



MACKAY - WHITSUNDAY - ISAAC

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REGIONAL OVERVIEW

This quarterly report contains information on key developments in the Mackay-Whitsunday-Isaac region. Located halfway between Cairns and Brisbane, the Mackay- Whitsunday-Isaac region incorporates the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday Local Government Areas (LGAs). The region boasts a relaxed, subtropical climate, a competitive business environment, and is underpinned by one of the largest coal mining deposits in Australia supplying Queensland with approximately half of all coal produced and three quarters of the total value of coal exports. The region is also one of the largest contributors to sugar cane production in Australia.

The region generated in excess of \$17.2 billion in economic value in 2008-2009, and is one of the fastest growing economies in Queensland. The region's economy remained buoyant despite the global economic uncertainty and the regional outlook remains positive with more than \$48.7 billion in investment projects recorded at the end of February 2010.

The mining and information technology industries were the strongest performers in 2008-09, contributing significantly to the regional economy. Industries such as wholesale and retail trade, public administration and safety and education and training were also significant contributors, each experiencing rapid growth.

The Mackay-Whitsunday-Isaac Regional Economic Development Corporation (REDC) represents the business, government, and community interests of the three local government areas which form the Mackay Whitsunday Isaac Region. REDC is supported by the Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, and works in partnership with industry, business groups, government agencies, councils and other regional organisations interested in progressing employment growth, and economic and community development within the region.

The Mackay-Whitsunday-Isaac Region is a desirable location for business given its offering of quality industrial land, efficient transport networks, complementary infrastructure and support services, and proximity to the rapidly growing Asia Pacific market.



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DEVELOPMENTS BY CATEGORY (\$M)

Category	Under Study	Committed	Under Construction	Completed	Total	Previous Total
Agribusiness	50.00	298.00		7.00	355.00	305.00
Community Infrastructure		12.10	454.30	-	466.40	486.00
Construction	494.00	1622.50	2833.50	20.00	4970.00	4268.00
Energy	2300.00	260.00	892.00	-	3452.00	3452.00
Manufacturing	7000.00	64.00	1230.00	17.00	8311.00	8311.00
Marine	730.00	3.00	514.00	-	1247.00	1247.00
Mining	12681.00	-	451.50	1500.00	14632.50	13634.50
Ports - Air	-	10.00	-	-	10.00	10.00
Ports - Sea	6750.00	-	845.00	95.00	7690.00	7690.00
Professional Services	-	86.30	93.30	-	179.60	173.50
Rail	1970.00	1298.00	3400.00	30.00	6698.00	6698.00
Retail	110.00	310.00	233.50	-	653.50	385.50
Roads	-	38.70	312.70	109.70	461.10	444.90
Tourism	66.90	-	-	-	66.90	91.90
Water	1248.00	29.90	55.00	-	1332.90	1492.30
Total	33399.90	4032.50	11314.80	1778.70	50525.90	48689.60

DEVELOPMENTS BY COUNCIL (\$M)

Local Government Area	Under Study	Committed	Under Construction	Completed	Total	Previous Total
Mackay Regional Council	2071.9	1716.2	4062.2	142	7992.3	7851.9
Isaac Regional Council	15191	248.1	4907.5	1539.7	21886.3	21277.9
Whitsunday Regional Council	16137	2068.2	2345.1	97	20647.3	19560.8
Mackay Whitsunday Isaac Region	33399.9	4032.5	11314.8	1778.7	50525.9	48690.2

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