



FEBRUARY 2018 MONTH IN REVIEW



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OVER 600 PEOPLE HAVE THEIR SAY

More than 600 people have already had their say in the first round of community consultation for the proposed Tropical North Global Tourism Hub (GTH) in Cairns.

Innovation and Tourism, Industry Development and the Commonwealth Games Minister Kate Jones MP said the level of consultation on the proposed Global Tourism Hub in Cairns was impressive.

Some examples of the community initial input include having a unique point of difference like the Mona Pavilions in Tasmania, a food hub with an international seafood cooking school and more localised Indigenous story-telling.



Hon Kate Jones MP and Russell Beer, Chairman Ports North, addressing the media on Wednesday 21 February 2018 on the 'Have Your Say' questionnaires.

"This is just the first stage of a comprehensive consultation process to discuss tourism infrastructure that won't just attract more visitors to north Queensland but will encourage them to stay longer and spend more while they're here," Minister Jones said.

A Tropical North GTH, including a casino, ultimately needs to be within 70km of Cairns, but the government's preferred site is the Cairns City Port precinct. A Cairns GTH, if chosen, could complement the State's expansion of the Cairns Convention Centre. This initial community engagement is only the beginning of the process and the public will still have opportunities for to give their input when any proponent's concepts are unveiled," Minister Jones said.

"Fundamentally, it's all about us growing the State's \$25 billion tourism industry – a great industry that supports almost 225,000 jobs in Queensland, especially in our regions."

Tourism generates \$57.4 million a day in overnight visitor expenditure and accounts for more than 15% of all Queensland exports.

To read more please visit <http://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/major-projects/tropical-north-global-tourism-hub.html>



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On 28 October 2017, the Government announced a proposed Global Tourism Hub (GTH) for Tropical North Queensland, bringing a dynamic new tourism opportunity to the region.

A GTH may consist of new international hotels, entertainment and tourism offerings for the Tropical North (and/or an expansion of the current casino). Global Tourism Hubs are a strategy for Queensland that delivers world class tourism infrastructure.

GTHs deliver catalyst projects (including Integrated Resorts) that support city building objectives and other complementary projects, while optimising the broader community gains – regional jobs, investment and associated flow-on developments. The government is offering a preferred site for a Tropical North Global Tourism Hub to the market.

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