

# SPECIAL REPORTS

## NORTH QUEENSLAND GROWTH IN THE TROPICS

**COASTAL LIVING  
DRAWS THE CROWD**

**INFRASTRUCTURE BOTTLENECK**

**PROFITABLE OUTLOOK FOR PROPERTY**

**MINING BOOM BOLSTERS ECONOMY**

**SURVIVAL IN THE CANEFIELDS**

**COUNCILS EMBRACE ECO-CULTURE**



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**9%** MINING

**8%** GOVERNMENT & DEFENCE

**17%** MANUFACTURING

**CRUNCH SOME NUMBERS**

Townsville is booming. The governing factor is a diverse economy that outshines other centres in Queensland.