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FITZROY AGRIBUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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Region



WELCOME TO THE GATEWAY OF NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

The Rockhampton Regional Council Local Government area has a population of 81,589 (2016), covers some 6,560 square kilometres and has a Gross Regional Product of \$5.1 billion (2016). Queensland Government projections (2015) suggest the region's population will grow to nearly 110,000 by 2036 with some 28,000 additional residents.

Rockhampton is centrally located in the wider Central Queensland region and provides higher order retail, health, education, and community services to a regional population of over 230,000 people. Rockhampton is also the headquarters for CQUniversity, the State's only dual sector university and TAFE, and is a regional hub for government services.



ECONOMY AND KEY INDUSTRY INFORMATION



86,000
ROCKHAMPTON
POPULATION



260,000
CENTRAL
QUEENSLAND
POPULATION



SERVICE HUB
FOR CQ
FOR TRADE, MINING
AND INVESTMENT



DEVELOPMENT
2016 NATIONAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE (DIGITAL
ENTREPRENEURS)



200+
SCHEDULED
PASSENGER FLIGHTS
EACH WEEK



EDUCATION
STRONG EDUCATION AND
TRAINING INDUSTRY



**COUNCIL OWNED
AIRPORT**
UTILISED BY AUS
DEFENCE FORCE



DIRECT FLIGHTS
TO BRISBANE, GOLD COAST,
TOWNSVILLE AND MACKAY



HEALTH
LEADING HEALTH AND
MEDICAL SERVICE
INDUSTRY



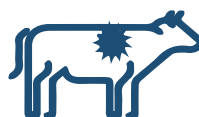
600,000+
PASSENGERS
PER YEAR
THROUGH AIRPORT



1HR
FLIGHT FROM
BRISBANE



300 DAYS
OF SUNSHINE
A YEAR



BEEF CAPITAL
OF AUSTRALIA



**WORLD
RECOGNISED
BEEF EXPO**

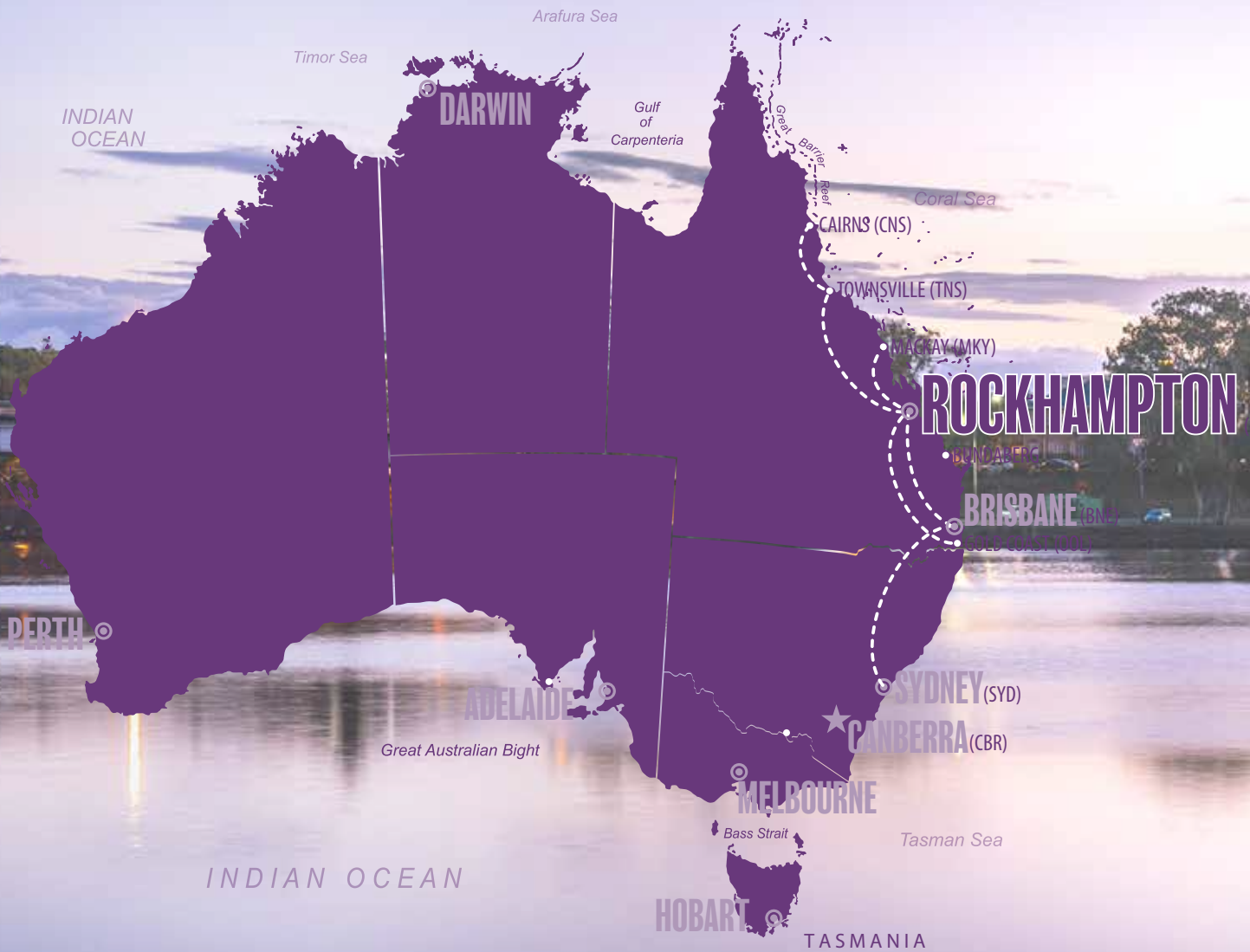
Rockhampton is strategically and centrally located on key intrastate road and rail networks and has an international standard airport catering for regular passenger services, international charter flights and both general and specialised heavy lift air freight. Rockhampton also ranks highly in terms of cost of living and housing affordability.



ABOUT ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

Rockhampton Regional Council has an annual budget of \$191 million (2017/18), including \$118 million of capital works, and employs some 850 staff. Council owns and operates over \$2.4 billion of assets and infrastructure on behalf of the community, including the Rockhampton Airport, Fitzroy River Barrage, nearly 2,000 kilometres of roads and extensive water and sewage networks.

