



**Mackay 2022**

# The North's Continuing Value Proposition

THE NORTH PROVIDES FOR AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE AND PROSPERITY

FUTURE CHALLENGES PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES TO POSITION NORTHERN AUSTRALIA DIFFERENTLY (Security/Indo Pacific Supply Chains/Long Covid/ Biosecurity/ Mining/ Ag/ Botanicals/ Ecosystem Services/Indigenous Trade)

INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITH A PLACE-BASED FOCUS IS THE KEY TO BETTER OUTCOMES

DEVELOPMENT CAN BE ABOUT TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF PEOPLE, NOT JUST ECONOMIES.



# Emerging Post Conference Themes 2022

- **Ministerial Forum presents a welcome new opportunity for visionary Commonwealth, State and Territory collaboration**, but this needs some independent drive, a clear focus and deep engagement.
- **Under new Infrastructure Australia criteria, this can translate into a major enabling infrastructure program of works** (roads, domestic water, digital, air/port), delivering strategic, social and economic benefit while building our Indo Pacific/ASEAN supply chains.
- We need **catchment-driven approaches to planning water and energy development**, applying diverse infrastructure and non-infrastructure solutions while avoiding over-allocation and damage to GBR and marine environments.
- Refine *and* deliver the **Indigenous Reference Group Accord**, with a **real focus on building Indigenous-led** innovation, equity and trade within the economy.
- Securing pathways for investment, considering research (future-CRCNA), innovation, supply chain development, feasibility (NADP) and brokered finance (NAIF+).



# Emerging Post Conference Themes 2022 continued...

- **Overcoming regulatory complexity** is a national productivity *and* environmental issue, and we need to derisk landscapes via regional land use, tenure resolution and infrastructure planning.
- **Place-based approaches to resolving complex social problems** is essential, particularly youth disengagement, workforce, housing and livability.
- **Through University, vocational, CSIRO and other partnerships build** stronger education, workforce, research and innovation foundations.
- An ongoing focus on **health, housing and disability service reform** to meet the needs of our communities.
- Consider ways to take the conference or another form of northern voice to Canberra.