

# A SNAPSHOT OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS

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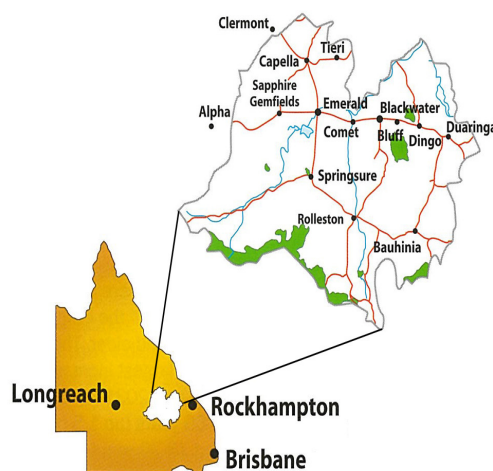
## Introduction to the Central Highlands

The Central Highlands Region the major townships of Bauhinia, Blackwater, Bluff, Capella, Comet, Duaringa, Dingo, Emerald, Springsure, The Sapphire Gemfields, Rolleston, and Tieri.

The Central Highlands Region is situated in the heart of Central Queensland, and extends over an area of almost 60,000 square kilometres. The region provides a range of educational, sporting, cultural and recreation facilities, which promote healthy active living and cater for the predominant population of young families.

The Central Highlands is a prosperous and vibrant region, which has a diverse economy based on:

- a globally competitive coal mining industry
- traditionally robust and resilient agricultural and horticulture sectors
- dynamic small and medium businesses
- professional and government sectors
- a growing tourism market supported by major natural attractions such as the Carnarvon Gorge and the Gemfields.



The Central Highlands Regional Council was established on the 15 March 2008 following the amalgamation of the former shires of Bauhinia, Duaringa, Emerald and Peak Downs.

In April 2010 Foresight Partners Pty Ltd undertook an on-site audit of industrial and commercial activity in the Central Highlands Regional Council area. The study was commissioned by the Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC), the Central Highlands Development Corporation (CHDC) and the Department of Infrastructure and Planning (DIP). The inventory provides a snapshot of the location, type, size and scale of commercial and industrial activities in the CHRC as a whole, as well as for key urban centres in the council area. Businesses were classified according to 2006 ANZSIC.

	<b>Central Highlands</b>	<b>QLD</b>
<b>Estimated Resident Population</b>	30,403	4,425,103
<b>Population Projection (2026)</b>	43,053	5,884 390
<b>Population Projection (2031)</b>	46,872	6,273,885
<b>Average Age</b>	34.1 (years of age)	37
<small>Based on ABS 2006 Census</small>		
<b>Average Weekly Income</b>	\$826.43	\$602.25
<b>Gross Regional Product</b>	\$2.6 billion	\$195.7 billion
<small>Source Central Highlands Economic Profile 2010</small>		

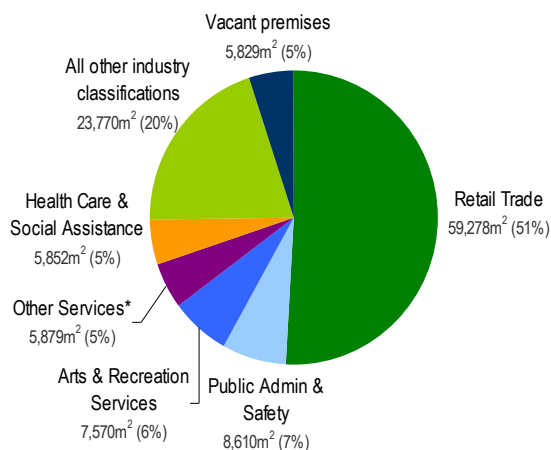


## Overview of commercial and retail activity

- There are 563 commercial and retail businesses in the CHRC area with a GLA of approximately 110,000m<sup>2</sup>.
- Retail trade is the largest sector accounting for approximately half of all GLA in the region and 30% of businesses.
- Public Administration and Safety is the second largest sector by area.
- Accommodation and Food Services is the second largest sector in terms of the number of businesses.

