

# CAIRNS' FUTURE

Contribution to Queensland's Population Growth



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**CAIRNS' AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATES  
OF ESTIMATED RESIDENTIAL POPULATION  
URBAN AREA BY DECADES**

1950 – 1960	3.2% pa
1960 – 1970	2.0% pa
1970 – 1980	4.0% pa
1980 – 1990	3.6% pa
1990 – 2000	2.9% pa
9 years 2000 – 2009	3.0% pa

*Source: Cummings Economics from ABS data.*

**COMPARATIVE LONG TERM GROWTH  
QUEENSLAND'S MAIN REGIONAL CITIES  
1947 – 2009**

	1947	2009	% Growth
Cairns	16,644	<b>147,118</b>	<b>+783%</b>
Townsville	<b>34,109</b>	<b>168,402</b>	<b>+394%</b>
Mackay	13,486	83,680	<b>+520%</b>
Rockhampton	<b>34,088</b>	77,017	+126%
Bundaberg	15,926	51,109	+220%
Toowoomba	<b>35,194</b>	<b>128,600</b>	+265%

□ *Note: 3 largest.*

*Source: Cummings Economics from ABS data.*



**COMPARATIVE LONG TERM GROWTH  
REGIONAL STATISTICAL DIVISIONS  
1981 – 2009**

	1981	2009	% Growth
Far North	140,168	<b>269,650</b>	<b>+92%</b>
North	<b>156,501</b>	<b>241,515</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>+54%</b>
North West	40,167	33,979	(-15%)
Mackay	89,763	158,560 <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>+77%</b>
Fitzroy	<b>145,522</b>	220,714	+52%
Central West	14,324	12,270	(-14%)
Darling Downs	<b>168,641</b>	<b>237,211</b>	+41%

□ *Note: 3 largest. (1) Including Bowen. (2) Excluding Bowen.*

*Source: Cummings Economics from ABS data.*

**1981 POPULATION PROJECTIONS OF 2006 POPULATION  
COMPARED WITH ACTUAL OUTCOMES**

	Projected	Actual	Over/Under Estimate
North West	52,417	33,213	+19,204
Far North	243,633	247,295	(-3,662)
North	229,321	223,037 <sup>(1)</sup>	+6,284
Mackay	173,615	146,665 <sup>(2)</sup>	+26,950
Fitzroy	230,652	206,204	+24,448
Central West	19,586	12,535	+7,051
Darling Downs	231,441	225,807	+5,634

*Note: <sup>(1)</sup> Including Bowen. <sup>(2)</sup> Excluding Bowen.*

*Source: Cummings Economics from ABS data. & Population Projections for Qld 1981 – 2006, Queensland Premiers Department.*



<b>SERVICE AREA POPULATIONS</b>				
		<b>2009 Est Res Pop'n</b>	<b>(2006 Census Count)</b>	<b>Est 2009 Hinterland Populations</b>
Cairns Region	(Far North plus Gulf)	274,672	(271,119)	127,554
Townsville Region	(North plus balance )	256,297	(233,327)	64,925

