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Statistical Note QLD STATE BUDGET 2022-23

'CAPITAL EXPENDITURE' ⁽¹⁾ IN THE CAIRNS REGION COMPARED

The 2022-23 Queensland State Budget has seen a reverse to old patterns of the Cairns Region to again being below the average for 'equivalent regional areas' ⁽²⁾ on a Per Capita basis in Queensland Government capital expenditure.

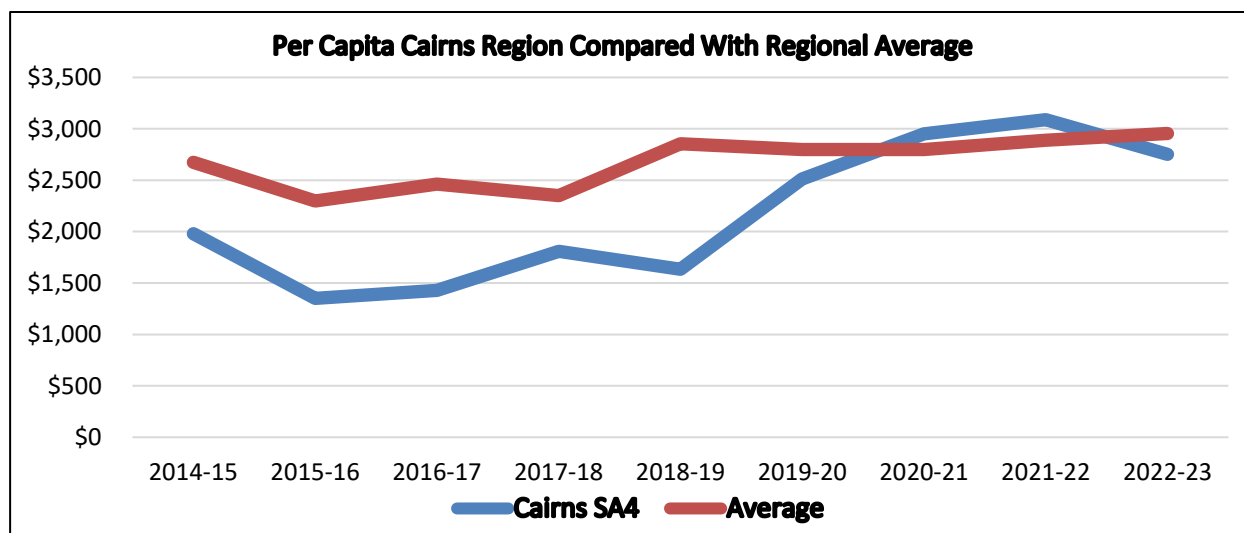
Note ⁽¹⁾: Capital Expenditure - Queensland Budget Paper 3 Capital Statement – Table 2 Capital Purchases by Region.

Note ⁽²⁾: Equivalent Regional Areas - Excludes Greater Brisbane, Moreton, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast & Outback Queensland.

Table 1: Queensland State Capital Expenditure for Equivalent Regional Areas ⁽²⁾ Compared.

| Region | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | | 2021-22 | | 2022-23 | |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Total Expend \$M | Per Capita | Total Expend \$M | Per Capita | Total Expend \$M | Per Capita | Total Expend \$M | Per Capita | Total Expend \$M | Per Capita |
| Toowoomba/Darling Dns SA4s | \$1,154 | \$4,041 | \$661 | \$2,315 | \$572 | \$1,993 | \$594 | \$2,058 | \$550 | \$1,898 |
| Wide Bay SA4 | \$488 | \$1,644 | \$515 | \$1,736 | \$820 | \$2,742 | \$773 | \$2,559 | \$1,033 | \$3,382 |
| Central Qld SA4 | \$918 | \$4,070 | \$975 | \$4,325 | \$1,002 | \$4,414 | \$883 | \$3,869 | \$872 | \$3,805 |
| Mackay SA4 | \$453 | \$2,626 | \$462 | \$2,679 | \$418 | \$2,416 | \$573 | \$3,278 | \$492 | \$2,799 |
| Townsville SA4 | \$736 | \$3,113 | \$765 | \$3,234 | \$566 | \$2,388 | \$688 | \$2,881 | \$769 | \$3,207 |
| Cairns SA4 | \$412 | \$1,635 | \$633 | \$2,512 | \$750 | \$2,952 | \$791 | \$3,089 | \$706 | \$2,752 |
| TOTAL/ AVG | \$4,161 | \$2,855 | \$4,011 | \$2,800 | \$4,128 | \$2,794 | \$4,302 | \$2,890 | \$4,422 | \$2,955 |

Per capita expenditure in the Cairns region has been running at a very low level in previous years and well below equivalent regional averages.



The following Table 2 indicates that over the past nine (9) years, the Cairns SA4 region is still **\$1.1 billion** below what it would have been at equivalent regional per capita averages.

Table 2: Cairns SA4 Region Budgeted Capital Expenditure Compared with Averages for Equivalent Queensland Regional Areas ⁽²⁾

| Year | Cairns SA4 Region Actual \$M | Cairns SA4 Region Per Capita | Regional Average Per Capita | Cairns SA4 Region If at Regional Average | Cairns SA4 Regional Deficit \$M |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 2014-15 | \$480 | \$1,979 | \$2,675 | \$649 | (-\$169) M |
| 2015-16 | \$330 | \$1,351 | \$2,298 | \$562 | (-\$232) M |
| 2016-17 | \$352 | \$1,428 | \$2,462 | \$607 | (-\$255) M |
| 2017-18 | \$451 | \$1,808 | \$2,351 | \$587 | (-\$136) M |
| 2018-19 | \$412 | \$1,634 | \$2,855 | \$720 | (-\$308) M |
| 2019-20 | \$633 | \$2,512 | \$2,800 | \$706 | (-\$73) M |
| 2020-21 | \$750 | \$2,952 | \$2,799 | \$711 | +\$39 M |
| 2021-22 | \$791 | \$3,089 | \$2,890 | \$740 | +\$51 M |
| 2022-23 | \$706 | \$2,752 | \$2,955 | \$758 | (-\$52) M |
| TOTAL DEFICIT | | | | | (-\$1,135) M |