Council provides a range of community facilities and services such as swimming pools, theatres, libraries, the Botanic Gardens, Rockhampton Zoo, and rubbish collection and disposal. Council also maintains some 390 hectares of parks, sporting fields and recreational areas. The provision of these facilities and services contributes to the region's social fabric and lifestyle.



Council plays an active role in economic development and sees Rookwood Weir as a significant enabler with the development and growth of associated agricultural production and agribusiness anticipated to deliver significant benefits to the region's economy and its communities.

Council also strongly encourages the use of best practice agricultural land, water and environmental management practices.

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OVERVIEW

The Rockhampton Region is actively seeking new investment in agriculture and associated service and manufacturing sectors. Rockhampton is home to two major meat processing facilities and the wider Central Queensland region is an agricultural powerhouse with extensive beef cattle production, irrigated and dryland cropping, horticulture and forestry.

The anticipated construction of Rookwood Weir is the catalyst for the development of high value agriculture in the Rockhampton region. When constructed, the proposed Rookwood Weir will supply up to 42,000 megalitres of high priority water annually and enable agricultural development along the lower Fitzroy River. Land that extends 5 kilometres each side of the river contains more than 45,000 hectares of land suitable for a range of irrigated crops. The weir will also present opportunities for intensive livestock production.

**LAND + WATER + CLIMATE + PEOPLE +
INFRASTRUCTURE + SERVICES
EQUALS OPPORTUNITY**





LOCATIONAL ADVANTAGES

THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROOKWOOD WEIR AND ASSOCIATED AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY IS SUPPORTED BY:

- / Availability of land with suitable soils and favourable climatic conditions
- / Proximity to Rockhampton with a large population base and potential workforce
- / Access to higher order health, education, retail and business services in Rockhampton
- / Access to key road and rail networks as well as the Rockhampton Airport and Gladstone Ports
- / Access to industrial land in Gracemere and Parkhurst for processing and service industries
- / Comparatively low cost of living and an enviable lifestyle for employee
- / Proactive Council and State agencies supportive of agricultural development

AT A NATIONAL AND STATE LEVEL, AUSTRALIA IS POLITICALLY STABLE AND ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENTS ACTIVELY WORK TO CREATE A BUSINESS FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT. QUEENSLAND HAS A LOW BUSINESS COST ENVIRONMENT AND THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT AIMS TO MAINTAIN A COMPETITIVE TAX ENVIRONMENT FOR BUSINESS.

An aerial photograph of a wide, brown river. A dam with multiple concrete pillars spans across the river. To the left of the dam, there is a residential area with many houses and trees. The background shows a lush green landscape with more trees and some buildings.

WATER RESOURCES

THE FITZROY RIVER COVERS AN AREA OF OVER 142,665 SQUARE KILOMETRES MAKING IT THE LARGEST RIVER CATCHMENT FLOWING TO THE EASTERN COAST OF AUSTRALIA.



The mean annual discharge of the Fitzroy River is approximately 5 million megalitres (ML) per annum and can range from below 100,000 ML to over 37 million ML in a year. Because of this variability of stream flow, storages are necessary to even out flows and allow effective use of the water resources of the Fitzroy River. The proposed Rookwood Weir will harness some of this significant resource.

ROOKWOOD WEIR

The site of the proposed Rookwood Weir is located on the Fitzroy River, approximately 66 kilometres south-west of Rockhampton. Constructed to Stage 2, the weir will have a storage volume of 117,290 ML and yield approximately 76,000 ML per annum of high priority water. Of this 76,000 ML, 30,000 ML is reserved for the Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) and 4,000 ML for Capricorn Coast urban water supply.

The remaining 42,000 ML may be released from the strategic water infrastructure reserve for any purpose, including agriculture. Depending on the level of security required, this 42,000 ML could translate into 63,000 ML per annum of medium priority water. At this stage, water would be accessed from the Fitzroy River from the new Rookwood Weir pool downstream to the Fitzroy River Barrage at Rockhampton.

The weir and associated infrastructure is estimated to cost \$352 million and take two years to construct. Associated infrastructure will include construction of new river crossings at Riverslea, Foleyvale and Hanrahan and upgrades of Thirsty Creek Road and the Capricorn Highway intersection at Gogango.

ROOKWOOD WEIR CURRENT STATUS

The development of the project EIS, business case and preparatory phase has been via a joint venture between the GAWB and SunWater, both Queensland Government owned corporations.

The environmental impact statement (EIS) approvals process for Rookwood Weir is now complete. The Queensland Government approved the Lower Fitzroy River Infrastructure Project on 8 December 2016 and the Australian Government granted EIS approval on 28 February 2017.

The Queensland Government and Australian Government have each committed \$176 million to fund the capital cost of Rookwood Weir.

It is expected that a decision from the Queensland Government on the timing of project progression will be made in 2018 once agreement and necessary documentation has been finalised by the State and Federal Governments. Preparatory works could commence soon after this decision and construction would most likely occur across two dry seasons (2020 and 2021), potentially delivering initial water supply by the end of 2022.



EXISTING LOWER FITZROY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Fitzroy River Barrage (Weir)

The Fitzroy Barrage is owned and operated by Rockhampton Regional Council which has a high security water allocation of 50,483 ML per annum. Total allocations of 62,093 ML per annum include 11,610 ML of medium priority water used for irrigation, stock and domestic purposes held across 275 individual allocations. Council currently uses approximately half of its annual allocation and has been an active supporter of Rookwood Weir to underpin additional agricultural industry and economic development in the region.

Eden Bann Weir

The Eden Bann Weir is owned and operated by SunWater with total water allocations of 28,621 ML per annum. Stanwell Corporation has a high security water allocation of 24,000 ML supplied by pipeline to meet the water requirements of the Stanwell Power Station which is located approximately 25 km south-west of Rockhampton.

Unsupplemented Water

In addition to water allocations supplied from weirs on the Fitzroy River (supplemented) there are a large number of smaller, private water entitlements and schemes using unsupplemented stream flows. These schemes divert water under natural and high flow conditions (water harvesting) and do not receive the benefit of assured water supplied by releases or pumping direct from the Fitzroy River barrage or the Eden Bann Weir. The total nominal volume for unsupplemented water allocation in the Fitzroy Water Management Area is approximately 45,600 ML with relative low levels of usage.

