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Regional Projects Development Register update lists 451 projects in Mackay Isaac Whitsunday region.

More than \$30 billion worth of projects have been listed on the Greater Whitsunday Alliance Regional Projects Development Register update released today.

The register lists 451 projects and highlights the developments in the Mackay Isaac Whitsunday region.

Mackay has more than \$1.065 billion in infrastructure projects planned; Isaac has more than \$13 billion in mining projects over the next 20 years; while Whitsunday has more than \$7 billion in infrastructure.

GW3 CEO Garry Scanlan said the data was sourced through CoreLogic, Australia's largest provider of property related information and analytics.

Mr Scanlan said CoreLogic uses a wide range of data sources to collect and validate information, including local and state government and media reporting, along with Mackay, Isaac Whitsunday Regional Councils contributing.

"The construction sector is showing excellent signs of recovery with more than \$5 billion worth of projects planned across the three regions.

"This has increased from the \$4 billion worth of projects planned in August 2018," he said.

Isaac Regional Council Mayor Anne Baker said a resurgent resources sector was providing a catalyst for projects across the region.

"We have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation and what we are seeing in Isaac is that resources companies are making strategic long-term investments in the region.

"In recent weeks we have seen approvals for significant resources projects in the Bowen Basin, including Winchester South and Olive Downs," she said.

"Plus, there has been a shift in the national conversation about the economic potential which can be unlocked in the Galilee Basin.

"There is a pipeline of projects in the resources, renewables and agricultural sector which will help to sustain our regional economy and that of the Greater Whitsunday region.

The Regional Projects Development Register uses the following category definitions:

Infrastructure: permanent pieces of public infrastructure such as roads, rails and ports.

Mining: mining projects including construction and supply of associated services.

Construction: construction of commercial and residential projects.

Utilities: water, waste and energy projects.

The Regional Projects Development Register will be produced bi-annually.

A full copy of the Regional Projects Development Register is available to download by visiting:

<http://www.greaterwhitsundayalliance.com.au/Publications/Development%20Register%20May%202019.pdf>

Greater Whitsunday Alliance is the region's peak, independent economic development body committed to making the Mackay, Isaac, Whitsunday region strong for generations.

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