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Regional Developments, Job Numbers and More

The Regional Economic Development Corporation has today released the Regional Development Register for the February quarter.

Figures show that the region currently has over \$48.7 billion worth of projects either under study, committed, under construction or recently completed, an increase of 4.95% on November's figures.

Two new features of the register are the private versus public project comparison, which is a breakdown of the amount of investment privately funded and government funded, and the anticipated employment numbers for the projects that are either under study, committed or under construction.

Regional Skills Attraction Project Manager, Laura Sorensen, believes that the anticipated employment table provides a clear indication of where the skills will be required for projects in the region.

"The number of jobs opportunities and anticipated employment in the region is a strong indicator that the local economy has remained consistent and is continuing strengthening."

To access the summary Regional Development Register please visit the REDC website, www.mwredc.org.au

The summary of the developments will be released to the public free of charge on the REDC website. Only REDC members however, will be provided with the full report. To find out more about becoming a member or purchasing a copy of the report, please contact REDC on 4953 2655 or access the information at www.mwredc.org.au (Separate reports are also available for each local government area: Mackay, Whitsunday and Isaac).

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