

Outback



Population:
92,549

Population growth has averaged 0.9% per annum over the last 10 years.



Sectors Driving Growth: Roads and Renewables



Proportion of total unfunded work:



Total Pipeline Size:

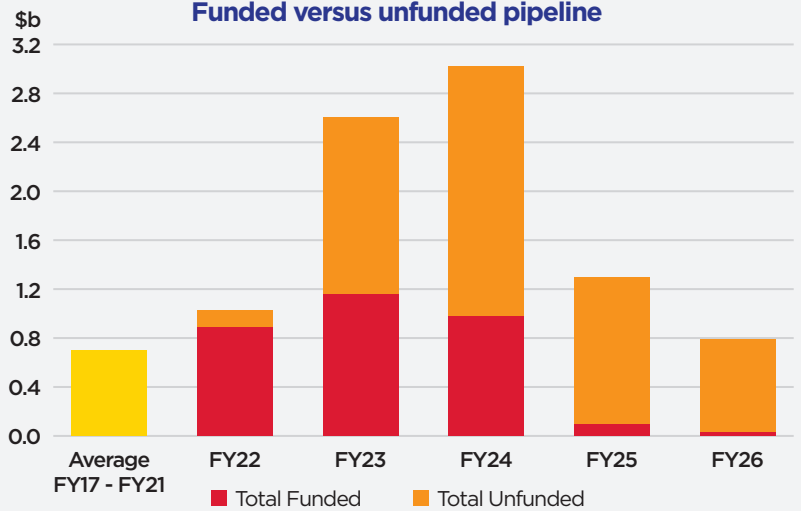
\$8.6b

Key Funded Projects: Copperstring Transmission Line (\$1.5b), Kidston Pumped Hydro Storage Project (\$200m), Cape York Region Package Stage 2 (\$178m), Mt Isa to Townsville (\$320m).

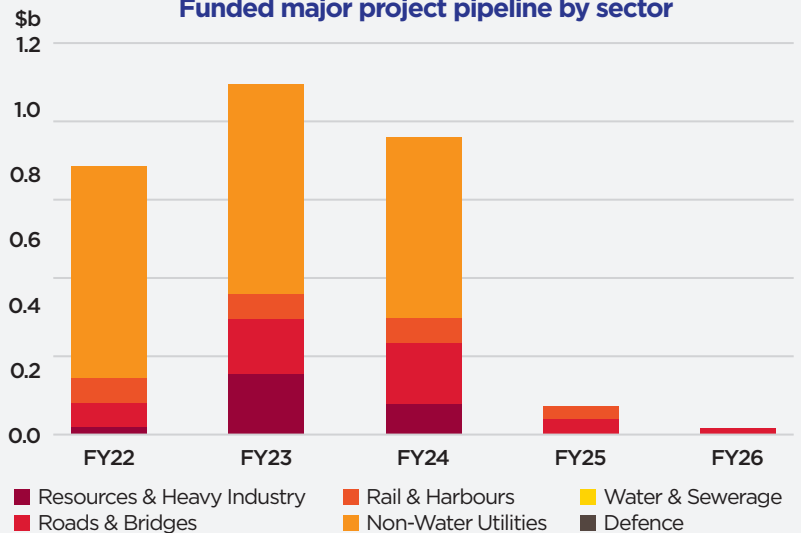
Key Unfunded Projects: Northern Gas Pipeline Extension/Expansion (QLD Component) (\$2.7b), Minyango Coal Project Stage 1 (\$600m).

Outlook: The regional profile for the Outback – an area that covers approximately two-thirds of Queensland – is distinct from the other regions due to its low population and historical reliance on resource related activity. Compared to the 2020 QMPPR, the pipeline for the region has increased by over \$4b – driven by an increase of over \$2.8b in funded project activity. Two key projects are mostly responsible for this rise: the Copperstring Transmission Line (now considered funded) and the inclusion of the Northern Gas Pipeline Extension.

Funded versus unfunded pipeline



Funded major project pipeline by sector



Source: BIS Oxford Economics and QMCA member knowledge.

However, despite the rise in funded activity, a large proportion of the pipeline still lies in unfunded projects. From 2022/23 onwards, unfunded project activity accounts for more than 50% of the total. Furthermore, funded activity is projected to fall below 3% of total activity by the final year of the pipeline (2025/26).