Retail Trade is by far the largest component of commercial activity in the CHRC area in terms of both GLA (59,500m<sup>2</sup>) and businesses (182). Retail Trade accounts for a much larger share of GLA than it does business numbers because of car dealerships and shops such as supermarkets which, in general, occupy significantly larger premises than other commercial businesses. In terms of area occupied, the largest retail categories are Motor Vehicle Retailing, Supermarket and Grocery Stores and Pharmaceutical and Other Store-Based Retailing which comprises a variety of stores.

CHRC commercial GLA by ANZSIC category<sup>^</sup>



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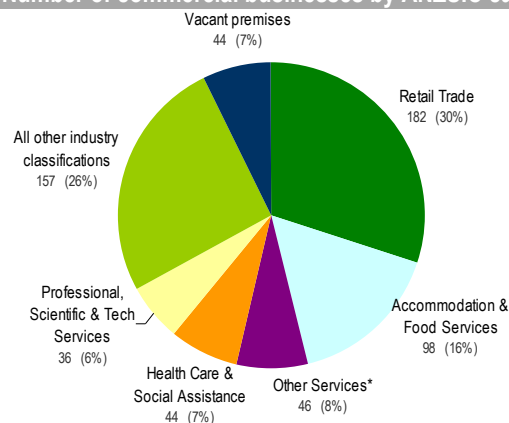
Public Administration and Safety is the second largest sector by lettable area in the CHRC area, accounting for approximately 7% of GLA (8,600m<sup>2</sup>). The largest categories within this sector are State Government Administration and Local Government Administration.

The third largest commercial sector by GLA is Arts and Recreation Services, which includes the Blackwater Civic Centre, the Capella Cultural Centre and Town/Community Halls. Together they comprise 6% of GLA (7,600m<sup>2</sup>).

In terms of the number of businesses Retail Trade also accounts for the highest percentage (30%), followed by Accommodation and Food Services with 16% of businesses. Of the 98 Accommodation and Food Services businesses, 46 are mainly accommodation related, 39 are cafes, restaurants and take-away food business with the remaining 13 pubs, taverns, bars and clubs.

Other Services (which includes personal care services such as hairdressers and beauty salons) and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services account for 8% and 6% of businesses respectively.

Number of commercial businesses by ANZSIC category

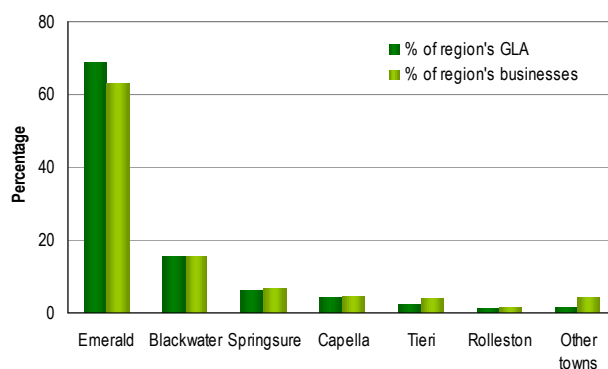


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## Commercial and retail activity by town

Emerald is the dominant commercial and retail centre in the Central Highlands, containing over two-thirds of the region's GLA. Blackwater is the second largest activity centre in the region (in terms of commercial and retail activity), followed by Springsure. The remaining towns of Capella, Tieri, Rolleston, Bluff, Dingo, Duaringa and Comet collectively account for less than 10% of GLA in the Central Highlands region.