Agricultural producers may explore the opportunity to acquire and combine supplemented (high and medium priority) and unsupplemented (water harvesting) allocations in conjunction with appropriate on-farm infrastructure and storage to actively manage risk and optimise the average cost of water per unit of production

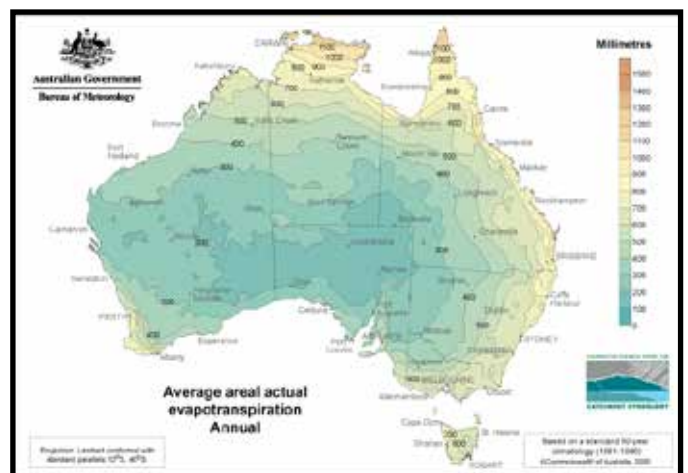
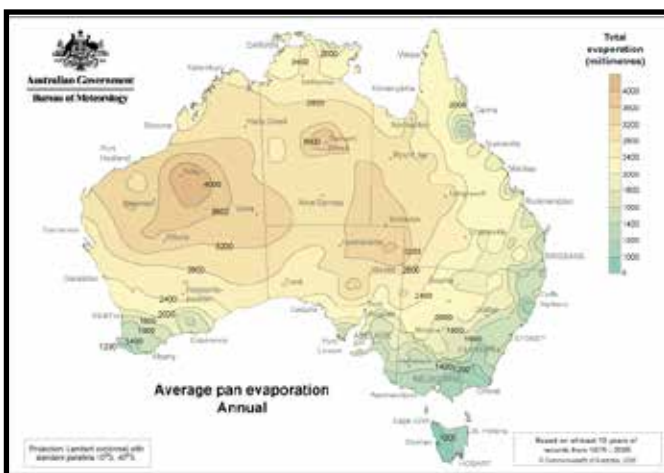
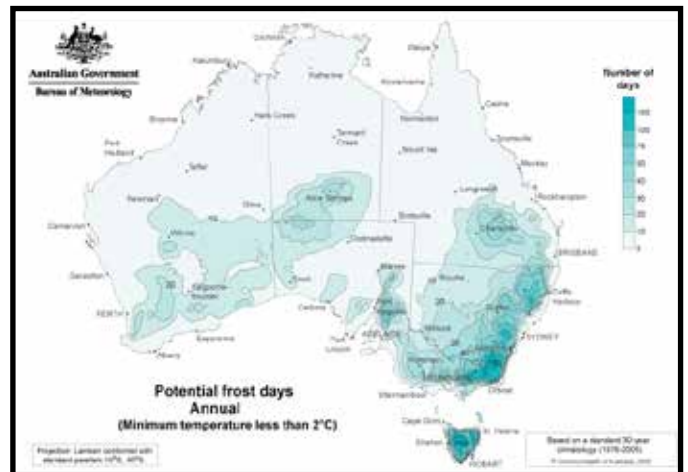
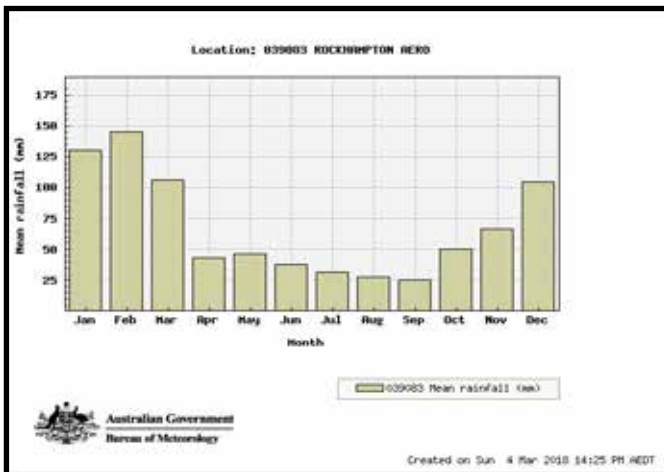
CLIMATE AND RAINFALL

Rockhampton is located on the Tropic of Capricorn and experiences a humid subtropical climate. Typical temperature ranges are 22 to 32 °C (72 to 90 °F) in summer with highest temperatures exceeding 40 °C. Winter temperatures generally range between 9 and 23 °C (48 to 73 °F) with lowest minimums just below 0 °C. The Rockhampton Region receives around 116 days of clear skies annually.

