	4,110	3,513	3,192	2,740	3,203
Gold Coast	583	773	894	900	973
Sunshine Coast	723	561	1,116	968	957
Twba/Darling Downs	1,154	841	1,132	1,022	885
Wide Bay	488	537	546	479	718
Fitzroy	918	624	690	787	663
Mackay	453	388	386	310	455
Townsville	736	586	507	443	676
Cairns	412	451	352	330	480
Outback Qld	344	332	481	595	376
Total Qld	9,921	8,608	9,296	8,574	9,386

Source : Cummings Economics from, Q'ld Budget Papers Capital Statement – 2:2 Capital Purchases Table 3.

Table #3: Comparative Queensland Budget Capital Expenditure by Region Per Capita – 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

Region	2018-19 \$	2017-18 \$	2016-17 \$	2015-16 \$	2014-15 \$
Greater Brisbane	1,741	1,488	1,403	1,205	1,408
Gold Coast	986	1,307	1,596	1,606	1,736
Sunshine Coast	2,022	1,569	3,323	2,882	2,849
Twba/Darling Downs	4,095	2,984	4,057	3,660	3,169
Wide Bay	1,670	1,837	1,891	1,659	2,488
Fitzroy	4,057	2,757	3,083	3,517	2,963
Mackay	2,604	2,231	2,120	1,703	2,499
Townsville	3,132	2,493	2,143	1,870	2,857
Cairns	1,663	1,820	1,451	1,360	1,978
Outback Qld	4,172	4,027	5,446	6,728	4,252
Average Qld	2,046	1,775	1,972	1,816	1,988

Source : Cummings Economics from, Q'ld Budget Papers Capital Statement – 2:2 Capital Purchases Table 3.

The Tables indicate that over the five years, the Cairns region has consistently been among the lowest per capita in the State outside of Greater Brisbane/Gold Coast. In total, over the five years, the Cairns region has recorded the lowest per capita State Budget capital spending outside Greater Brisbane/Gold Coast.