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### **Design changes to deliver project within budget**

Changes to the design for the new Hervey Bay Library and Fraser Coast Regional Council Administration Centre will deliver about \$5.4 million in cost savings.

At its December 2022 meeting, Council endorsed the cost savings recommended from a “value management exercise” designed to keep the project within budget while still delivering the economic and social outcomes sought for the community.

The changes to the project brief include removing one level of basement, minor reductions in the floor plan, modifying the glazing, reducing shade screening and reducing interior finishes.

While the removal of one level of basement will reduce car parking at the building, Council has already approved the development of a new car park near the existing library and Hervey Bay PCYC, and is continuing to consider additional on street parking options in the area.

Council is also in discussions with a third party on a joint venture project to deliver a multi-storey car park in the Hervey Bay City Centre.

The Hervey Bay Library and Council Administration Centre (incorporating a Disaster Resilience Centre) is a commitment under the Hinkler Regional Deal.

The project is estimated to cost around \$100 million, and is funded by a \$40 million Australian Government commitment through the Community Development Grants Programme, Council’s general revenue, land sales and borrowings.

The Hinkler Regional Deal for the Bundaberg-Hervey Bay region is an Australian Government initiative in partnership with the local Councils that seeks to build on the area’s strengths to provide economic growth and long-term employment.

More details about the Hervey Bay Library and Council Administration Centre project is available on Council’s Engagement Hub website at: <https://frasercoast.engagementhub.com.au/hervey-bay-library-administration-centre-inc-disaster-resilience-centre>

Local tradespeople, sub-contractors and suppliers can register their interest in working on the project via the Engagement Hub website.

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