Commercial activity by town (as a proportion of total CHRC)

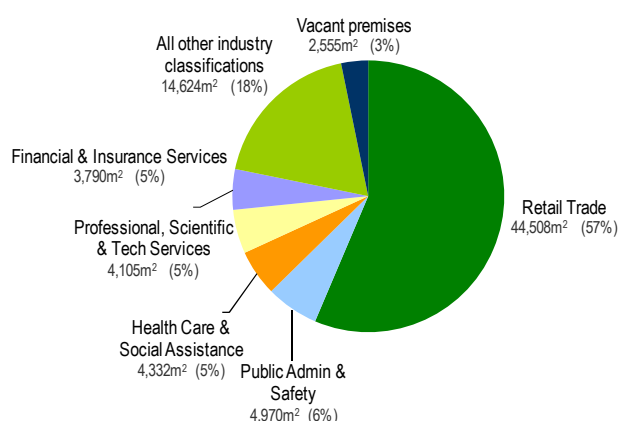


### Emerald commercial and retail activity

Emerald is the heart of the CHRC. It has more than 76,000m<sup>2</sup> of occupied commercial GLA and contains nearly 70% of all occupied GLA in the CHRC area and around 63% of all the commercial businesses (356), underlining its status as the administrative and retail centre of the CHRC.

Retail trade accounts for approximately 57% of Emerald's GLA, occupying a lettable area of nearly 45,000m<sup>2</sup>, of which 13,800m<sup>2</sup> are located in the two Centro shopping centres. The next largest sectors in terms of area are Public Administration and Safety (6%) and Health Care and Social Assistance (5%). Compared to the remainder of the CHRC area, Emerald has a higher proportion of businesses in Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, Administrative and Support Services and Financial and Insurance Services.

**Emerald commercial GLA by ANZSIC category<sup>^</sup>**



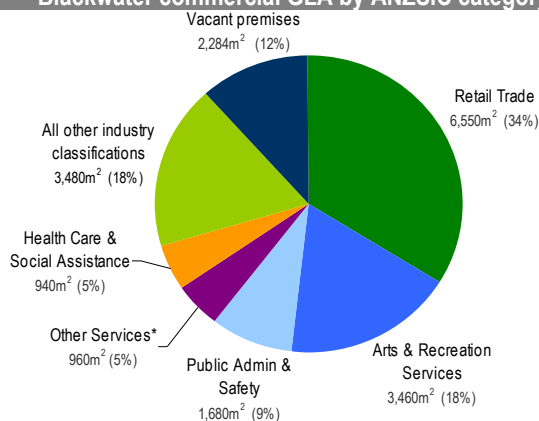
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### Blackwater commercial and retail activity

Blackwater has one shopping centre, The Town Centre, and is the only other town in the CHRC area that contains a major supermarket (a 2,550m<sup>2</sup> Woolworths). With 17,000m<sup>2</sup> of commercial GLA, Blackwater contains 15% of the Central Highlands' total and 16% (88) of businesses.

Retail Trade accounts for a lower proportion of GLA in Blackwater (34%) than in Emerald (57%) and other parts of the Central Highlands. In contrast, the share of GLA dedicated to Arts and Recreation Services (18%) is much greater in Blackwater than in other towns within the Central Highlands, though this figure is skewed by a few large tenancies (Civic Centre, International Coal Centre and the PCYC). Aside from these two sectors the disaggregation of Blackwater businesses by ANZSIC is not significantly different to that of the remainder of the CHRC area.

**Blackwater commercial GLA by ANZSIC category<sup>^</sup>**



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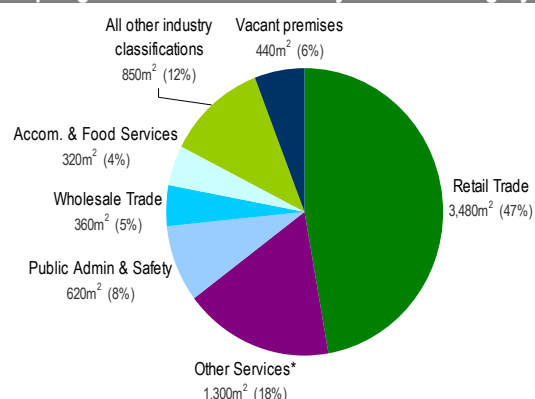
### Springsure commercial and retail activity

Springsure is the third largest town in the Central Highlands Regional Council area in terms of commercial and retail GLA and businesses. However, the retail is largely convenience retail with no full-line supermarket in the town. Springsure contains approximately 7,000m<sup>2</sup> of occupied GLA (accounting for 6% of the CHRC total).

