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Queensland's Sunshine Coast, in the state's thriving South East corner, is entering a period of unprecedented growth and economic expansion that has captured national and international attention.

The region has long been recognised as a wonderful tourism and lifestyle destination, but with more than A\$10 billion in private investment and A\$2.5 billion in major infrastructure projects underway or in the pipeline, the Coast is rapidly emerging as a centre for commerce.

The region boasts one of the largest health precincts in the southern hemisphere with a new A\$1.8 billion university hospital, while the expansion of its existing airport will allow for direct flights from Asia and the Pacific from late 2020.

The Sunshine Coast is coming of age and a new 21st Century Central Business District is being developed on a 53-hectare greenfield site in its capital, Maroochydore – purpose-built to cater for future growth in this highly sought-after destination.

Half a million people are expected to call the Sunshine Coast home by 2041 and at its heart will be a vibrant new city centre, offering outstanding opportunities for companies seeking new headquarters or offices in a leading city-region.

This unique development is being overseen by SunCentral Maroochydore Pty Ltd, a corporate law company established by the land owner, Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

The vision for a new city centre is being brought to life by an independent Board and Chief Executive with extensive expertise in urban planning, large-scale infrastructure, commercial strategy and finance industries.

The project's core commercial precincts are currently in the market, with construction of the first buildings to commence in 2018.

This is your chance to secure a presence in a connected, sophisticated and contemporary city while enjoying South East Queensland's celebrated lifestyle and economic prospects.

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GROWING **ECONOMIC** POWERHOUSE

Rise and shine in Australia's smartest CBD.

With the new Maroochydore City Centre at its heart, the Sunshine Coast is rapidly becoming one of Australia's economic powerhouses,

- Strong annual economic growth more than 1% above the national average
- Over 2% annual population growth
- One of the highest levels of business confidence in Queensland
- More than A\$10 billion in private investment and A\$2.5 billion in major infrastructure projects already committed to the region or in the pipeline.

It's the ideal location for companies seeking growing regions, without the skyrocketing capital city costs.



**APPROVED BY THE** STATE GOVERNMENT. THE DEVELOPMENT **SCHEME FOR THE NEW CBD INCLUDES:** 

- Prime commercial office space
- Exclusive retail and dining
- Striking new waterways
- Interconnected open space
- Recreational spaces
- Residential apartments
- Premium hotel/resort
- Entertainment, convention and exhibition facilities.