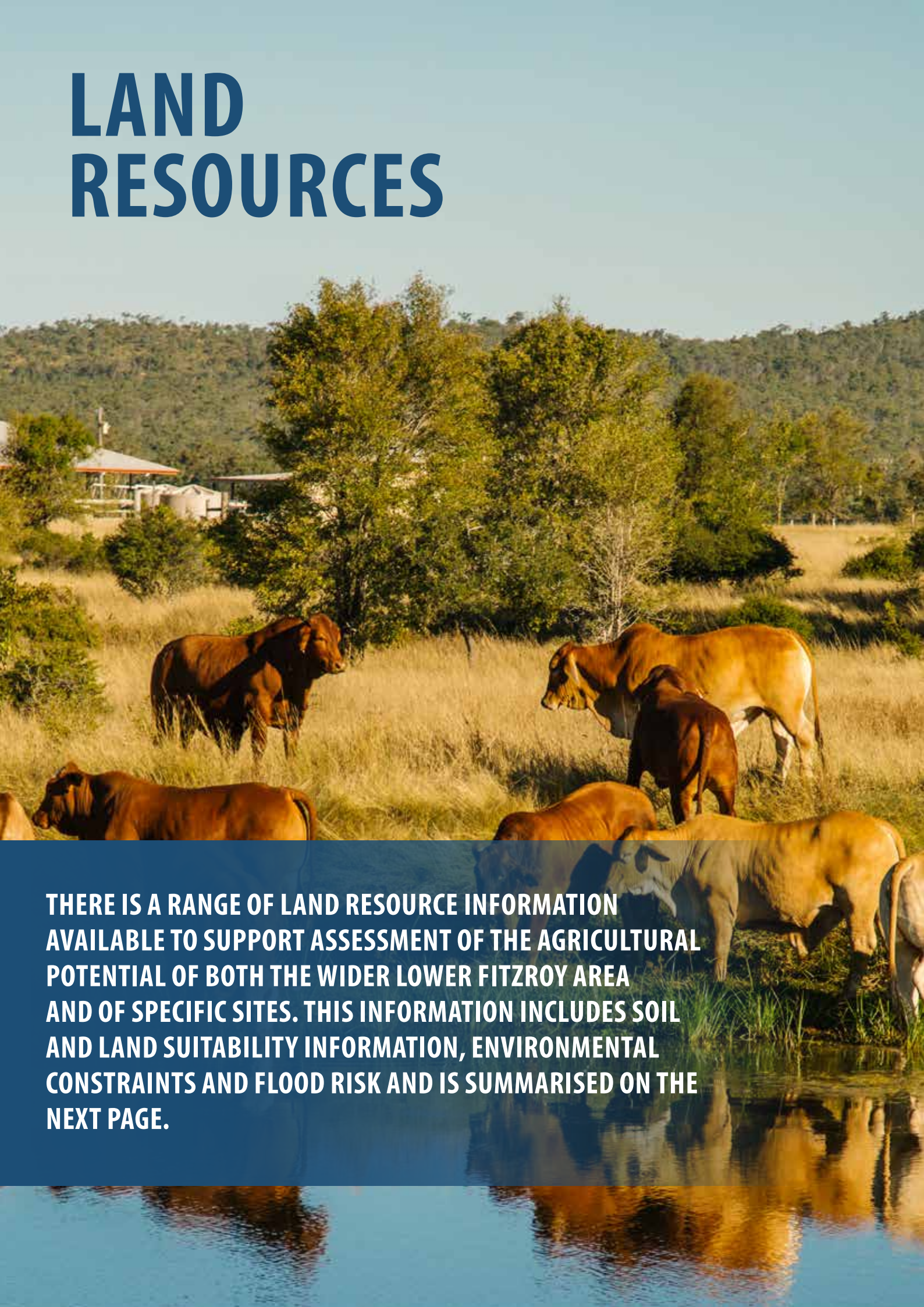
Rockhampton has a mean annual rainfall of 815 mm (1939-2017). Rainfall averages show a distinct wet and dry season, with the wet generally December to March and the dry June to September. The figures below show the mean monthly rainfall for Rockhampton and national pan evaporation and evapotranspiration maps. Annual pan evaporation at Rockhampton is approximately 2,100 mm.

Rockhampton's minimum temperature is generally above zero degrees with a mean minimum temperature of 9.7 degrees in July. While broadly determined by minimum temperatures, frost is a localised phenomenon and its severity can vary significantly over a very small area. It's occurrence, extent and severity can be affected by local topography (frost hollows), cloud cover, humidity and surface winds. Different crops and plants have different tolerances to frost. Crop type, variety, sowing date, nutrition and stage of growth can all determine the extent to which the crop is affected by a frost.

Further information can be sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology (www.bom.gov.au).



LAND RESOURCES

A photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, a herd of brown and tan cows is grazing in a field. The field is reflected in a body of water at the bottom of the image. In the background, there are trees and a house with a white roof. The sky is clear and blue.

THERE IS A RANGE OF LAND RESOURCE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ASSESSMENT OF THE AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL OF BOTH THE WIDER LOWER FITZROY AREA AND OF SPECIFIC SITES. THIS INFORMATION INCLUDES SOIL AND LAND SUITABILITY INFORMATION, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS AND FLOOD RISK AND IS SUMMARISED ON THE NEXT PAGE.

FITZROY RIVER SOILS SURVEY AND LAND SUITABILITY (2000)

Soils and land suitability for irrigated agriculture along the Fitzroy River. Soil survey of a 5 kilometre strip either side of the Fitzroy River, from the junction of the Dawson and Mackenzie Rivers, east of Duarina, downstream to the Rockhampton City Boundary. The study area follows the river for approximately 250 kilometres of its length, and is approximately 180 000ha in area. This survey was a low-intensity survey (1:100 000).

AGRICULTURAL LAND AUDIT - CENTRAL QLD (2013)

This dataset shows areas of Queensland identified by the DAF Qld Agricultural Land Audit (2013) as having biophysical potential for perennial horticulture. Land shown as having potential for (1) perennial horticulture includes, (2) annual horticulture, (3) broadacre cropping, (4) intensive animal industries (5) biomass production (6) sugarcane, (7) hardwood forestry, (8) softwood forestry and (9) native forestry: land of agricultural land class A and class B along with slope and mean annual rainfall criteria.

ATLAS OF AUSTRALIAN SOILS (1991)

The Atlas of Australian Soils (Northcote et al, 1960-68) was compiled by CSIRO in the 1960's to provide a consistent national description of Australia's soils. It comprises a series of ten maps and associated explanatory notes, compiled by K.H. Northcote and others. The maps were published at a scale of 1:2,000,000, but the original compilation was at scales from 1:250,000 to 1:500,000.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AREAS (2016)

Version 10 - Delineation of remnant/non-remnant vegetation, cleared areas and other features for Queensland. Based on the 2015 remnant regional ecosystem mapping.

MATTERS OF STATE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE - MSES (2016)

Regulated Vegetation and Protected Areas including (1) endangered or of concern in RVM Category B, (2) endangered or of concern in RVM Category C, (3) RVM Category R (4) defined watercourse (5) essential habitat, (6) wetlands (7) estates, (8) nature refuges, (9) wildlife habitat and (10) marine areas that are matters of state environmental significance (MSES).

FLOOD RISK

Flood inundation extents associated with the Queensland Floodplain Overlay, the Lower Fitzroy River Infrastructure Project flood modelling and other flood modelling of the Fitzroy River. Flood modelling outputs generally include design events up to a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) or 100 year average recurrence interval.

