

Douglas Shire

BUDGET SUMMARY 2026-2027

This year's Douglas Shire Budget is built on the essentials — the things our community relies on every single day — and it has been shaped by the feedback we've heard from residents right across the shire.

MEDIAN GENERAL RATE INCREASE



A property, where a ratepayer lives at the address

\$81 per year

Down \$31 from last year's increase



A property where a ratepayer does not live at the address

\$117 per year



For commercial properties

\$174 per year

HOW COUNCIL SPENDS EVERY \$100:



Roads & Transport

\$38



Water

\$26



Community

\$21



Sewer

\$8



Waste

\$5



Development & Compliance

\$2



186M TOTAL SPEND

\$70M

ROADS & TRANSPORT

- Road networks
- Daintree Ferry
- Bridges
- Kerb & channel
- Paths
- Bus shelters
- Street lighting
- Drainage

\$49M

WATER

- Water network
- Water security
- Water production

\$38M

COMMUNITY

- Libraries
- Halls
- Parks
- Events
- Mossman Pool
- Splash park
- Cemeteries

\$15M

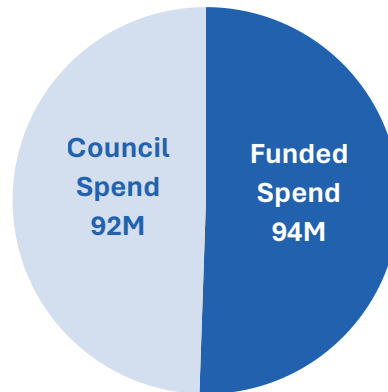
WASTEWATER

\$9M

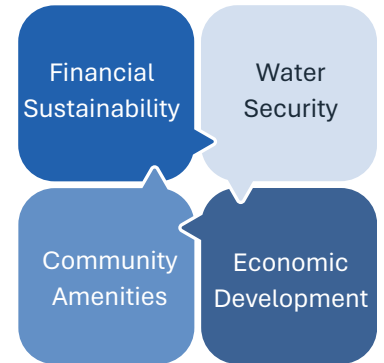
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

\$4M

DEVELOPMENT & COMPLIANCE



Community led budget



Major Projects

TC Jasper Road Landslip and Bridge Repairs	\$32.2M
Major Water Main Replacements	\$10.8M
Mossman Water River Intake	\$7.6M
Daintree Ferry Landside Infrastructure	\$5M
Cooya Beach Water Reservoir Upgrade	\$3M
Alchera Drive, Mossman Drainage Upgrades	\$1.3M
Port Douglas Foreshore Improvements	\$900K
Rex Smeal Park Lighting & Irrigation, and Market Park Precinct Improvements	\$500K
CCTV Upgrades	\$360K
Mossman Pool Upgrades	\$180K
Daintree Village Upgrades - Community Hall, Daintree State School, and Community Toilet Block	\$120K
Mossman Gorge - Mossman Footpath Lighting Investigation	\$25K