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# CURRENT SITUATION

1. LOSS OF JAPANESE FLIGHTS
2. GFC EFFECTS
  - CONFIDENCE
  - BUILDING APPROVALS
  - MINING TEMPORARY
3. 2009 BUDGET



# LOOKING FORWARD

WORLD ECONOMY CHANGED

POSITIVES & NEGATIVES



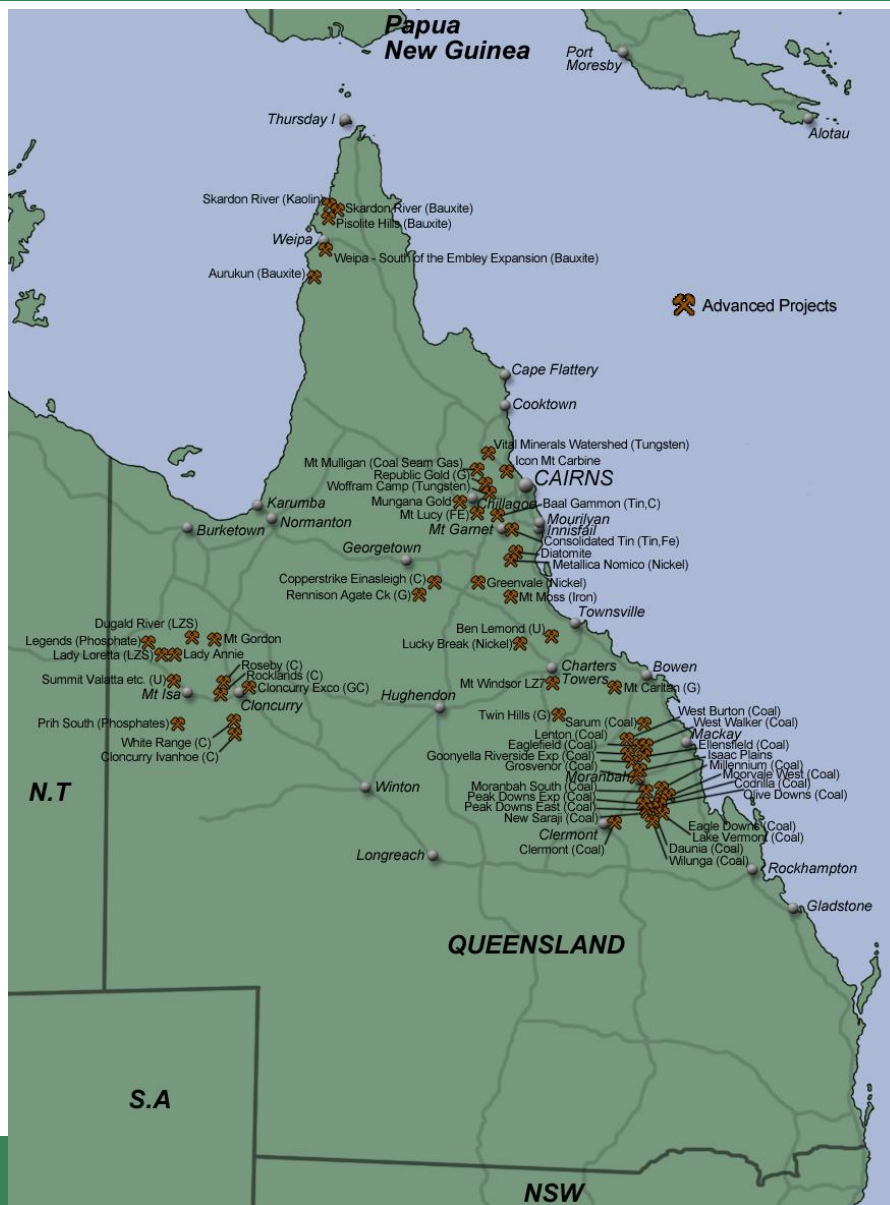


# TOURISM

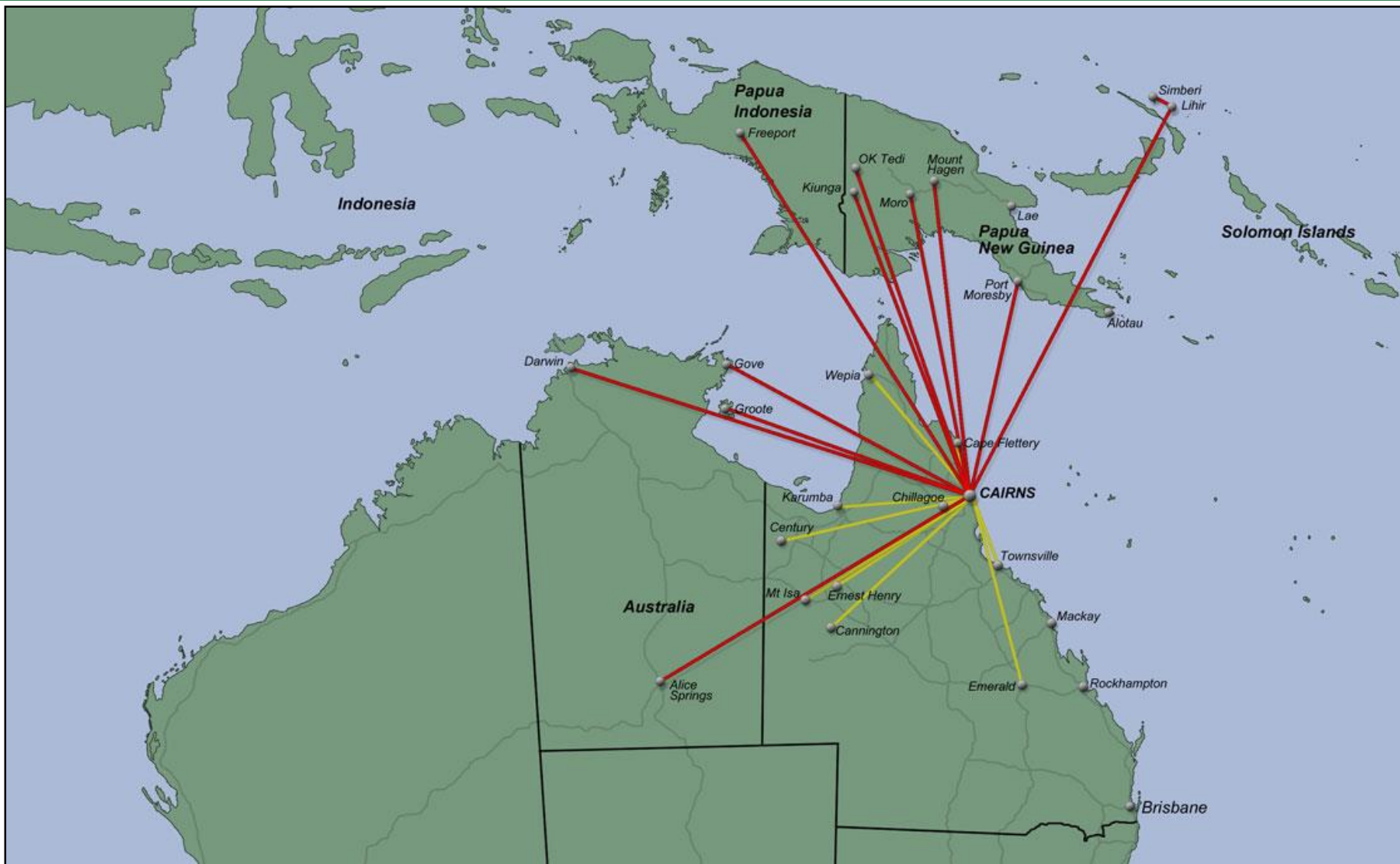
- \* AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR
- \* CHINA & INDIA
- \* RE-EXPANSION OF AIR SERVICES