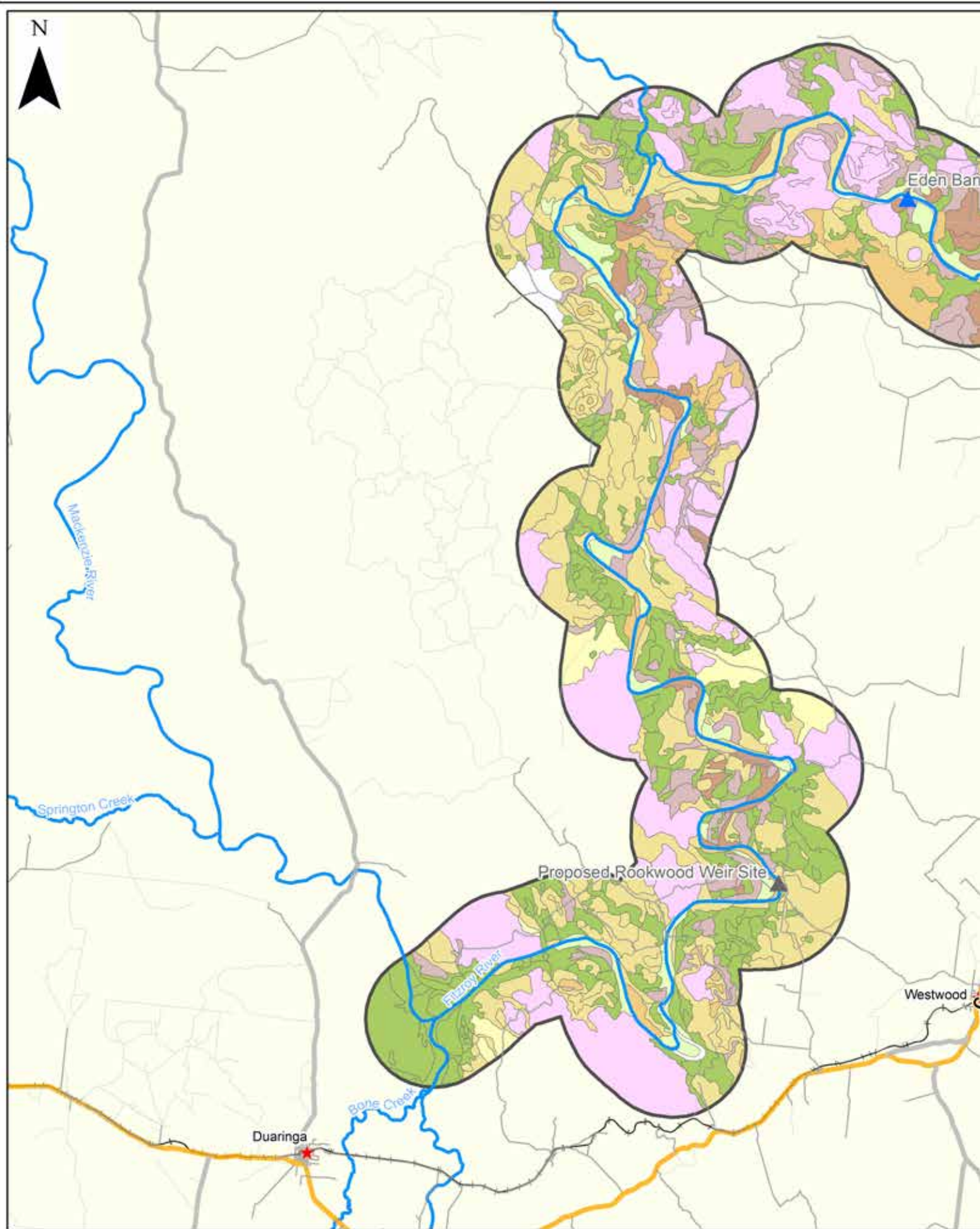
FURTHER INFORMATION

The mosaic of soil types and land suitability along the Fitzroy River provides sufficiently large sites for a range of larger scale uses while providing opportunities to have a degree of separation between uses. The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) has developed an investment decision support tool that allows investors to identify the agricultural potential for various crops and horticultural industries along the Lower Fitzroy corridor. Together with the water availability this corridor presents an excellent investment opportunity.

Access to this investment decision support tool is available at:

<https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/business-trade/development/rookwood-weir/irrigated-crop-suitability-mapping-tool-and-report>

DAF also provides information and support on soil types and crop suitability outside of the areas along the Lower Fitzroy corridor. These areas along the corridor may be highly suitable for large scale broad acre irrigation projects and the Department is available to assist with advice for these areas.



