



Developing the long term sustainability of our region

Update from the CEO



Welcome to Issue 104!

Big wins for our major project—IQ-RAP

We have now welcomed major funding commitments by both the Federal Australian Labor Party (\$500 million) and Liberal National Coalition (\$500 million+ but awaiting more details) to road upgrade priorities identified in our work on the Inland Queensland Roads Action Project (IQ-RAP). Please see pages 8 and 9. Katter's Australia Party's website states it is seeking \$40 million for the Hann Highway and \$100 million for Gulf roads. We are monitoring for other announcements.

Economic recovery from the floods

RDA, through its role on the Townsville Economic Recovery Taskforce, provided input to Townsville City Council's submission to the Queensland Government that advocated and secured an increase from \$10,000 to \$25,000 in the initial tranche of Federal/ State funded disaster grants for small businesses directly affected by flooding. This is of benefit to all flooded small businesses across the disaster-declared local government areas of Cloncurry, Flinders, McKinlay, Richmond and Townsville. For more information: <http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/current-programs/Disaster-recovery/special-disaster-assistance/special-disaster-assistance-small-business>

RDA, through its role in chairing the Townsville Local Content Committee, is organising the next meeting with the insurance industry and their panel providers to receive an update on the rebuild after the floods and in particular to monitor the uptake of local content as advocated strongly by the Deputy Premier, Mayor Hill and the Townsville Local Content Committee in the February and March meetings. Furthermore we are organising a meeting to promote consideration of our region's businesses to be pre-selected for future disaster recovery work.

See page 2 for links to insurance, rebuilding, grants, loans and other flood recovery information.

Productivity Commission Inquiry into Remote Area Tax Concessions and Payments

RDA hosted a Productivity Commission roundtable in Townsville and introduced key stakeholders in Mount Isa and Normanton for regional consultations on the remote area tax. Submissions can also be lodged online at www.pc.gov.au/remot-tax up to 29 April. Thank you to all who contributed and we encourage individuals and organisations to consider making a submission on this important issue that affects our region but has not been reviewed in many years.

Regional Employment Trials Program (RETP)

This program continues and we are seeking new applications! For more information about opportunities to fund innovative solutions for creating pathways for unemployed into new employment, I encourage you to visit the Department of Jobs and Small Business website: <https://www.jobs.gov.au/regional-employment-trials-program>

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RDA Committee

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If you are interested in joining the Committee, please visit <https://rda.gov.au/join-your-rda/> and for further information specific to our RDA please call 07 4410 3655.



Flood recovery related information

The Insurance Council of Australia has multiple websites:

<https://www.insurancecouncil.com.au/>

<http://understandinsurance.com.au/>

<http://www.insurancecouncil.com.au/for-consumers>

<https://disasters.org.au/>

<http://codeofpractice.com.au/document>

Insurers' Brief to the Deputy Premier in Townsville 15 February, 2019 http://www.insurancecouncil.com.au/assets/media_release/2019/150219%20Insurers%20brief%20Deputy%20Premier%20on%20Townsville%20Catastrophe%20recovery.pdf

Current number of claims being processed from the monsoon event <https://disasters.org.au/fnq-monsoon-event-data>

Claims Process Fact Sheet and Insurance Company contact details <https://disasters.org.au/recovery-document>

How to make an insurance claim <https://disasters.org.au/how-to-claim>

FAQs about insurance <https://disasters.org.au/faqs>

How to make a complaint about an insurance claim <https://disasters.org.au/complaints>

Building insurance and the scope of works process <https://disasters.org.au/news/2018/7/2/building-insurance-and-the-scope-of-works-process-what-is-it-and-why-is-it-necessary>

Australian Financial Complaints Authority <https://www.afca.org.au/>

Queensland Building and Construction Commission <https://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/>

https://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/Fact_Sheet_How_To_Rebuild_After_A_Natural_Disaster.pdf

Rebuilding after a natural disaster <https://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/home-maintenance/rebuilding-after-natural-disaster>

NQ Flood Register <https://my.qbcc.qld.gov.au/s/assistance-search>

Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority <http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/>

QRIDA Disaster Recovery Grants and Loans <http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/current-programs/Disaster-recovery>

Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants – Approved <http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/current-programs/Disaster-recovery/drfa-update-2019>

For more grants, see pages 5-7.