BRILLIANTLY CONNECTED

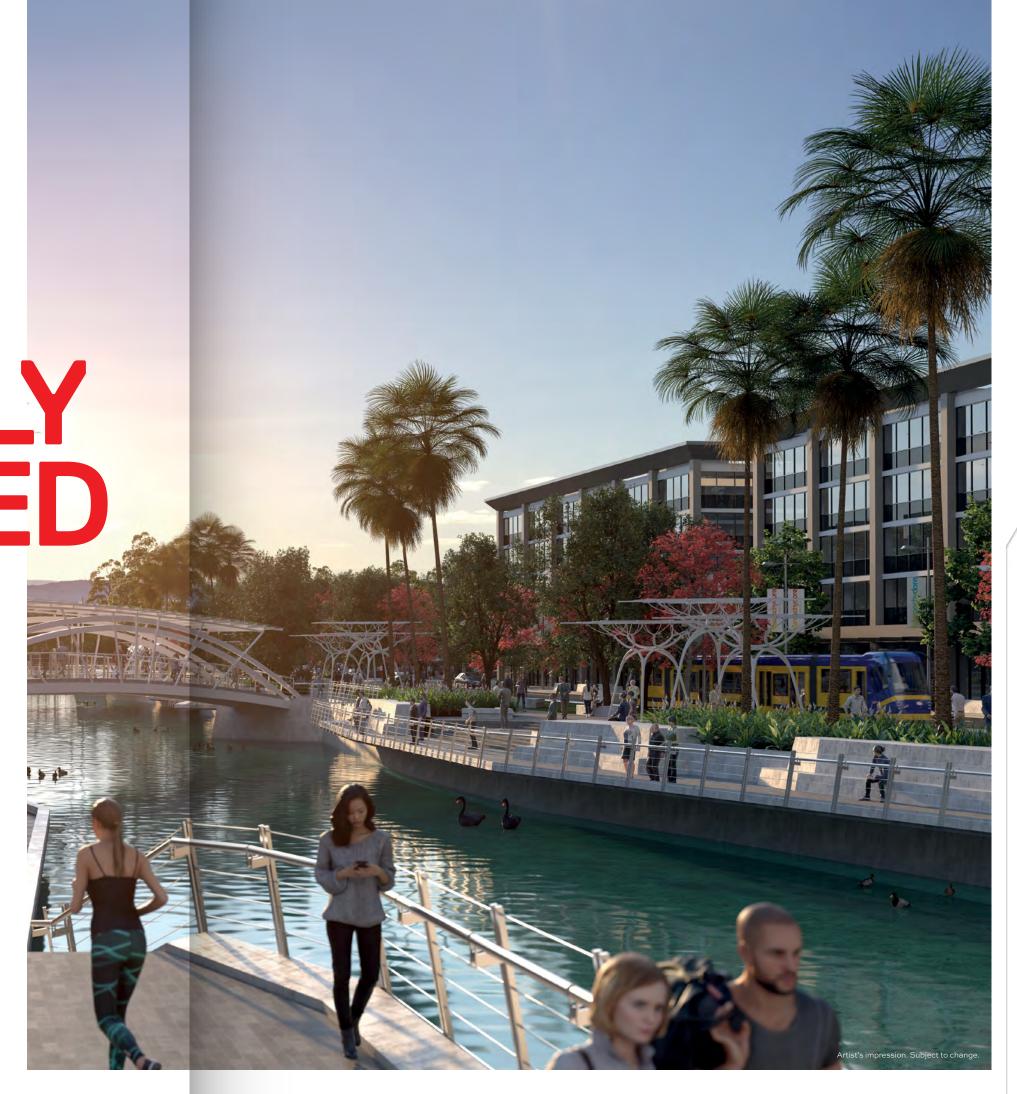
The new Central Business District is connected by major arterials to the national highway, just an hour from the state capital city of Brisbane, 10 minutes from the expanding Sunshine Coast Airport and five minutes from world-class beaches and renowned tourist destinations. Light Rail is also proposed for seamless travel, connection and access.

Declared a Priority Development Area by the Queensland Government, the Maroochydore City Centre will include commercial, residential, retail and lifestyle precincts, with 40 per cent of the site to be waterways, parks

It is also designed as a truly smart city from the outset, with fibre optic and smart technology throughout the CBD and a proposed sub-sea broadband cable to deliver fast, secure data connectivity.

The CBD has already secured interest from a major education and research institution seeking to establish a campus and connections with business leaders and networks, ensuring accessible tertiary studies and training.

There are also many highly ranked private and public schools and childcare centres nearby, plus trades colleges, training and English language centres, and award-winning TAFE campuses in close proximity.







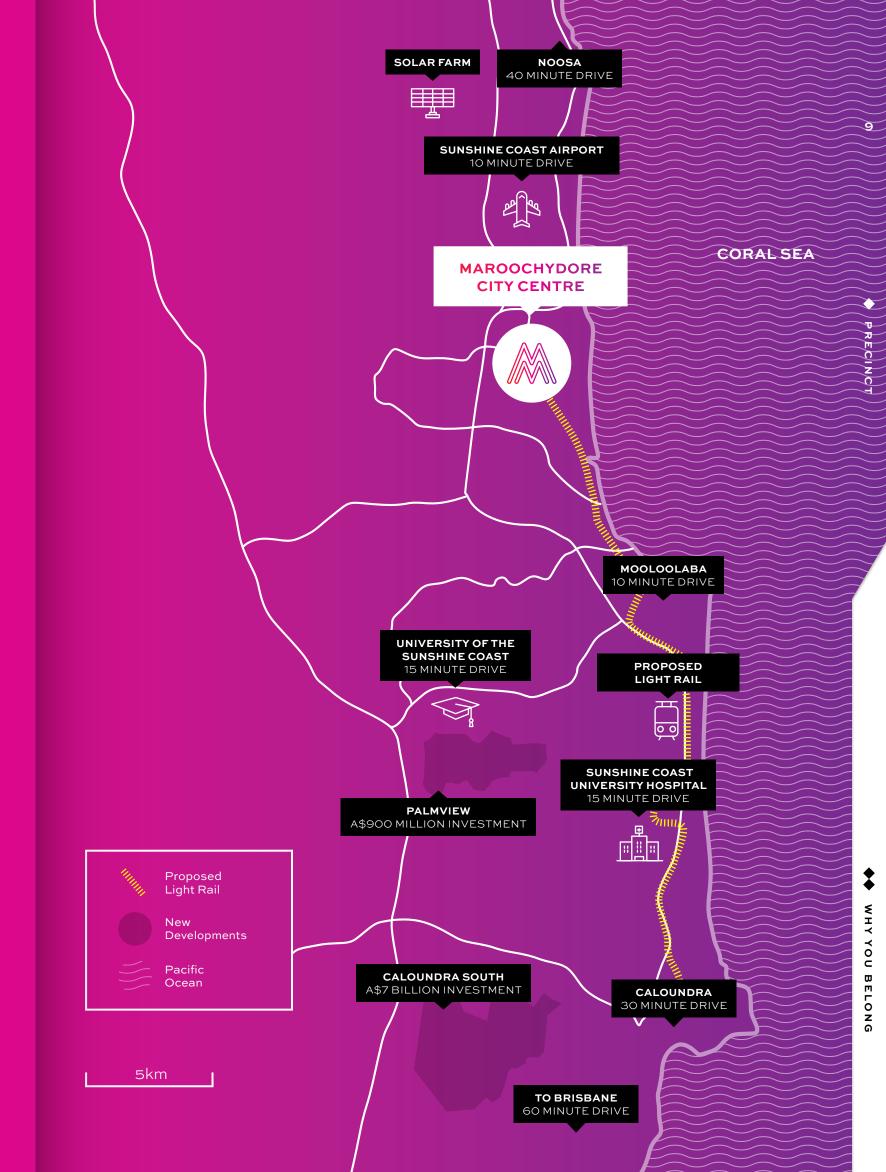
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## **BY LAND**

