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A NOTE ON THE CAIRNS REGION'S POSITION IN MANUFACTURING IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

The Cairns Region plays a much stronger role in manufacturing in Northern Australia than many people think.

The following tables of latest statistics available indicate:

- Cairns Region leads in number of manufacturing businesses (almost 40% more than next largest, the Townsville region).;
- In manufacturing employment, it was 79% of the largest region (Fitzroy) and 89% of the Townsville Region;
- In sales of goods and services, Cairns region was 77% the Townsville region and 91% the Fitzroy region;
- In all measures, the Cairns region exceeded the Darwin / Northern Territory and Mackay regions.

Townsville and Fitzroy regions' employment and turnover is boosted by large mineral processing works and meatworks. The Cairns region is the largest and most dynamic in small manufacturing with highly developed skills based activity, especially in marine and aviation support sectors and in diversified primary product processing.

Manufacturing in Northern Australia, 2006/07

	<u>Number of locations</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Sales of goods & services</u>
Kimberley/Pilbara	197	851	na
Northern Territory	506	3508	na
Cairns/Far North	962	6382	\$3286 m
Townsville/North	653	7137	\$4260 m
Mackay	585	4836	\$1648 m
Rockhampton/Fitzroy	586	8110	\$3600 m
Total	3489	30824	\$17294 m

(plus NT, Kimberley & Pilbara)

□ Denotes highest recorded.

Source: Cummings Economics from Australian Bureau of Statistics Cat. 82210DO010.

Number of Businesses by Industry - Manufacturing, 30th June 2012

	<u>Manufacturing</u>
Cairns Region (SA4)	841
Townsville Region (SA4)	606
Fitzroy Region (SA4)	563
Northern Territory	493

Source: Cummings Economics from Australian Bureau of Statistics Regional Statistics.