

SUMMARY

Operational Plan 2025/2026



Message from the General Manager

The Clarence Valley is a community full of opportunity — a place where natural beauty, strong local spirit, and forward-thinking planning come together.

In recent years, we've seen significant investment focused on making our infrastructure more resilient to disasters. These improvements are already making a positive impact, but like many regions, we still face our share of challenges.

Looking ahead, we're proud to present this year's Draft Operational Plan, which includes an ambitious Capital Works Program valued at \$196 million. This represents a major investment in the future of our region, with essential projects planned across transport, community infrastructure, water security, and environmental management.

Whether it's improving road safety, creating stronger community spaces, or future-proofing our essential services, these works will help lay the foundation for a safer, more connected, and more resilient Clarence Valley.

We're committed to building a stronger future.

LAURA BLACK, GENERAL MANAGER

Continuing to create a community full of opportunity



SAFE AND RELIABLE
DRINKING WATER

\$69 million



SAFE AND RELIABLE
SEWERAGE SERVICES

\$73 million



WASTE COLLECTION AND
DISPOSAL SERVICES

\$25 million



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Community

A community that is safe, connected and inclusive.

Budget highlights

- Open spaces and sports fields - **\$4.7 million**
- Community and cultural buildings - **\$12.1 million**
- Community donations - **\$200,000**
- Libraries - **\$5.1 million**

Key initiatives

- Maclean Cultural and Community Precinct - **\$12 million**
- Maclean Netball Courts redevelopment - **\$1.2 million**
- Youth services - **\$88,000**



Environment

A natural environment that is protected from local and global pressures.

Budget highlights

- Waste improvement projects - **\$1.3million**
- Natural resource management - **\$1.4million**
- Environmental monitoring and control - **\$1.5million**

Key initiatives

- Solar farm - **\$1 million**
- Biodiversity planning and coordination - **\$300,000**



Infrastructure

Infrastructure and facilities that are safe, accessible and serve the needs of the Clarence.

Budget highlights

- Road and bridge projects - **\$23.8 million**
- Water and sewer projects - **\$86 million**
- Public asset disaster recovery - **\$51.2 million**
- Active Transport Strategy - **\$500,000**

Key initiatives

- Yamba Road, Southbank Road intersection flood resilience project - **\$9.98 million**
- Bluff Bridge replacement - **\$6 million**
- Flood levy restorations - **\$32.6 million**
- Rushforth Road Water Reservoir - **\$12.5 million**
- New Sewer Treatment Plant – North Grafton - **\$36 million**



Economy

A diverse economy that complements the environmental and social values of the Clarence.

Budget highlights

- Tourism - **\$631,000**
- Community Development - **\$2.1 million**
- Economic Development - **\$825,000**
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Key initiatives

- Event and Festival support - **\$120,000**

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