Light Rail is proposed to connect the key coastal centres of Caloundra, Kawana, Mooloolaba and the Maroochydore City Centre. Options are currently being investigated for delivery.

## BY ROAD & AIR

The Sunshine Coast is within easy reach of local, national and international markets via the Bruce Highway, the national rail network, Sunshine Coast Airport, Brisbane International and Domestic airports, and the Port of Brisbane.





On the doorstep of Asia and the Pacific Rim, the Sunshine Coast is a local and international destination. That



## **Sunshine Coast Airport expansion**



## **Proposed premium hotel** and convention centre





BRIGHT HORIZONS

Maroochydore

## POSITIVELY BOOMING



## **Proposed Light Rail Project\***

Stage 1 would contribute an estimated A\$3.6 billion to the economy



## **University of the Sunshine Coast**

A\$81 million expansion complete; Australia's fastestgrowing regional university



## **Solar Farm**

A\$10 million economic benefit





## **Sunshine Coast Airport - New Runway**

2,230 jobs with A\$4.1 billion contributed to the economy







## Hospital

New A\$1.8 billion university hospital, opened 2017









## **Proposed Sub-sea** Broadband Cable\*

An estimated A\$1.1 billion boost per annum to the Queensland economy

## BRILLIANT BUSINESS

Maroochydore's new Central Business District is now offering outstanding commercial opportunities in one of Australia's fastest-growing regions.

The Sunshine Coast is a leading regional economy and has almost doubled in size in the last decade.

The region has built strong investment and business connections, with growing interest from the Asia Pacific and Middle East, and increasing domestic and global demand for its products and services.

The Sunshine Coast enjoys:

- A competitive business environment
- · Accessibility to national and international markets
- New and expanding infrastructure
- A highly skilled and healthy workforce
- · Reasonable cost of living and affordability
- A booming sport and leisure focus with many national events
- An idyllic lifestyle in an acclaimed, naturally beautiful area that connects landmark mountains to the extensive oceanfront, with many waterways and green space in-between.





## **Economic growth**

The Sunshine Coast has a Gross Regional Product of over A\$17 billion (AEC Group, 2015-16) and is now one of the largest regional economies in Queensland.

It has had the second-highest performing regional economy in Queensland for the last two consecutive years (State of the Regions, 2015-16).

The region had an average annual economic growth rate of 4.09% from 2002-2015 – higher than the national economic growth rate of 3.04% (International Monetary



## **Population growth**

The Sunshine Coast is the 10th largest significant urban area in Australia by population (.id, 2016), servicing a wider catchment of more than one million people.

The region's population growth was 9.3% over the five-year period between 2010 and 2015 - higher than the national growth rate of 8%.