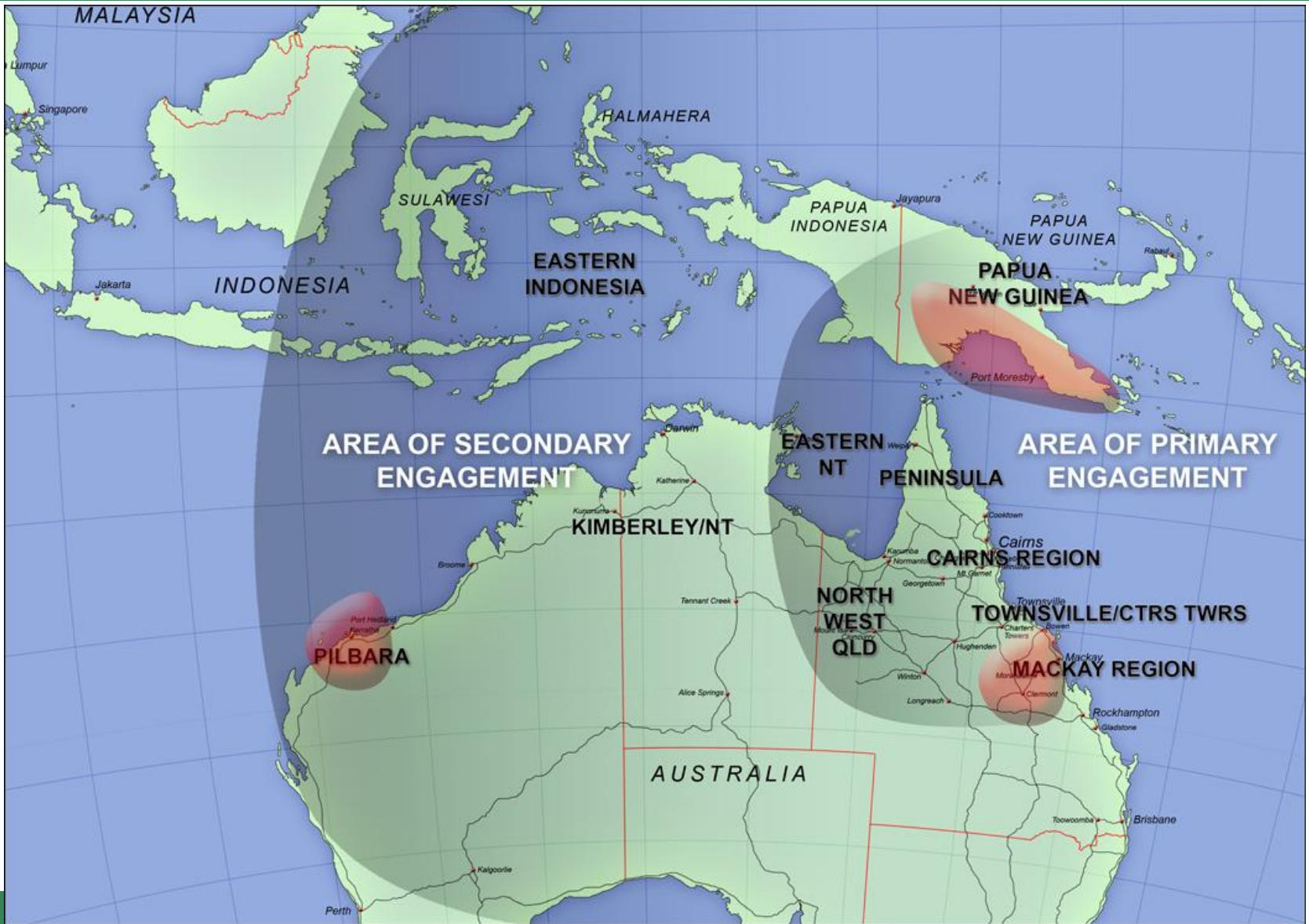
# ADVANCED MINE LOCATIONS, QUEENSLAND



# MINING RELATED & OTHER RELEVANT AIR SERVICES, INTERSTATE & OVERSEAS



# AREAS OF PRIMARY & SECONDARY ENGAGEMENT



# AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

- \* AGRICULTURE STEADY EXPANSION
- \* UNDERDEVELOPED UNDERLYING RESOURCES



# CATCH UP OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- \* HIGHER EDUCATION & RESEARCH
- \* HEALTH & HOSPITALS
- \* CULTURAL & SPORTING



# OTHER SERVICES

- \* MARITIME & AVIATION CLUSTERS
- \* GENERAL BUSINESS
- \* TOURISM DIVERSIFICATION  
BUSINESS, EDUCATION, SPORTS





# CONTINUING STRONG GROWTH

## COMMENSURATE WITH PAST

### LONG TERM TRENDS

- \* MOST GROWTH IN CAIRNS
- \* STEADY GROWTH OUTSIDE





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