

Cairns Gallery Precinct Development

Northern Australia Priority: Our Business, Trade and Investment Gateway

State Electorate: Cairns

Federal Electorate: Leichhardt

Council: Cairns Regional Council

Priority Recommendation

FNQROC seek Queensland Government support for the Regional Growth Fund – Cairns Regional Council application (circa \$13 million) representing tripartite funding of the estimated costs of the establishment for the Cairns Gallery Precinct Development. Cairns Regional Council intends lodging a Stage 1 (EOI) application under the Federal Governments Regional Growth Fund program.

Priority Overview

Consistent with Cairns' aspiration to be recognised as the 'Arts and Cultural Capital of Northern Australia' the Cairns Gallery Precinct will transform three existing heritage listed buildings within the Cairns CBD to create a dynamic and world class gallery precinct.

This project will result in preserving, enhancing and celebrating the cultural heritage of Cairns through the appropriate development of key existing cultural heritage buildings

Key Strategic Economic Drivers:

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| Social Enterprise | <p>Adding to the vibrancy and activity within the Cairns CBD which contributes positively to wider economic activity and physical safety.</p> <p>Complementing other arts and cultural infrastructure including Munro Martin Parklands, the Cairns Performing Arts Centre (CPAC), the Centre of Contemporary Arts and the Cairns Museum (School of the Arts Building).</p> |
| Education | <p>Providing further avenue and opportunity to celebrate the regions unique indigenous art and culture.</p> |
| Employment | <p>Providing additional employment and stimulating economic activity.</p> |
| Tourism | <p>Further diversifying the tourism offering and adding an additional major CBD attractor.</p> <p>Support existing arts & cultural events, such as the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF).</p> |