It is forecast to have the second-fastest growth rate of all regions outside the greater Brisbane area between 2011 and 2036 (Queensland Government, 2015).

Well-qualified, highly skilled people choose to live on the Sunshine Coast With its combined opportunities for work, career paths and liveability, the CBD is a magnet for all ages, demographics and cultures – a standout location for your own happy, healthy and future-focused workforce.



## **Business confidence**

The Sunshine Coast has one of the highest levels of business confidence, profitability, and total sales and revenue of any region in Queensland (CCIQ Westpac Pulse Survey, December 2015).

More than 60% of businesses in the region expect increasing profitability (Sunshine Coast Business Survey, September 2015).

There are more than 33,000 registered businesses across the region, and the CBD will be an important hub for many existing and new businesses to supply a wide range of trades, technical, professional and niche services.

Interest and enquiry about opportunities to relocate or establish in the CBD is already strong. SunCentral's focus is to ensure that compatible, complementary industry sectors are attracted to construct, lease, and invest here for the long-term.

You will be working and living alongside like minds in the CBD, 24/7.





# SMART CITY INNOVATION



The new Maroochydore City Centre has been designed for the future, with smart technology embedded throughout the development.

This includes technology to assist parking, traffic management, and real-time information for public transport, signage and other community announcements; city guides; free Wi-Fi hotspots; charging stations; safety and surveillance systems; and open data initiatives to ensure safety and monitoring usage of facilities.

The extensive and clever use of technology, together with unique features such as Australia's first underground automated waste collection system, will set the Maroochydore City Centre apart from other regional centres. It's a world-class CBD by design.

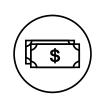
## Proposed sub-sea broadband cable

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council has lodged a submission with the Australian Communications and Media Authority to declare an offshore cable protection zone for an international sub-sea broadband connection into the Sunshine Coast.

If approved, the Sunshine Coast would be the only regional centre in Australia to offer direct international broadband connectivity to global markets.







## **Cost efficiencies**

The Sunshine Coast's comparatively low business costs make the Maroochydore City Centre a highly cost-effective location.

Queensland has the lowest payroll tax rate of any state or territory in Australia.

Taxation in Queensland in 2016-17 was estimated to be \$866 per person less than the average of other Australian states and territories (Queensland Government, July 2015), and Queensland companies are not required to pay any payroll tax until total wages and salaries exceed A\$1.1 million.

## **Government incentives** and assistance

Both Sunshine Coast Regional Council and the Queensland Government provide assistance and professional services to help navigate government requirements and streamline access to new investment and development opportunities.

Council provides a range of specialist services to support local, national and international business, and to encourage new investment across the region. Incentives and assistance are available to eligible applicants to enable projects to commence sooner and help offset expansion, establishment and relocation costs.

**WESTERN** 

**AUSTRALIA** 

The Queensland Government provides investors with project attraction and facilitation services through the Department of State Development. The department can assist business and industry by providing professional support and case management services.

## **Employee costs**

The Sunshine Coast has, on average, lower workforce costs in terms of weekly wages and employee insurance rates than the major states of New South Wales and Victoria.



\*Workcover premium cost per A\$100 in wages. Source: ABS 2016 Census Quickstats, 2016/17 Workcover Premium QLD Government

## LOWEST BASIC FLAT RATE PAYROLL TAX

4.75% QUEENSLAND A\$1,100,000\*

**5.45**% NEW SOUTH WALES A\$750,00\*

4.85% VICTORIA A\$575,000\*

**5.50**% WESTERN AUSTRALIA A\$850,000\*

4.95% SOUTH AUSTRALIA A\$600,000\*

**NORTHERN TERRITORY** 5.50% NORTHERN I

**TASMANIA 6.10**% A\$1,250,000\*

**AUSTRALIAN** 6.85% AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY A\$2,000,000\*

\*Exemption threshold.





Outstanding in every way.

With billions invested, the Sunshine Coast is making business more brilliant:

Prime S Queens

Prime South-East Queensland location

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The largest Central
Business District
north of Brisbane

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Servicing a catchment of more than one million people

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Emerging economic powerhouse with soaring business confidence

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Smart City innovation throughout the CBD



Local and international connections



Premium hotel, convention and exhibition facilities



Flexible options for commercial offices and retailers



Flexible options to establish your business in Maroochydore's new CBD are available now, and the SunCentral team can assist with leasing and investment enquiries.

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