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Mount Isa Mine is one of the most productive single mines in the world, operated by Xstrata. Mt Isa is administrative, commercial, industrial centre for north-west region. State and Catholic Colleges, School Of The Air, JCU has a presence, TAFE, Mt Isa Centre for Rural and Remote Health in hospital complex. Large annual rodeo August. Underground and surface mines tours.

Moura 192km west of Gladstone 676 km Brisbane. Daily tours of BHP Mines, Huge grain silos second largest in state. Coal and cattle centre of the Dawson Valley.

Blackwater known as Coal Capital, International Coal Centre will interpret Central Highlands Coal for the world. Coking coal exported to many overseas countries; steaming coal used for power generation within state. Anglers fish at Bedford Weir stocked with barramundi. Saratoga fishing competition September. Mining companies are BMA, Curragh, Cook Resources, Jellibah, Kenmare, Yarrabee Coal.

Emerald 900 km from Brisbane via Rockhampton, typical regional centre of Central Highlands - gateway to Central Western district. Hinterland contains some of world's largest sapphire gemfields.

Moranbah is a thriving community 200kms west of Mackay, serviced by Macair Airlines daily, airstrip utilised by private and charter planes. 2-3 hour drive Airlie Beach and Whitsundays. Arts Council touring shows, twin cinema, numerous sporting facilities and Olympic pool.

Dysart - friendly community with modern facilities. Caters to mines of Saraji and Norwich Park as well as cattle and grain properties. Well maintained sports ovals, Olympic pool, shopping mall, golf and bowls clubs.

Middlemount in Central Queensland's Peak Downs, 80km east of the Peak Range was purpose built in the 1980s. German Creek, the major mine uses both open-cut and underground technology.

Nebo - key link to early life in the region, closest rural and gold mining historical town to Mackay. Connections to gold mining at Mount Britton, sheep farming, cattle, Bicentennial National Trail. Diverse history on view at Nebo Museum.

Charters Towers once the state's second-largest city and height of gold rush. 90 minute drive south-west of Townsville. Beautifully preserved 19th and early 20th century buildings and streetscapes.

Glenden owes its genesis to development of rich Bowen coalfields. Largely built by Mount Isa Mines operators of Newlands Mines. A drive south-east takes you to Lake Elphinstone, camping facilities for fishermen, bird-watchers, water-skiers.

Tieri. Gregory Mine produces 3 million tonnes of material annually. Tieri, one of newest settlements in Central West, 38km east of Capella.

Weipa. The town of Weipa was constructed by Rio Tinto Aluminium in the 1960s to house its mining workforce, but today is the regional hub of the Western Cape hosting many businesses and government services. Weipa is located 900km north-north-west of Cairns and has a population of 2500.

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