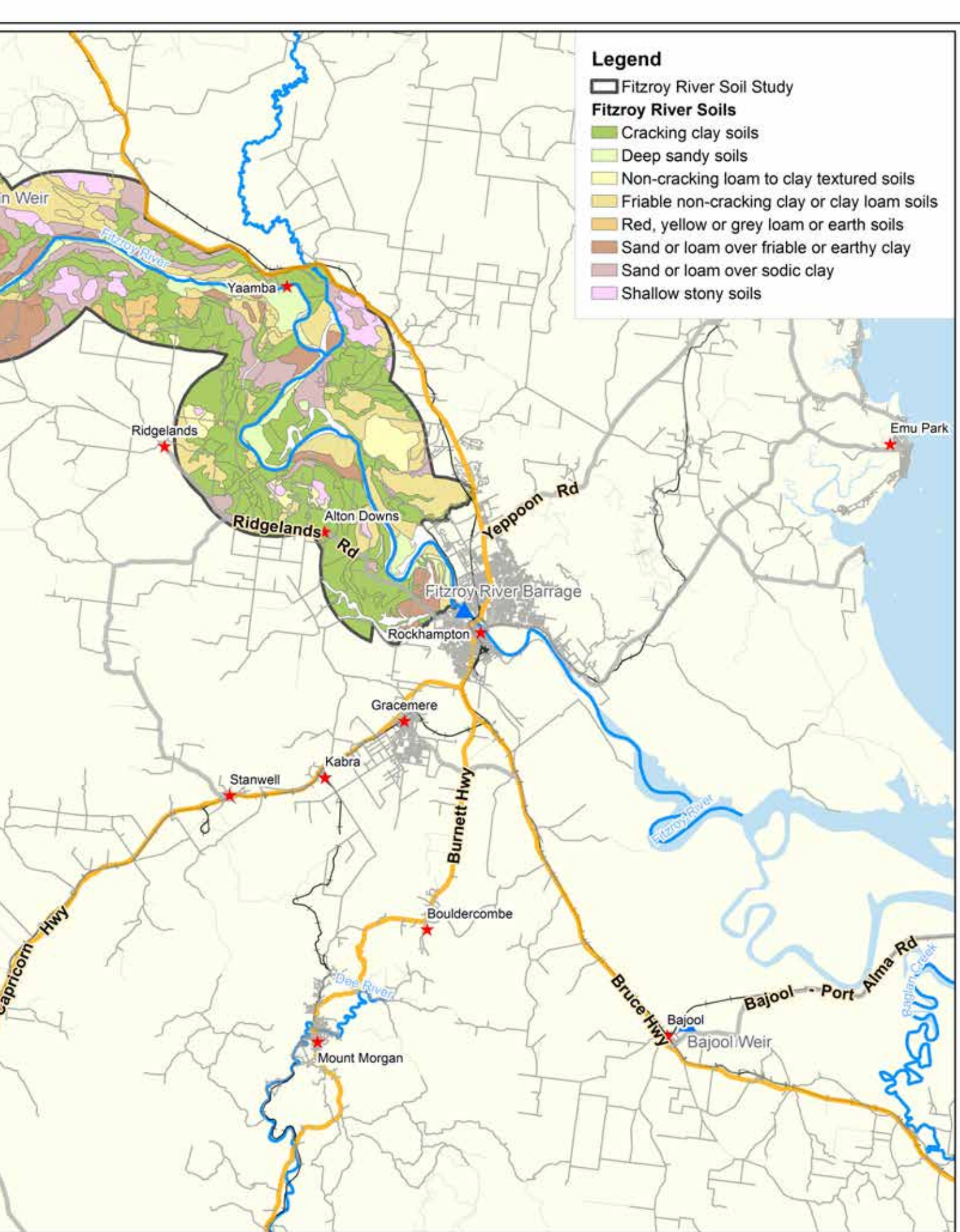
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Fitzroy River Soils Fitzroy Agricultural Corridor Project 2017

Information Source: Information Source: Soils Land Suitability for Irrigated Agriculture Along the Fitzroy River LFZ (DNR, 2000). © State of Queensland (Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation) 2017. Rockhampton Regional Council makes no representations or warranties in relation to accuracy, reliability, completeness, currency or suitability for any particular purpose.

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EXISTING PRODUCTION



CENTRAL QUEENSLAND, AS DEFINED BY THE FITZROY STATISTICAL REGION PRODUCES 10 PERCENT OF QUEENSLAND'S \$13.2 BILLION ANNUAL VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. IN 2015–16, THE GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN THE FITZROY REGION WAS \$1.4 BILLION.

The most important commodities in the Fitzroy region (2015-16) based on the gross value of agricultural production were beef cattle (\$1.04 billion), followed by cotton (\$77 million) and sorghum (\$43 million). These commodities together contributed 84 per cent of the total value of agricultural production in the region. A further \$44 million was accounted for by fruit and nuts, including grapes, macadamias, pineapples, mangos and citrus fruit and \$11 million for vegetables.

The value of agricultural production in the local Rockhampton Region exceeds \$200 million annually.

The Lower Fitzroy area is suitable for a range of broadacre crops, annual and perennial horticulture and livestock production and the development of Rookwood Weir presents an opportunity to significantly grow and expand this local and regional production base.

Expansion of existing enterprises into the Rockhampton Region may support portfolio and geographic diversification strategies that seek to mitigate or spread overall production risk and capitalise on complementary production windows.

SOUTH YAAMBA MACADAMIA FARM - THIS FARM HAS A RURAL ZONING AND IS IN THE CROPPING AND INTENSIVE HORTICULTURE PRECINCT OF ROCKHAMPTON'S PLANNING SCHEME. IT HAS 110,000 MACADAMIA TREES AND IS WATERED BY AN ALLOCATION FROM THE FITZROY RIVER. IT IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF HOW WATER FROM THE FITZROY RIVER CAN BE USED FOR INTENSIVE AGRICULTURE.

INTENSIVE LIVESTOCK OPPORTUNITIES



ROCKHAMPTON IS RECOGNISED AS THE BEEF CAPITAL OF AUSTRALIA AND HOSTS THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED BEEF WEEK WHICH DRAWS PRODUCERS, AGENTS, PROCESSORS AND BEEF INDUSTRY SPECIALISTS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD EVERY THREE YEARS TO CELEBRATE, TRADE AND SHARE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE CATTLE INDUSTRY.

The region is serviced by two export focused abattoirs:

- / JBS Swift's Rockhampton abattoir has a processing capacity of approximately 700 head per day. The plant produces a range of products from premium grass-fed chilled beef through to manufacturing meat and supplies markets, mainly in the USA and Asia; and
- / Tey's Rockhampton processor has a slaughtering capacity of around 1,700 head per day and remains Australia's largest single shift slaughter.

Rockhampton it is also a major hub for cattle trading with several stock agents and banks servicing the rural sector based in Rockhampton. The Central Queensland Livestock Exchange (CQLX) is only eight kilometres from Rockhampton on the Capricorn Highway. The CQLX holds weekly sales, is the largest stud selling complex in the southern hemisphere and one of Queensland's top cattle selling facilities. It has the capacity to sell 4,000 head of cattle at a time.

The Rockhampton Region is an ideal location for feedlots because of its:

- / Access to feeder cattle from the Fitzroy Region, with almost 3 million head

- / Availability of water and climatic conditions
- / Availability of land that is away from sensitive receptors and outside of flood zones
- / Suitability for grain growing and proximity to grain growing areas
- / Suitability of soils for grain production and by-product waste utilisation
- / Proximity to major road networks, rail, airport, two ports, two abattoirs and a saleyard
- / Experienced labour and access to veterinarians, expert researchers and advisors
- / Access to local specialists to secure permits and approvals

Several potential feedlot sites were identified in the region by a comprehensive study conducted by the Queensland Government between 2002 and 2007. The study identified potential to develop at least four large cattle feedlots in the region with a capacity of approximately 30,000 standard cattle units (SCUs) each. The total potential turnoff of these feedlots could reach approximately 445,000 finished head annually.