Springsure has a high proportion of GLA used for Retail (47%) and Other Services (18%). It is typical for smaller towns to have fewer businesses in sectors such as Public Administration and Safety and Health Care and Social Assistance, and to have more convenience retail and personal services such as hairdressing.

This is because businesses servicing a large region typically gravitate to the larger towns, such as Emerald and Blackwater. This serves to reinforce the convenience and local nature of retail and commercial service provision in Springsure.

**Springsure commercial GLA by ANZSIC category<sup>^</sup>**



<sup>^</sup>Accommodation and Food Services has been understated in this chart as GLA for some businesses was not included.

\*Other Services includes personal care services such as hairdressers and beauty salons.

## Commercial vacancy rates and vacant/underdeveloped land

There are 44 vacant commercial premises in the whole of the CHRC area, with a total GLA of approximately 5,800m<sup>2</sup>. Overall, the commercial vacancy rate for the CHRC area is 5.0%, which is generally considered an appropriate level to allow for new market entrants and to allow existing businesses to expand and contract in response to changing market conditions. However, there are spatial variations within this figure. Blackwater has the highest vacancy rate of all towns in the CHRC area at 11.8%. Emerald has the lowest vacancy rate at 3.2%.

In addition to the vacant premises there are a number of commercial zoned lots that are either vacant or underdeveloped and could potentially be [re]developed into commercial premises in the future. For the total CHRC area there are approximately 8.7ha of vacant commercial land and 6.7ha of underdeveloped land.

Blackwater, with 6.2ha in total, has the most vacant and underdeveloped land of all towns in the Central Highlands. Emerald has 3.7ha of vacant and underdeveloped land and Rolleston 2.0ha.

## Commercial activities outside of zoned land

Of the 564 commercial businesses identified in CHRC area, 427 were on commercial zoned land and an additional 24 on Village, Town or Business land in the smaller towns. The other businesses, while not on commercial land per se are not necessarily on inappropriately zoned land. For example there are accommodation facilities on land zoned Residential Accommodation and golf clubs/lawn bowls clubs on land zoned for recreational purposes.

There are, however, more than 50 businesses on Residential, Rural Residential or Rural land. These businesses include 19 accommodation establishments, two retail centres (Western Crossing Shops and the Mayfair Ridge shops) and a number of home-based businesses.

CHRC commercial businesses by ANZSIC, April 2010\*

ANZSIC Code	Industry Classification	Emerald		Blackwater		Capella		Tieri		Springsure		Rolleston		Other towns		Total CHRC	
		No.	Floor-space* (m <sup>2</sup> )	No.	Floor-space* (m <sup>2</sup> )	No.	Floor-space* (m <sup>2</sup> )	No.	Floor-space* (m <sup>2</sup> )	No.	Floor-space* (m <sup>2</sup> )	No.	Floor-space* (m <sup>2</sup> )	No.	Floor-space* (m <sup>2</sup> )	No.	Floor-space* (m <sup>2</sup> )
B	Mining	2	290	-	-	1	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	410
C	Manufacturing	1	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	200
E	Construction	3	110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	110
F	Wholesale Trade	2	840	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	360	-	-	-	-	4	1,200
G	Retail Trade	113	44,508	29	6,550	8	1,930	7	1,110	15	3,480	5	990	5	710	182	59,278
H	Accommodation and Food Services	52	2,543	17	850	8	90	3	80	7	320	2	-	9	120	98	4,003
I	Transport, Postal and Warehousing	2	340	1	100	1	70	1	70	1	30	-	-	4	230	10	840
J	Information Media and Telecommunications	4	1,070	2	280	1	150	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	50	9	1,550
K	Financial and Insurance Services	22	3,790	3	380	1	200	2	220	2	310	-	-	-	-	30	4,900
L	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	11	1,684	5	470	-	-	-	-	1	40	-	-	-	-	17	2,194
M	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	32	4,105	3	300	-	-	-	-	1	180	-	-	-	-	36	4,585
N	Administrative and Support	18	2,168	4	730	-	-	1	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	2,998
O	Public Administration and Safety	21	4,970	4	1,680	2	860	2	360	2	620	-	-	2	120	33	8,610
P	Education and Training	4	410	3	370	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	780
Q	Health Care and Social Assistance	33	4,332	7	940	-	-	3	420	1	160	-	-	-	-	44	5,852
R	Arts and Recreation Services	4	1,870	4	3,460	2	1,200	3	450	1	130	-	-	3	460	17	7,570
S	Other Services	31	3,099	6	960	2	190	1	70	4	1,300	2	260	-	-	46	5,879
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>76,329</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>17,070</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4,810</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>6,930</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>110,959</b>
	Vacant premises	22	2,555	13	2,284	2	230	2	140	3	440	1	180	1	-	44	5,829

