

# COST OF ALCOHOL RELATED CRIME & VIOLENCE IN CAIRNS

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# SOCIAL COST OF ALCOHOL ABUSE

<b><u>AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH</u></b>		
<b>2010</b>	<b>\$14.3 bn</b>	
<b>Per head of population</b>	<b>\$640</b>	<b>(2010)</b>
	<b>\$750</b>	<b>(est 2019 values)</b>

<b><u>US RESEARCH</u></b>		
<b>2010 est</b>	<b>\$US 249 bn</b>	
<b>Per head of population</b>	<b>\$US 805</b>	<b>(2010)</b>
	<b>\$US 926</b>	<b>(est 2019 values)</b>

Source: Cummings Economics based on; Australian research – Australian Institute of Criminology; US research – CDC – Centre for Disease Control.



# ESTIMATED SOCIAL COSTS OF ALCOHOL ABUSE IN CAIRNS SA4 REGION (Based on National Ratios per Head of Population)

- **EST TOTAL COST OF ALCOHOL ABUSE -**  
**ABOUT \$190 M**
- **ABOUT 1.5% OF GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT -**  
**APPROXIMATELY \$13 BN**
- **TOTAL INCOME CHINESE TOURISM -**  
**ABOUT \$200 M**



Source: Cummings Economics based on Australian research – Australian Institute of Criminology & ABS – Estimated Residential..

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## TYPE OF COST OF ALCOHOL ABUSE IN AUSTRALIA

<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>\$39 m</b>
<b>HEALTH SYSTEM</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>\$23 m</b>
<b>WORKFORCE PRODUCTIVITY</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>\$80 m</b>
<b>TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>\$48 m</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$190 m</b>



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# UNEMPLOYMENT (CAIRNS SA4 REGION)

- **AGES 15 – 24 yrs**

**HAVE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

**DOUBLE THE GENERAL POPULATION**

**(2016 CENSUS 15.0% COMPARED WITH 7.8%)**

*Source: Cummings Economics Analysis of ABS Workforce Series in 2011.*



# UNEMPLOYMENT (CAIRNS SA4 REGION)

<b>INDIGENOUS POPULATION (15-24 yrs)</b>	<b>35.3%</b>
<b>ALL INDIGENOUS POPULATION</b>	<b>26.0%</b>
<b>ALL POPULATION</b>	<b>7.8%</b>

*Source: Cummings Economics from ABS Census Data 2016.*



# IMPACTS ON VISITORS

- **BACKPACKER PERSPECTIVE**
- **FOR TOURISTS, A PROBLEM BUT NOT SERIOUS**
- **CANNOT LET GET OUT OF HAND**



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