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## REBUILDING MOMENTUM *from crisis to opportunity*

Tuesday 2 June 2009 @ James Cook University Campus, Cairns

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### Can Cairns cope with 75,000 additional neighbours?

Dr Alison Taylor, Principal Demographer of the Planning Information and Forecasting Unit of State Treasury will be providing the latest on North Queensland population trends and providing insights into how these trends may impact on business decision making and government planning.

According to the latest projections Cairns is expected to increase its population by around 50% or 75,000 people during the next couple of decades with the City retaining its dominant position in the region

Emerging issues include:

- Where are people are going to live
- Housing affordability
- Liveability in terms of congestion and environmental conditions
- Jobs
- Education needs
- Ageing population demands for health and support services
- Provision of reliable power supplies and other essential services

- Far North Queensland Mayors Panel, *From Adversity to Diversity*, facilitated by Cr Bob Abbot, Mayor of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council
- *'Roomitism'* Special session on key tourism issues with a panel of local business operators and chaired by Daniel Gschwind, CEO of Queensland Tourism Industry Council
- JCU/IRIS Cairns & NQ Region Business Sector Analysis and Confidence Report
- *'An Event Driven Recovery'* Keynote address by Michael Denton, CEO of Queensland Events Corporation
- Global & national economic assessment by Besa Deda, Chief Economist, St. George Bank

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