\*There are a small number of businesses for which an area was not available and is therefore not included in the table. This is for businesses that are either based in a home or were inaccessible.

## Overview of industrial activity

- There are 436 industrial businesses covering 285ha in the CHRC area.
- Transport, Postal and Warehousing is the largest sector in terms of land area used, accounting for 27%.
- Manufacturing is the second largest sector by area in the CHRC area, accounting for 13% of industrial land.
- 'Other Services' is the sector containing the greatest number of industrial businesses (19%) within the Central Highlands.

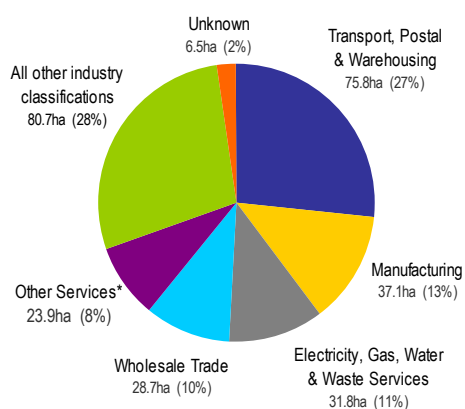
The Central Highlands has a broad industrial base with most industry sectors represented. In terms of land area used, Transport, Postal and Warehousing is the largest sector accounting for 27% of industrial land used in CHRC (75.8ha), even though it only accounts for 13% of businesses (58). Businesses in this sector typically occupy large lots to accommodate the movement of trucks and allow for large volumes of storage.

Manufacturing is the second largest sector by area, accounting for 13% of industrial land (37.1ha). The largest manufacturing type by land use is Cement, Lime, Plaster and Concrete Product Manufacturing, which accounts for nearly half of the land occupied by manufacturing businesses.

The third largest industrial sector by area (accounting for 11% or 31.8ha) is Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services despite only containing 4% of businesses. Businesses in this sector include Ergon Energy depots, transfer stations and waste collection services and are often on large lots zoned for utilities.

### Industrial activity in CHRC by ANZSIC category

(% of developed land)



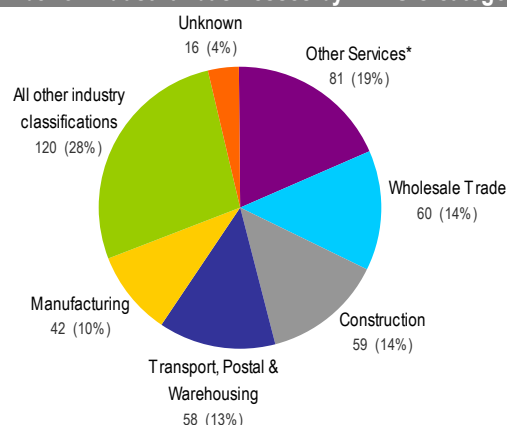
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The 'Other Services' sector contains the greatest number of industrial businesses (81 or 19%) within the Central Highlands and includes businesses in repairs and maintenance of automobiles and machinery and equipment.

Despite being the largest sector in terms of business numbers, the sector only accounts for 8% of the land area (23.9ha) as these businesses are typically located on small lots.