By the numbers from the monsoon flood event:

Value of insurance claims:	Number of insurance claims:	24,616 domestic claims	Primary producer grants:	Small business grants:
\$1.132 billion	27,355	2,718 commercial claims	\$49.9 million	\$3.1 million

Co-Design Workshop



RDA's Acting Deputy Chair Professor Sabina Knight and CEO Glenys Schuntner recently attended the Northern RDA Alliance co-design workshop in Canberra

The eight RDA Committees that make up the Northern RDA Alliance met with Austrade, Infrastructure Australia, the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility, the Office of Northern Australia, AusIndustry, Geoscience Australia and CSIRO to explore ways in which we could mutually enhance the collaboration between our organisations to further promote and attract investment into Northern Australia. Strong engagement and goodwill ensured we are now busy with follow up to seek out new specific opportunities aligned with each of our organisations' roles and resources.

Industry Briefing Session for Defence Estate Investment Streams

The Department of Defence undertakes a range of Estate related Operations, Sustainment and Development activities to support broader Defence capability outcomes and environmental obligations.

This information Session is aimed at providing local industry with advice on the various programs, how they are structured, and how industry can engage with Defence and Defence Contractors in the delivery of these programs.

The session will cover Estate Upkeep, Estate Maintenance and Operations, Estate Works (Minor and Medium Projects, known as the EWP) and the Capital Facilities and Infrastructure delivered Major Projects.

The briefing will provide industry with an overview of the following:

- How the programs are developed on a yearly or multi-year basis;
- Key stakeholders;
- The procurement process;
- Commonwealth policy and tendering requirements including the Indigenous Procurement Policy;
- Defence policies and contracting suite; and
- How industry can keep informed of opportunities

There is no need to pre-register for the briefing however attendees will be required to register their attendance upon arrival.

Details for the Industry Briefing are as follows:

Venue: Ballroom 2, The Ville Resort Casino, Sir Leslie Thiess Drive, Townsville
Date: 30 April 2019
Time: 7:30am start – finish at 9:00am, refreshments will be provided

Training and Workshops

<p>Strategic Planning For Government Engagement Success Post-Election Webinar</p> <p>The Federal Election will be held on May 18—Australia is preparing to enter into a new political environment, and within weeks, a potential new Government and new cabinet.</p> <p>Fifty Acres is here to help not-for-profits and for-good businesses and organisations make sense of it all. And then take action by guiding you through the steps needed to develop a government engagement strategy for success in 2019 and beyond.</p>	Dates:	Friday, 7 June, 2019		
	Time:	9.30am—11.00am	Cost:	\$15 - \$104.99
	Location:	Webinar		
	Register:	https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/webinar-planning-for-government-engagement-success-post-election-with-a-rural-and-regional-focus-tickets-59807158822		
<p>Mount Isa Export Workshop</p> <p>Ever wondered if your business has global potential?</p> <p>Let us help you expand your thinking and explore the benefits of exporting - from increased revenue and profitability to tax advantages and risk management.</p> <p>This workshop is presented by TIQ and the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning.</p>	Dates:	Wednesday, 15 May, 2019		
	Time:	8.30am - 12.30pm	Cost:	Free
	Location:	RedEarth Hotel, Mount Isa		
	Register:	http://tiq.force.com/dc/reg/f1553731786754		
<p>Reef Extension Think Tank</p> <p>Attention all extension service providers, researchers, agronomists, funders, evaluators, policy makers and others working to enable greater change in the Reef catchments.</p> <p>Come support large-scale land management practice change, resulting in improved water quality entering the Great Barrier Reef.</p>	Dates:	Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 May, 2019		
	Time:	12 noon Wed to 1.30pm Fri	Cost:	Free
	Location:	Mercure Townsville 166 Woolcock Street Townsville		
	Register:	https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/reef-extension-think-tank-tickets-53528856250		
<p>PhD Scholarship opportunity</p> <p>The CRCNA is offering an exciting postgraduate opportunity to examine, identify and improve approaches to de-risking investment across the northern Australian landscape.</p>	Dates:	EOI close - 5pm AEST 10 May, 2019		
	Register:	http://www.crcna.com.au/research/scholarships/northern-australia-development-policies/		
<p>NQ -Tendering for Business Workshop - Townsville 2019</p> <p>Do you want to maximise your chances of winning work?</p> <p>Joins us for the Department's popular tendering for business workshop, as we show you the art of developing and submitting conforming and effective tenders</p> <p>Presented by Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure & Planning</p>	Dates:	Wednesday, 15 May, 2019		
	Time:	8.30am	Cost:	\$50
	Location:	Master Builders Queensland, Training Room 316 Sturt Street, Townsville		
	Register:	https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nq-tendering-for-business-workshop-townsville-2019-registration-60031585087?aff=ebdssbdestsearch		
<p>2019 Mining and Resources Industry Forum</p> <p>The Mining and Resources Industry Forum (MRIF) is North Queensland's leading mining and resources conference and a must-attend event for the METS (mining, equipment, technology and services) and minerals sectors.</p> <p>Featuring presentations, discussions and networking sessions with industry leaders, experts, innovators and key industry organisations such as the Queensland Resources Council.</p> <p>Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea and Post-Event Drinks and Canapes Provided</p>	Dates:	Wednesday, 5 June, 2019		
	Time:	9.00am - 5.00pm	Cost:	\$199 - \$299
	Location:	The Ville Resort, Townsville		
	Register:	https://www.portal.townsvilleenterprise.com.au/ccms.r?pageid=6007&tenid=TEL&NavCMD=Nextpage 2&K1=&F1=&F2=&F3=&F4=&F5=&F6=Searc&F7=&F8=&F9=Search&F10=&M1=&Y1=&W1=&SearchLast=0&SearchCmd=&ROXY=0x00000000246d92		

