

STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Townsville HHS contributed, and is continuing to contribute, to the delivery of the Queensland Government's objectives for the community; to Keep Queenslanders healthy and to Create jobs in a strong economy. We also recognise our role in our future state supporting Queensland's vision and 10-year strategy *My Health, Queensland's Future: Advancing Health 2026* by advancing access to quality and safe healthcare, promoting healthy behaviours, connecting healthcare and pursuing innovation.

As northern Australia's largest tertiary referral centre, we engage in regional strategic planning with our neighbouring hospital and health services and the Department of Health. The aim of this collaboration is to improve the sustainability and quality of services for our communities and help keep Queenslanders healthy. This unified approach enables us to apply a collective focus to the key issues facing our communities and to 'Give all our children a great start.' This includes improving health outcomes for Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people living in rural and remote communities. It also means addressing the challenges of an ageing population. The Townsville HHS continues to build health capacity and capability in our communities and undertake priority initiatives to continually improve the quality of our frontline services and the health of our communities.

Both the Townsville University Hospital Master Plan and Townsville HHS Rural Sites Master Plan were endorsed by the Townsville Hospital and Health Board. Together, the plans define how our infrastructure will grow to meet the demands on our services over the next 10 to 20 years.

The Townsville University Hospital Master Plan reflects the extensive collaborative planning undertaken in partnership with James Cook University and the Townsville City Council, to deliver TropiQ, Townsville's Tropical Intelligence and Health Precinct. TropiQ is a health and knowledge precinct that has a distinct focus on tropical intelligence, health and marine sciences. The development of the TropiQ precinct at the Douglas campus will deliver a new economy to the region, providing a platform for the advancement of new initiatives including innovative healthcare delivery and knowledge creation that benefits the local and broader regional community.