1. The North Queensland Stadium project was a key initiative of the Townsville City Deal which established a 15-year commitment for all levels of government to collaborate and create transformative outcomes for Townsville.
2. The $293.5 million project was a joint initiative of the Queensland Government, Australian Government and the Townsville City Council. Construction of the stadium supported more than 750 jobs and 488 local businesses.
3. The 25,000 person capacity stadium has state-of-the art corporate facilities, high-density wi-fi throughout the stadium and surrounding precinct, a scoreboard which can be seen from every seat, and modern amenities. The venue is owned and operated by Stadiums Queensland, the statutory authority for the Queensland Government’s major sports facilities.
4. Key events have been planned for the community to experience the facility first hand. These events include:

* Stadium Open Day (22 February);
* Sir Elton John Concert (29 February 2020); and
  + the first Cowboys’ home game and official opening (vs Brisbane Broncos, 13 March).

1. Cabinet noted key statistics achieved through the major construction program.
2. Cabinet noted that key events to be held in February and March at the stadium, with the official opening taking place on Friday 13 March, coinciding with the first Cowboys’ home game.
3. *Attachments*

* Nil.