HORTICULTURE OPPORTUNITIES

HORTICULTURE PRODUCTION IN THE ROCKHAMPTON REGION IS A LARGELY UNTAPPED OPPORTUNITY THAT WILL SOON BE ENHANCED WITH THE INCREASED AVAILABILITY AND RELIABILITY OF WATER FROM THE PROPOSED ROOKWOOD WEIR.

The region is also well located to cater for increasing demand for “clean and green” foods by domestic and international consumers. Australia is currently a net importer of horticultural products and all levels of government recognise the benefits of home grown produce and associated employment and training the industry can offer.

A variety of fruit and vegetable crops can be grown in the region, with a good mix of rich alluvium and sandy soils, sub-tropical climate and an annual summer dominant rainfall of approximately 815 mm providing for the ability to access specific market windows.

Our region's established transport network of roads, rail, port and air transport facilities makes the Rockhampton Region an attractive location for the production, processing and transporting of horticulture crops.

Current horticultural production includes a wide range of crops such as sweet potatoes near Rockhampton and pineapples closer to the coast. There are a number of turf farms in the region and scattered significant perennial horticultural production areas, which follow a similar pattern to annual horticulture. These include macadamias, mangos, grapes, lychees, logans and avocados. Citrus and table grapes are also prominent to the west around Emerald.

Access to labour is a key component of being able to generate horticultural produce and meet market specifications during peak and critical periods. Backpackers and an experienced permanent workforce is available in the wider Central Queensland region servicing the citrus industry in the Central Highlands and the pineapple, lychee, sweet potato and macadamia farms in close proximity to Rockhampton.

The Rockhampton Region offers a diverse range of affordable accommodation and the lifestyle and tourism opportunities offered by the region already attracts international and domestic backpackers seeking employment.

Rockhampton is recognised as a technology hub and a centre of excellence for agriculture with the main campus for the CQUniversity located in North Rockhampton and the recent opening of Rockham[pton's Smart Hub in collaboration with the Queensland Government. Rockhampton is also home to several of Australia's leading professional advisors including supply chain specialists and researches and lecturers in agronomy, agritech, cropping and horticulture.



INDUSTRIAL LAND

THE ROCKHAMPTON REGION HOSTS TWO REGIONAL SCALE INDUSTRIAL AREAS AT GRACEMERE AND PARKHURST.

The Rockhampton Region hosts two regional scale industrial areas at Gracemere and Parkhurst.

The Gracemere Industrial Area (GIA) is located a short distance to the south west of Rockhampton and has good access to the Bruce and Capricorn Highways. The GIA has direct access to the Capricorn Highway and Type 1 Road Train Route. The GIA is home to a number of existing transport operators including general, specialist and livestock freighters. The industrial area also hosts a number of related service industries and has a 24/7 unmanned fuel station. Fully serviced and competitively priced land is available for purchase and several local developers will consider construct and lease arrangements.

The Parkhurst Industrial Area (PIA) is located in North Rockhampton and is in close proximity to the Bruce Highway and North Coast Rail Line which form the backbone of Queensland road and rail networks. The PIA hosts mix of heavy, medium and light industry and is ideally positioned to capitalise on the proposed Rockhampton Ring Road once constructed.





ACCESS AND LOGISTICS

ROCKHAMPTON IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF THE BRUCE, CAPRICORN, BURNETT AND LEICHARDT HIGHWAYS. ROCKHAMPTON IS APPROXIMATELY 615 KM NORTH OF BRISBANE AND 110 KM NORTH OF GLADSTONE. MACKAY IS 335 KM TO THE NORTH AND EMERALD IS 270 KM TO THE WEST.

A recent \$232 million upgrade to the Bruce Highway immediately south of Rockhampton has significantly improved the flood immunity and capacity of the highway. A \$121 million upgrade to the Bruce Highway and northern access into Rockhampton is anticipated to commence mid-2018 and planning is underway for a third Fitzroy River crossing and Rockhampton Ring Road.

The North Coast Rail Line runs through Rockhampton providing access to both freight and passenger services north and south of Rockhampton. While rail freight data isn't readily accessible, container freight volumes handled in Rockhampton are thought to be in the range of 20,000 to 40,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU) per annum. There are two intermodal rail container terminals in Rockhampton operated by Aurizon and Pacific National. Aurizon has flagged its intention to exit its intermodal business and this may lead to consolidation of the two intermodal facilities in Rockhampton.

The Rockhampton Airport is owned and operated by Rockhampton Regional Council. The Airport's 2,628 metre high strength main runway is the third longest in Queensland and its airside infrastructure is capable of supporting large civil and military aircraft including A380 and Antonov 124-100.

The Airport is currently serviced by three airlines operating Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) services with direct flights to Brisbane (approx. 1 hour 10 minute flight time), Townsville, Mackay, Gold Coast and indirect services to



Cairns. Passenger numbers at the Rockhampton Airport are steady and have averaged 600,000 passengers per annum over the past 10 years. The Airport Terminal was redeveloped in 2008 and has the ability to process 1.6 million passengers per annum. Development and growth of air freight services is seen as a potential opportunity for the Rockhampton Airport.



The Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) is a government owned corporation and operates ports at Gladstone, Port Alma and Bundaberg. GPC supports Central Queensland's major resource industries – including coal, liquefied natural gas and alumina as well as agriculture and bulk products. The Port of Gladstone is located approximately 110 kilometres south of Rockhampton. In the 2015/16 financial year, this port had a total throughput of 115.9 million tonnes, with over

1,800 vessels visiting the port. Coal exports accounted for 70.8% of total port throughput, followed by alumina at 23.8% and a variety of other products including cement, petroleum and grain making up the balance. Port Alma is located 62 kilometres south-east of Rockhampton on the tip of the Fitzroy River delta. Port Alma Shipping Terminal has three wharf facilities. Berths 1 and 2 are suitable for general cargo operations whilst Berth 3 is dedicated to tallow/fuel cargoes.

EDUCATION TRAINING RESEARCH

A person wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and a dark hat is looking towards a group of white cows in a metal pen. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the pen and some greenery.

CQUNIVERSITY HEADQUARTERS ARE IN ROCKHAMPTON AND IS ONE OF THE LARGEST REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES IN AUSTRALIA WITH MORE THAN 30,000 STUDENTS ACROSS 25 CAMPUSES AND LOCATIONS AUSTRALIA WIDE. IN 2014 THE UNIVERSITY MERGED WITH CQ TAFE, BRINGING TOGETHER MORE THAN 175 YEARS COMBINED EXPERIENCE IN THE DELIVERY OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING, AND ESTABLISHING QUEENSLAND'S FIRST DUAL SECTOR, COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY.