The second and third largest sectors in terms of business numbers are Wholesale Trade and Construction with 14% of business in each (60 and 59 businesses respectively).

### Number of industrial businesses by ANZSIC category

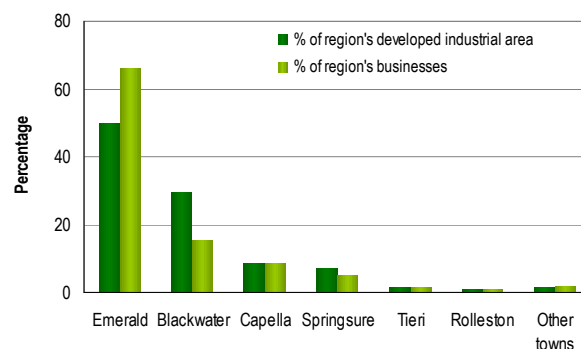


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## Industrial activity by town

Emerald, as the region's largest activity centre, contains approximately two-thirds of the Central Highlands' industrial businesses. Blackwater is second largest in terms of industrial activity, containing 15% of industrial businesses, followed by Capella with 9%.

### Industrial activity by town (as a proportion of total CHRC)

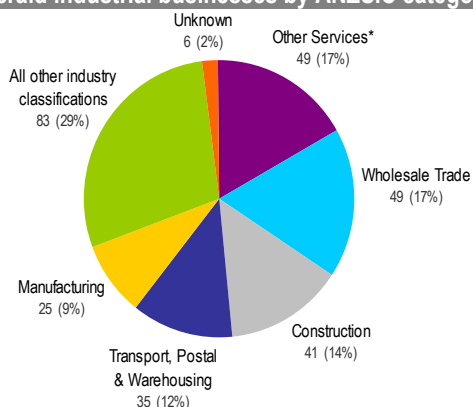


### Emerald industrial activity

Emerald is the industrial centre of the CHRC. It contains 288 industrial businesses on 142ha, accounting for two-thirds of the Central Highlands' industrial businesses and approximately half the industrial land used. The higher proportion of businesses relative to land reflects the smaller average lot size occupied by businesses in Emerald compared to other towns within the region.

Emerald supports a broad range of industrial businesses. The three largest sectors in terms of the number of businesses are: Other Services (largely repairs and maintenance related) and Wholesale Trade with 17% of businesses in each, and Construction with 14% of businesses.

**Emerald industrial businesses by ANZSIC category**



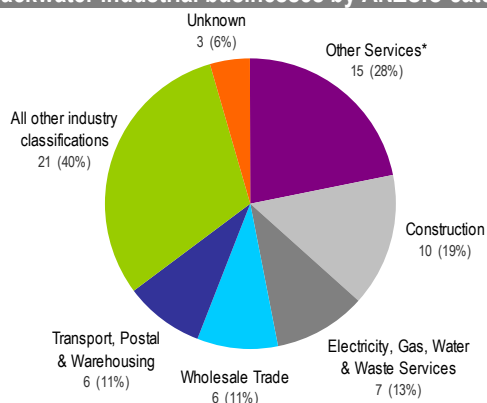
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### Blackwater industrial activity

Blackwater is the second largest town in the region in terms of industrial activity, with 68 industrial businesses on 85ha. Blackwater accounts for approximately 15% of the Central Highlands' industrial businesses, and a disproportionately large amount of the region's utilised industrial land (30%). This reflects the larger industrial lots south of the Capricorn Highway in Blackwater, including those used as Queensland Rail Depots.

The largest sectors in terms of numbers of businesses are Other Services with 28% of businesses, Construction with 19% of businesses and Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services with 13% of businesses.

