



Our Vision	Plan for Queensland’s Future by improving the natural function and resilience of Hinchinbrook waterways and protect the community, agricultural areas and infrastructure through responsible riverine management.
Our Purpose	<p>The Purpose of the Herbert River Improvement Trust (Trust), as a statutory body, is to operate in accordance with its powers and responsibilities constituted under the <i>River Improvement Trust Act 1940</i> and Regulations within the Lower Herbert River Catchment Area. In partnership with stakeholders, we will repair and prevent damage to waterways to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• protect the local community, their assets, their water security and infrastructure;• improve the natural resilience of the area to flooding and cyclones; and• improve water quality and the health of the river system and its functions.
Our Scope	The Lower Herbert River catchment area and coastal interface, including the Herbert River, its tributaries, and other creek systems in the Hinchinbrook Local Government Area.

Key Objectives	Initiatives	Key Performance Indicators
Strategic Partnerships Build enduring relationships and attract investment to deliver sustainable river management outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborate with local community, landholders, and Traditional Owners to co-design the Annual Works Program• Maintain strategic partnerships with local, state and federal agencies• Secure grant funding and co-investment from public and private sources• Provide input into policy development and regulatory reviews affecting waterways• Contribute to regional planning forums and natural resource management initiatives• Report on annual works and financial audits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Level of stakeholder satisfaction- Number of formalised partnerships or collaboration agreements- Total value of external funding secured annually- Number of contributions made to planning or policy processes- Participation in inter-agency or regional coordination groups- Compliant with regulatory reporting requirements
Improve Riverine Function & Resilience Restore and maintain the ecological function and physical stability of the catchment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertake streambank stabilisation and sediment management• Deliver riparian revegetation and native vegetation restoration projects• Remove invasive species, instream obstructions, and manage instream habitat• Maintain and safeguard Trust-managed riverine assets• Trial and evaluate nature-based solutions (e.g. engineered log jams, living bank structures)• Support private landholders to implement erosion control or riparian buffers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Number of river improvement projects completed annually- Hectares of land revegetated or restored- Hectares of invasive vegetation removed / obstructions removed- Percentage of Trust assets maintained and operational- Percentage of projects incorporating nature-based design- Number of landholders supported or projects delivered on private land
Reduce Flood Risk & Maintain Essential Assets Protect people, property and productive land by managing flood mitigation infrastructure and natural systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operate and maintain floodgates and levees• Conduct targeted sediment removal and sand island reprofiling• Manage instream and drainage flowpath vegetation to preserve flow capacity• Develop or update asset management plans for flood infrastructure, including annual inspection of essential public Trust assets.• Implement a prioritised schedule of pre-wet season preparedness works	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Operability rate of floodgates and levees- Volume of sediment reprofiled or removed (tonnes/year)- Area of vegetation managed for flood capacity (m²/year)- Percentage of essential public Trust assets reviewed and covered by current maintenance or asset plans- Percentage of preparedness works completed before wet season
Community Engagement Build understanding, trust and shared responsibility for catchment health and management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deliver clear, consistent communication about Trust activities and outcomes• Facilitate community input into project planning and delivery• Promote best practice riparian and waterway management• Partner with community groups, volunteers and landholders to build capacity and awareness• Deliver all projects in a professional manner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Number of community engagement activities held annually- Number of participants involved in Trust-supported projects- Measured improvement in community awareness and knowledge- Uptake of best practices by landholders and stakeholders- Compliance with Code of Conduct and Procurement Policy

