

## CHALCO INFORMATION PAPER

### Economic Benefits for the Townsville Region

CHALCO has been shortlisted by the State Government for the development of the Aurukun bauxite resource on Cape York. The proposal includes a refinery, with Townsville one of the possible locations identified.

CHALCO's final proposal is likely to be the biggest single investment in the history of Queensland – worth a total of \$2.92 billion.

Townsville Enterprise commissioned Economic Associates to estimate the indicative regional economic impacts of CHALCO establishing the proposed refinery at Townsville.

The key highlights of the report by Economic Associates include:

- at least \$1.3 billion of new money into the local community,
- a minimum of \$303 million in additional household income,
- full time equivalent jobs over the construction phase of at least 8,600 and possibly up to 11,500 depending on the construction scenario, and
- around \$595 million in additional value added, or contribution to the economy.

*The report only considers the impact over the period of refinery construction because ongoing economic impacts are difficult to estimate without knowing Chalco's operational model.*

The construction workforce would be 3100, and the direct operational workforce at the refinery would be 470.

The stimulus in the community of these new incomes creates significant numbers of new jobs in a range of other industries and services. There is a flow on effect of these new wages into the local economy - in construction, hospitality, small business, retail and many other industries.

This investment will also contribute to the funding of public infrastructure in the region such as transport, health and social services and significantly enhance the lifestyle amenities in our city.

Long-term investment such as this is what Townsville needs to secure its place as North Queensland's economic powerhouse.