

Central Highlands Development Register



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Project Name	Category	Location	Details	Proponent/s	Estimated Cost	Timing	Employment	Status
Community Infrastructure								
Emerald Town Centre Redevelopment	Community Infrastructure	Emerald		CHRC	\$8.9m+	2008 - 2010		Under Construction
Emerald Airport Upgrade	Community Infrastructure	Emerald	Extension to existing terminal	CHRC	\$6.9m	Completion Aug 2010		Under Construction
McIndoe Park Community Recreation Facility	Community Infrastructure	Emerald	CHRC has received funding from the federal government to complete the community facility at McIndoe Park. The facility will be used by the rugby league club and for community activities and events.	CHRC & Aust Govt	\$500,000+	2009-10		Committed
Blackwater Aquatic Centre	Community Infrastructure	Blackwater		CHRC & Aust Govt	\$1.4m			Under Construction
Hunter Street Sporting Complex	Community Infrastructure	Blackwater		CHRC & Aust Govt	\$1.6m			Under Construction
Emerald Weather Radar	Community Infrastructure	Emerald		CHRC & Aust Govt	\$5m			In progress
Sunrise Rotary BMX Park	Community Infrastructure	Emerald		CHRC, Fed & State Govt	\$618,000			Assessing Tenders
Emerald Driver Training & Motor Sport Complex	Community Infrastructure	Emerald		CHRC & Fed Govt	\$2m			Developing track plan
Gemfields Swimming Pool Complex	Community Infrastructure	Sapphire		CHRC & State Govt	\$1m+			Assessing Tenders
Rail								
Grantleigh to Tunnel Duplication	Rail	Duaringa	Duplication of 7km of track between Grantleigh and a tunnel located at a chainage point on the Blackwater line. The scope of works includes track build, civil works, electrification, signalling, telecommunications and land acquisition.	QR	\$49m	To be completed September 2009		Under Construction
Tourism								
Rubyvale Gem Gallery Expansion	Tourism	Rubyvale - Sapphire Gemfields	The project includes a major rebuild of the old Rubyvale Cafe and Newsagency. The rebuild will house a new cafe, a new shop for the Rubyvale Gem Gallery, a small information centre and three self-contained holiday units.	Peter & Eileen Brown	\$500,000 +	Completion early 2010	5 full time	Under Construction
CH Tourism Feasibility Study	Tourism	Central Highlands	Feasibility study to expand tourism in the Central Highlands Region	CHRC & Fed Govt Better Regions	\$100,000	Completed by Dec 09		In progress

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Energy								
Blackwater to Emerald line rebuild	Energy	Emerald/ Blackwater	Upgrade approx 50 kms of existing 66kV line	Ergon Energy	\$28m	2010/ 2011	Existing	Under Study
Mining								
Cook Underground Expansion	Mining	Blackwater	Expansion in Progress	Caledon Resources	\$30m	2009	Inhouse 100 contractors to Nov 2009	
Togara North Underground	Mining	Springsure	Feasibility study completed	Xstrata Coal	\$350m	2013		Under study
Kestrel Coal Underground Expansion	Mining	Emerald	The extension will increase mine production to 5.7 million tonnes of coal a year, with the first longwall operations expected to commence in 2012. The extension will extend the life of Kestrel Mine by 20 years to 2032.	Kestrel Joint Venture	\$1.1b	Production to commence 2012		Under construction
Curragh Opencut Expansion	Mining	Blackwater	The project includes the diversion of 10.2km of Blackwater Creek which will allow access to 47 million tonnes of coal. Project works are expected to be completed by November 2009. Revegetation works will occur progressively until 2011.	Wesfarmers	\$130m	June 2011		Under construction
Ensham Central B&P Underground	Mining	Emerald	The underground operation would enable the new capacity of 2 Mt of thermal coal.	Ensham Resources	\$140m	expected startup 2011		
Yarrabee Opencut	Mining	Bluff	Expansion	Felix Resources		2010		
Minyango Underground	Mining	Blackwater	Feasibility to be completed during 2009.	Caledon Resources		2012		Under study
Yamala Underground	Mining	Yamala	Pre feasibility underway	Northern Energy Corporation	\$350m	2013		Under study