**Blackwater industrial businesses by ANZSIC category**

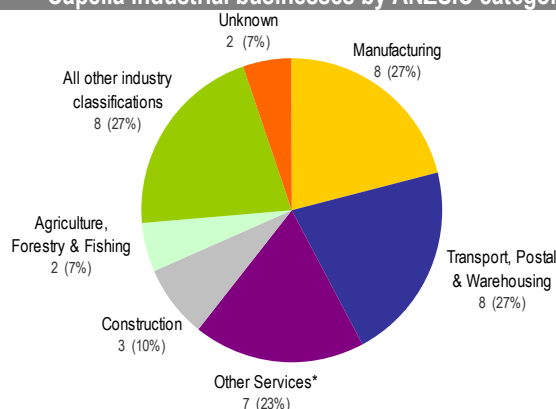


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### Capella industrial activity

Capella is the third largest town in the Central Highlands in terms of industrial activity, containing approximately 9% of the CHRC's businesses (38) and 9% (25ha) of the utilised industrial land. The sectors with the most businesses are Manufacturing and Transport, Postal and Warehousing with 27% in each and Other Services with 23%.

**Capella industrial businesses by ANZSIC category**



\*Other Services includes businesses involved in repair and maintenance of automobiles and machinery

### Lot sizes of developed industrial land

The majority of occupied industrial zoned lots in the Central Highlands area are less than 1ha. Of the 252 occupied industrial zoned lots, 142 are less than 4,000m<sup>2</sup>, with an additional 67 lots between 4,000m<sup>2</sup> and 1ha. However, overall, sizes range from an electrical contractor on a 144m<sup>2</sup> lot to a Queensland Rail Facilities Depot on a 21.4ha lot. There are 11 lots that are larger than 5ha, five of which have been classified as underdeveloped and have large parts of the lot that do not appear to be utilized, even if only temporarily, by the business.

### Supply of industrial land

The field inventory identified a total of 437 industrial businesses on 407ha (including the Yamala Cotton Gin). This land, however, is not all zoned industrial. Of these 407ha, 219ha are zoned industrial or light industrial and 121ha are special industrial. The remaining 67ha are not zoned for industrial purposes. Emerald has the largest amount of non-industrial zoned land being used by industrial businesses (31.7ha).

Even though there are industrial businesses operating on non-industrial zoned land, it does not necessarily imply a shortage of industrial zoned land. For the whole of the Central Highlands region a total of 701ha of industrial zoned land was identified (not including the 121ha of special industrial land at Yamala). Of this, however, 389ha were identified as vacant and a further 93ha as underdeveloped. Emerald has the most vacant and underdeveloped industrial land (a total of 97 lots covering 242ha).

## Gemfields

Gemfields' businesses were not included in the preceding analysis of commercial and industrial businesses, because of difficulties with classification of many businesses in these towns and limitations with measuring GLAs/areas. In general, much of the commercial and industrial activity in the four towns of the Gemfields is related to either fossicking or tourism.

Specifically, the inventory identified a total of 100 businesses in all of Gemfields. Of these, 54 are in Rubyvale and 29 are in Sapphire. Nearly half of the businesses in Gemfields are commercial businesses which include shops, cafes, caravan parks and motels.

Excluding the caravan parks and motels, the GLA for commercial businesses in Gemfields totals approximately 3,850m<sup>2</sup>.

Approximately 41% of businesses in Gemfields are related to fossicking or gem cutting and many of these are home-based businesses. These fossicking businesses were not classified according to ANZSIC codes because they could be considered either as retail outlets, tourist activities or small scale mining operations. The remaining 11% of business are industrial businesses and include larger mining operations (such as Emerald Quarries and Armfest), repairs and maintenance businesses and sales of used mining equipment.