Grants

Grants information is available in multiple locations, but we recommend the following for information on Australian and Queensland Government grants.



GrantConnect

Australian Government's grant's information system - GrantConnect
<https://www.grants.gov.au/>

**Queensland Government
Grants Finder**

Queensland Government's Grants Finder
<https://www.grants.services.qld.gov.au/#/>

Flood Recovery Grants

[RACQ – Natural Disasters Funding](#)

\$50,000 – \$200,000
 Closing 14 June 2019

[Qld Rural and Industry Development Authority – Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants – Primary Producer](#)

Up to \$75,000
 Closing 9 August 2019

[Centrelink Far North Qld Floods, February 2019 – Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payments](#)

Up to \$1,000
 Closing 30 August 2019

[Dept of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors \(Qld\) – Essential household contents grant](#)

Up to \$5,3000 – ongoing

[Dept of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors \(Qld\) – Essential services safety and reconnection grant](#)

Up to \$4,200 – ongoing

[Dept of Housing and Public Works \(Qld\) – Rental Grants](#)

Undisclosed – ongoing

[Dept of Housing and Public Works \(Qld\) – Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program](#)

Up to \$20,000 – ongoing

[Qld Government – Essential services hardship assistance grant](#)

Up to \$750 – ongoing

[Qld Rural and Industry Development Authority – Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants – non-profit organisation](#)

Up to \$25,000 – ongoing

[Qld Rural and Industry Development Authority – Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants – Small Business](#)

Up to \$25,000 – ongoing

[RACQ – Drought Relief](#)

Up to \$200,000 – ongoing

[Qld Govt – Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program](#)

Up to \$20,000 – ongoing

Community Services Capacity and Needs Survey

Community Recovery is seeking information from local human service providers such as neighbourhood/community centres, individual and community services, government departments, financial counsellors, housing service providers, charities and church-based or other community based organisations about how the recent flooding event may be affecting community members.

[Survey](#)

For more information - <https://www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au/qi/consultation/5800/view.html>

Grants cont.

AGRICULTURE / FORESTRY / FISHING

[Dept of Agriculture and Water Resources – The Australia-China Agricultural Cooperation Agreement Program](#)

Up to \$40,000

Closing 30 April 2019

[National Landcare Programme/Dept of Agriculture and Water Resources](#)

\$250,000 – \$4m

Closing 17 May 2019

[Dept of Industry, Innovation and Science – Farm Management Grants Qld](#)

Up to \$2,500

Closing 30 June 2019

[Dept of Agriculture and Fisheries – Drought Relief Assistance Scheme](#)

Up to \$40,000 – ongoing

ARTS

[Arts Queensland – Playing Queensland Fund](#)

Up to \$250,000 – ongoing

[Arts Queensland – Queensland Arts Showcase Program \(QASP\)](#)

up to \$100,000 – ongoing

BUSINESS / INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT / START UP / EMPLOYMENT

[The Actuator – Accelerator for MedTech startups](#)

Up to \$200,000

Closing 3 May 2019

[Advance Qld – Industry Tech Fund grants](#)

\$250,000 – \$5m

Closing 28 June 2019

[Advance Queensland – Business Development Fund](#)

Up to \$2,500,000

Closing 30 June 2019

[Dept of Industry, Innovation and Science – Cyber Security Small Business grants](#)

Up to \$2,100

Closing 30 June 2020

[Dept of Industry, Innovation and Science – New Air Combat Capability – Industry Support Program](#)

Up to \$1m

Closing 30 June 2023

[Dept of Industry, Innovation & Science – Accelerating Commercialisation](#)

Matched funding up to \$1m – ongoing

[Dept of Industry, Innovation and Science – Business Growth Fund Program – Round 1](#)

