

## Tablelands Regional Council Economic Development Strategy 2023-2026

### Vision

We celebrate, We are sustainable, We are inclusive, We are resilient.

### Purpose

To work with business, industry, the community and government to generate economic prosperity for the Tablelands.

We are committed to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to increase economic participation in our economy.

### Attributes

A growing economy, population and workforce  
 Available land and water to support industry and population growth  
 Nationally significant agriculture sector  
 Established supply chains and access to export markets  
 Productive workforce  
 Diversity of nature-based tourism assets and experiences  
 Tablelands University Centre

A sought-after lifestyle and climate – a temperate climate in the tropics  
 Proximity to Cairns International Airport, Cairns Seaport and Port of Mourilyan  
 Growing medical and allied health services  
 An empowered community  
 Located in the Northern Renewable Energy Zone  
 Mineral resources  
 Pro-business and pro-community Local Government

### Strategic industries

**Agriculture   Manufacturing   Construction   Health care & social assistance   Tourism & heritage activities   Education & Training   Mining   Retail**

### Priorities

#### **Leadership and advocacy**

- Progress and implement advocacy plans highlighting strategic priorities
- Secure funding for critical infrastructure and programs
- Work collaboratively with business, community and industry leaders and all levels of government.
- Advocate for the Atherton Forest MTB Park Expansion

#### **People, place and community**

- Encourage the supply of residential land and medium density housing.
- Invest in infrastructure and programs to enhance liveability of our towns.
- Deliver Priors Creek Development
- Progress the Integrated Community Services Precinct
- Support and partner with the Tableland University Centre
- Attract, grow and support events

#### **Industry and small business development**

- Continue TRC's Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Actively engage with business and industry and representative bodies to better understand key issues and help realise opportunities.
- Information sharing
- Support and advocate for the development of our industries and small businesses.
- Participate and support initiatives that support innovation, develop skills and entrepreneurship.

#### **Investment Attraction**

- Promote and deliver Investment Incentive Policy
- Promote investment opportunities and facilitate investment outcomes
- Facilitate sufficient and appropriate residential, commercial and industrial land supply.
- Facilitate sustainable planning and development
- Promote the region

#### **Sustainability & Natural Assets**

- Deliver and support initiatives that improve natural assets and sustainability practices
- Encourage innovation and environmental best practices in farming and mining operations
- Work to ensure our landholders and farmers are supported to maintain productive land and healthy natural assets.

### Enablers

**Collaboration with business, industry, the community and government / Investment Incentive Policy / Infrastructure Charge Deferral Policy / Infrastructure Charges Commercial Policy / Small Business Friendly Council / Corporate Plan / Tablelands 2030+ Community Plan / Leadership / Improved public infrastructure / TRC Grants / Natural Assets / Public and private sector Investment / A growing economy / More affordable housing & land supply / Adapting to opportunities Queensland's Climate Resilience Council / Reef Guardian Council / TRC Committees**

### Outcomes

**Growing our economy, population, jobs and industry // Improved infrastructure // Increased Investment // A growing Tablelands University Centre // Collaboration with business, industry, community and all levels of government // Priors Creek Development // Events supported**