### CHRC industrial businesses by ANZSIC, April 2010\*

ANZSIC Code	Industry Classification	Emerald		Blackwater		Capella		Tieri		Springsure		Rolleston		Other towns		Total CHRC	
		No.	Area (ha)	No.	Area (ha)	No.	Area (ha)	No.	Area (ha)	No.	Area (ha)	No.	Area (ha)	No.	Area (ha)	No.	Area (ha)
A	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	5	20.6	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.2	8	21.8
B	Mining	9	2.2	4	2	2	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	6.0
C	Manufacturing	25	15.7	3	10.1	8	5.5	-	-	3	2.2	-	-	3	3.6	42	37.1
D	Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	7	7.4	7	23.4	-	-	1	0.6	1	0.4	-	-	-	-	16	31.8
E	Construction	41	9.6	10	7.6	3	1.3	1	0.5	3	1.7	1	0.6	-	-	59	21.3
F	Wholesale Trade	49	22.9	6	2.2	1	1	-	-	3	2.5	-	-	1	0.1	60	28.7
G	Retail Trade	16	8.7	3	0.9	2	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	11.9
H	Accommodation and Food Services	3	0.5	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2.5
I	Transport, Postal and Warehousing	35	29.7	6	25.8	8	8.2	1	0.6	5	10.2	2	1.1	1	0.2	58	75.8
L	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	23	7.2	4	1.3	1	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	8.6
M	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	7	3.8	4	0.8	1	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	4.9
N	Administrative and Support	7	1.7	2	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2.1
O	Public Administration and Safety	1	0	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.2
P	Education and Training	2	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.4
R	Arts and Recreation Services	3	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0.8
S	Other Services	49	9.8	15	6.5	7	3.2	-	-	6	3.2	3	1	1	0.2	81	23.9
	Unknown	6	1	3	1.6	2	0.3	1	0.9	1	0.2	1	1.6	2	0.8	16	6.5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>142.3</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>284.5</b>

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### CHRC occupied industrial zoned lots by size, April 2010

	Under 2,000m <sup>2</sup>		Between 2000 and 4000m <sup>2</sup>		Between 4000m <sup>2</sup> and 1 ha		Between 1 and 4.99 ha		Between 5 and 9.99 ha		Between 10 and 19.99 ha		Over 20 ha		Total	
	No.	Area* (ha)	No.	Area* (ha)	No.	Area* (ha)	No.	Area* (ha)	No.	Area* (ha)	No.	Area* (ha)	No.	Area* (ha)	No.	Area* (ha)
Emerald	74	9.1	34	9.2	28	15.3	13	23.7	2	12.3	3	49.1	1	20.4	155	139
Blackwater	3	0.5	23	6.6	18	10.3	8	18.3	-	-	1	15	1	21.4	54	72
Springsure	1	0.2	3	0.7	2	1	3	6.8	-	-	1	11.3	-	-	10	20
Capella	2	0.2	2	0.6	15	8.7	6	16.6	-	-	1	14.1	-	-	26	40.2
Tieri	-	-	-	-	3	2.1	1	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	6.3
Rolleston	-	-	-	-	1	0.4	1	1.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Yamala	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	121.4	1	121.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>163.2</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>400.9</b>

\*Areas include the entire lot size, not just the developed portion.

## Mining related businesses

The Central Highlands has a strong mining industry, particularly coal mining. In line with this, 76 businesses in the region were identified as mining related; including 65 industrial businesses and 11 commercial businesses. These mining related businesses account for 12.9% of occupied industrial land (36.6ha) and 1.5% of commercial GLA (1,655m<sup>2</sup>).

Emerald has more mining related businesses than the other towns in the Central Highlands, with six commercial businesses and 40 industrial businesses that were identified as mining related. Blackwater contains 18 industrial businesses and four commercial businesses identified as mining related. While this is less than in Emerald, it represents a higher proportion of businesses and land area. Capella is the only other town in Central Highlands that contains businesses servicing the mining industry, with

seven industrial businesses and one commercial business that were identified as mining related.

There are a variety of businesses in the CHRC area that service the mining industry. Commercial mining related businesses include businesses involved in training, administration and research. There are more industrial mining related businesses than commercial, and they are more varied in their operations. The single largest sector for these businesses is manufacturing, which accounts for 15 of the 64 businesses. The second largest sector is Mining, which primarily includes businesses involved in exploration, drilling or contracting. Other industry sectors with a number of mining related businesses include Construction, Wholesale Trade, Other Services (which are mainly involved in repairs and maintenance of machinery and equipment) and Rental Services.

### Abbreviations

ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industry Classification
GLA	Gross Lettable Area

## Where can I find out more?

For further information or customized searches of the audit's database, contact the team at Central Highlands Development Corporation.

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