1. The Townsville Futures Plan (the Plan) is intended to support regional growth and economic development in Townsville. It is an over-arching plan for Townsville and the region that is prosperity led and includes cues to promote liveability and sustainability.
2. The Townsville Futures Plan has its origins in the 2010 Growth Management Summit.
3. The preparation of the TFP, and the identification of regional ‘turbochargers’, has been overseen by a Taskforce which consists of leaders from local government, regional development bodies, business groups, education and Defence.
4. The TFP was then prepared for the Taskforce by Growth Management Queensland (GMQ), Department of Local Government and Planning, assisted by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI), and in partnership with the Townsville City Council.
5. The Townsville Futures Plan aligns closely with the Queensland Regionalisation Strategy (QRS), by providing strategies and actions that cater for accelerated growth in Townsville and the surrounding region, using the principles of the QRS. The Plan will provide a regional account of the strategic directions within the context of achieving the vision of Townsville as a ‘second capital’. The Plan will also provide a basis to help inform the Queensland Infrastructure Plan by helping to determine infrastructure priorities.
6. The Townsville Futures Plan identifies a range of opportunities, strategies and associated actions that aim to enhance the competitive position of Townsville and the area within its reach, and achieve well planned and managed population growth.
7. Taskforce members identified six ‘Turbochargers’ which are projects they agree will provide the greatest impact and benefit towards achieving accelerated growth in the Townsville region. Turbochargers are:
   * National Broadband Network roll-out
   * Activation of the Townsville State Development Area
   * Establishment of a Northern Queensland Defence Hub
   * Development of the Douglas Knowledge Precinct
   * Decentralisation and consolidation of government services and staff to the Townsville CBD (other than where precluded for operational reasons)
   * Investigate the establishment of a Northern Queensland Convention Centre for Townsville.
8. This Plan seeks input from the community on the vision for Townsville as a second capital and a prioritisation of actions to support future opportunities for growth.
9. Cabinet endorsed the public release of the Townsville Futures Plan consultation draft.
10. *Attachments*

* [Townsville Futures Plan consultation draft](Attachments/Townsville%20Futures%20Plan.pdf).