

## **Major infrastructure projects receive major boost with \$5.5 million in State funding**

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Two major infrastructure projects in the Douglas Shire have received a significant boost with the announcement of more than \$5 million in funding from the State Government.

Minister for State Development Dr Anthony Lynham has announced the proposed Port Douglas reservoir and the Mossman aged care facility were among more than \$50 million worth of projects successful in the Building Our Regions funding program.

The State Government will contribute \$5 million towards the estimated \$14.4 million to build a new 20-megalitre reservoir to service Port Douglas.

An additional \$544,150 will be provided under the Building Our Regions program towards the estimated \$1.15 million required to establish enabling infrastructure to support the development of the proposed aged care facility in Mossman's Johnston Rd.

Mayor Julia Leu said the funding announcement was a fantastic early Christmas present for the Douglas Shire.

"These two projects are essential for the future of the Douglas Shire and Council is very appreciative the State Government has recognised their importance to our communities," Mayor Leu said.

"The new reservoir goes a long way to securing a reliable water supply for Port Douglas for future generations and is critical for investor confidence for major developments such as the Sheraton Mirage which is progressing with a \$200 million facelift of the resort.

"The Mossman aged care facility is something the community has been fighting for for more than 20 years.

"These major projects will not only provide short and long-term employment in their construction and operation, but provide essential services for the sustainability of our communities.

“Council is delighted we can now move forward with these major developments with the support of the State Government.”

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