The University delivers more than 300 education and training offerings, from short courses and certificates, through to undergraduate, postgraduate and research degrees. Study areas include Apprenticeships, Trades and Training, Business, Accounting and Law, Creative, Performing and Visual Arts, Education and Humanities, Engineering and Built Environment, Health, Information Technology and Digital Media, Psychology, Social Work and Community Services, Science and Environment, and Work and Study Preparation.

In recent years the University has established itself as a research focused university with many research activities being informed by close collaboration and partnership with industry and community in the regions the University serves. The University's research strengths include agricultural systems via its Institute for Future Farming Systems.

The expertise base of CQ University research staff in agricultural science is strong, and its research program has been well supported by external funding from national competitive grant schemes as well as Government and direct industry funding. Its research has strong links to the industries in our region, and also includes research activity in water and irrigation systems, natural resource management, value chain management and resource economics.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS



ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL ENCOURAGES AND ACTIVELY SEEKS TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND SUPPORTING INDUSTRIES IN THE REGION.



Council's planning scheme seeks to protect agricultural land with productive capacity by minimising fragmentation, land use conflicts and urban encroachment. Rural land uses such as cropping and grazing and ancillary facilities such as small scale packing sheds and supporting facilities are currently exempt from assessment under the planning scheme.

Activities such as intensive horticulture and feedlots for example are subject to local and State regulations. Council and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries are able to assist in identifying specific planning and approval requirements for proposed agricultural developments in the region.



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE. A THRIVING STATE ECONOMY PROVIDES THE BASIS FOR ACHIEVING SOCIETY'S ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS – MOST OBVIOUSLY THE JOBS, THE INCOME, AND THE REVENUE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.



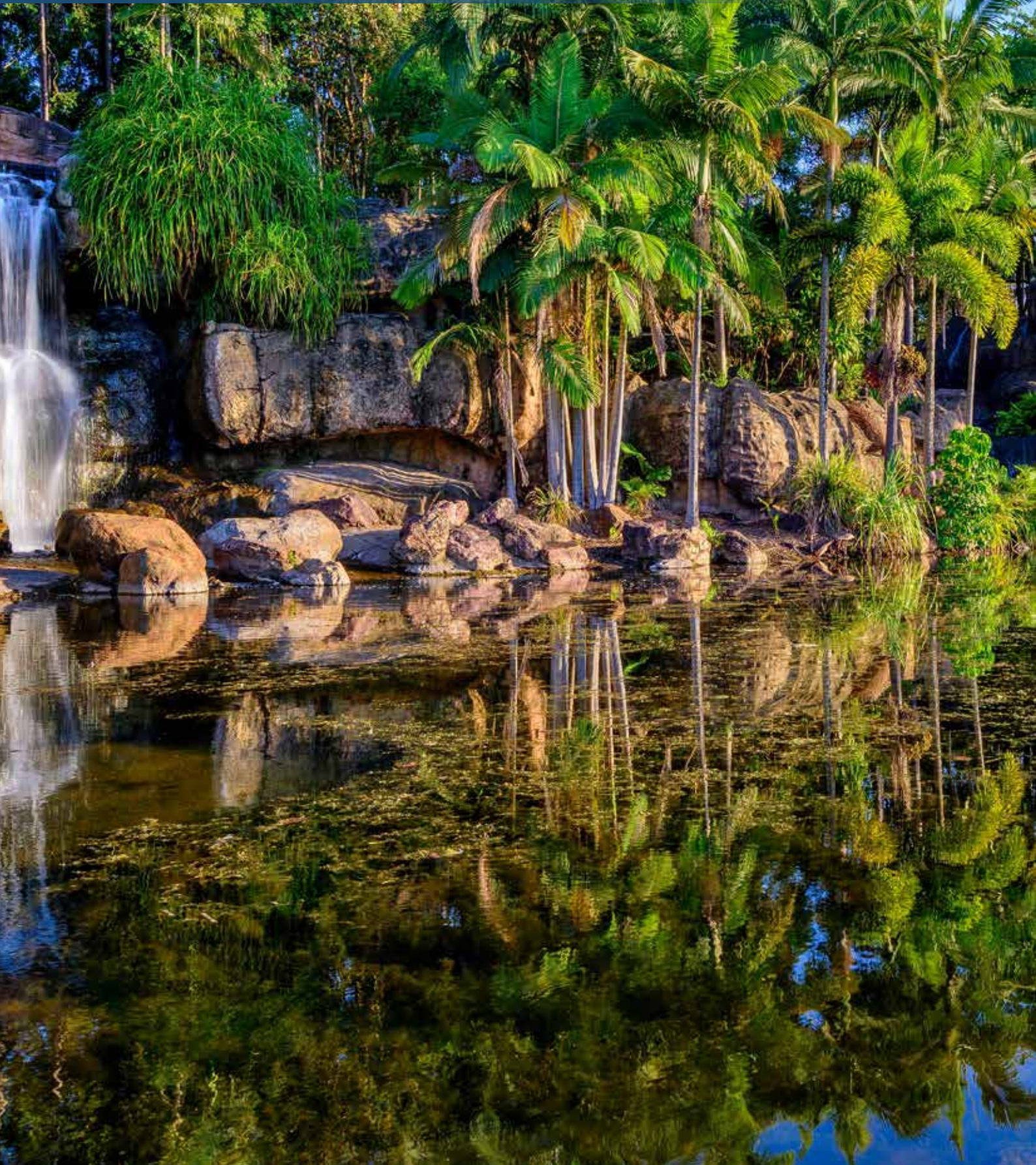
DAF AND ITS PREDECESSOR AGENCIES HAVE LONG BEEN DEDICATED TO PROMOTING RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES.

As part of its rural economic development responsibilities, DAF takes a pro-active role in:

- / Identifying and assessing opportunities that will promote economic development of a rural region
- / Working with project proponents to identify issues or impediments to investment, particularly barriers to projects proceeding
- / Working with proponents, other agencies and stakeholders to facilitate projects and address barriers and impediments
- / Monitoring and advising on progress.

For further information, advice or assistance please contact the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

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