ROCKHAMPTON REGION

MAJOR PROJECTS OUTLOOK

The current outlook for the Rockhampton Region is positive with a number of major projects and infrastructure developments either committed or nearing commitment in the local area and wider region. These projects are anticipated to have positive short and long term impacts on the region's economy and population.



The Queensland resources sector is now in a recovery phase and this is anticipated to impact positively on Rockhampton, both from mining services and dormitory perspectives. There is considerable new activity emerging in the Bowen, Surat and Galilee coal basins including new mining leases being granted and applications in the pipeline. There are some 30 advanced coal projects in Queensland, including 20 greenfield or new projects and 10 brownfield expansions. Of these, 25 are in the Bowen Basin. Adani has also committed to commencing its Carmichael Mine and rail project and recommitted to using Rockhampton as a FIFO hub.



The overarching \$2 billion initiative will provide increased access to Australian military training areas for the Singapore Armed Forces. Laing O'Rourke has been appointed as the managing contractor for the ASMTI Facilities Project works at the SBMTA. The approximately \$1 billion in works are anticipated to commence by the end of 2019 and be delivered over five to six years.



The project involves duplication of the Bruce Highway (Yaamba Road) between Yeppoon Road and Terranova Drive. This \$121 million project is jointly funded by the Federal and Queensland Governments and early works commenced in 2017. The major works are anticipated to commence early 2019 and be completed by the end of 2020.

SHOALWATER BAY MILITARY TRAINING AREA (SBMTA) REMEDIATION PROJECT

The \$135 million SBMTA Remediation Project is currently in design phase with Downer and FKG appointed as the managing contractor. The project involves improvements to key training facilities including airfields, urban training area, camp and access roads and is likely to commence in the second half of 2019 and be completed in 2022.



SunWater have been appointed as the constructing authority for the \$352 million Rookwood Weir. Funding for the project by the State and Federal Governments is fully committed and early works are expected to commence in 2019 with the weir construction anticipated to be completed in 2022. Rookwood Weir will ultimately generate intensive agricultural industry development along with supporting urban and industrial growth and water security.



This \$75 million project is jointly funded by the Fe deral and Queensland Governments and involves duplication of the Capricorn Highway between Rockhampton and Gracemere. It is anticipated to commence in 2019 and to be completed by the end of 2020. The project is funded under the Northern Australia Roads Program.





The \$241 million expansion will deliver a total of 348 new cells and 130 extra full-time permanent jobs at the prison. The project commenced mid 2018 and is expected to take four years to complete. The managing contractor for the project is CPB Contractors.



The capital cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$1 billion with \$65 million allocated for the planning and corridor preservation. Project Preliminary Evaluation and Business Case development will commence early 2019 and take 18 months to complete. At a Federal level, both major parties now strongly support the project and have committed to the project commencing within the next term of government. That could potentially see the project completed by 2025.



There are a number of other local projects that will both directly and indirectly benefit the regional economy including the South Rockhampton Flood Levee (est. \$60 million), the new Rockhampton Art Gallery (est. \$32 million), proposed V8 Supercars (circa \$20 million) and potential Browne Park stadium upgrade (circa \$120 million). There are also a number of larger commercial developments including two Aldi supermarkets (one under construction) and planned expansion of the Stockland shopping centre (two development approvals for 10,600 m² of new GFA).





CLARKE CREEK WIND AND SOLAR FARM

Lacour Energy's \$1.5 billion project combines up to 195 wind turbines, 200MW to 400MW of solar power and battery energy storage facilities. The project has now received its State and Federal environmental approvals and is anticipated to be built between 2019 and 2022. Clarke Creek is approximately 150 km north-west of Rockhampton.



There is potential for significant Capricorn Coast tourism developments associated with Great Keppel Island, Keppel Cove and Capricorn International Resort and associated flow on benefits to the Rockhampton Region.

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