Up to \$50,000 – ongoing

Ongoing until budget for Round 1 fully allocated

[Dept of Industry, Innovation and Science – Cyber Security Small Business grants](#)

Up to \$2,100 – ongoing

[Dept of Industry, Innovation and Science – Entrepreneurs' Programme](#)

Accelerating Commercialisation / Business Management / Incubator Support / Innovation Connections

Various ongoing

[Dept of Industry, Innovation and Science – Made in Qld](#)

Up to \$2.5m – ongoing

[Dept of Jobs and Small Business – Social Enterprise Development and Investment Funds](#)

Undisclosed – ongoing

[English Family Foundation – Ignitor Fund – Supporting Social Enterprise Changemakers](#)

Up to \$100,000 – ongoing

[QRIDA - First Start Loan - Commercial Fisher](#)

Loan up to \$2 million – ongoing

[QRIDA - First Start Loan - Primary Producer](#)

Loan up to \$2 million – ongoing

Grants cont.**DISABILITY**

[Dept of Social Services – Boosting the Local Care Workforce Program – Transition Assistance Funding](#)

\$5,000 – \$20,000

Closing 26 April 2019

[NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission – Support for NDIS Providers Program](#)

\$250,000 – \$750,000

Closing 29 April 2019

EMERGENCY / SAFETY

[Dept of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities – Black Spot Program](#)

Undisclosed – ongoing

ENVIRONMENT / ENERGY / WATER

[Dept of Industry, Innovation and Science – Advancing Renewables Program](#)

\$100,000 – \$50m – ongoing

INDIGENOUS

[Attorney-General's Dept – National Indigenous Law Awards](#)

\$50,000

Closing 26 April 2019

[Dept of the Environment and Energy – New Indigenous Protected Areas Program Competitive Grants](#)

Up to \$500,000

Closing 30 April 2019

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT / RURAL

[Dept of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning – Jobs and Regional Growth Fund](#)

Between \$100,000 – over \$10m

2019 or until funds fully allocated

SCIENCE / RESEARCH / TECHNOLOGY

[Dept of Industry, Innovation and Science – Science Engagement and International Competitions](#)

Up to \$20,000 – ongoing

[Dept of Industry, Innovation & Science – CSIRO Kick-Start](#)

\$10,000 – \$50,000 – ongoing

TOURISM / TRAVEL

[Tourism and Events Qld – Old Destination Events Program](#)

\$10,000 – \$100,000

Closing 26 June 2019

YOUTH / CHILDREN

[Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal – Heywire Youth Innovation Grants](#)

Up to \$10,000

Closing 14 May 2019

Gambling Community Benefit Fund

2019 is a special year for the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) – we are celebrating 25 years of providing grants to Queensland communities. And that means more funding opportunities for not-for-profit groups! For more, visit [Commemorative grants](#).

Not-for-profit groups operating in Queensland can apply for grants from \$500 to \$35,000 through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF). This fund is Queensland's largest one-off community grants program, distributing approximately \$55 million per year.

If you wish to apply for a grant, please read the link below for further information and apply online via the grants portal.

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund round 101 is now open and will close at 11.59pm on 31 May 2019.

<https://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/initiatives/community-grants>



Inland Queensland Roads Action Project

Driving Productivity, Economic Development and Safety

Federal election commitments to date — 22 April 2019

Liberal National Party

While in government they have committed \$540 million from the \$1.5 billion Northern Australia allocation of Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) to northern Queensland corridors that are mostly in IQ-RAP:

- Tennant Creek to Townsville
- Mount Isa to Rockhampton
- Townsville to Roma
- Cairns to the NT border

They have also committed to complete the sealing of the Hann Highway, sealing of the Springsure to Tambo road, an additional \$320 million to the Warrego Highway (we are awaiting details of sections in IQ-RAP), passing lanes on the Capricorn Highway and the completion of the Northern Australia and Northern Australia Beef Roads programs.

They also made a commitment of \$2.2 billion for programs, including; Roads to Recovery, Black Spot, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity and Bridges Renewal Programs that are available to local governments.

[Link to media release.](#)

Australian Labor Party

While in opposition they have promised, if elected, \$500 million for Queensland's inland roads.

The road projects include:

- Barkly Highway between Mount Isa and Cloncurry
- Capricorn Highway between Emerald and Rockhampton
- Mitchell Highway from Cunnamulla to Charleville
- Kennedy Highway between Cairns and Mareeba

Labor's National Platform, which outlines key policy priorities, states Labor will fund targeted national programs, including; Black Spot Program, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program and Bridges Renewal Program. We are awaiting details on funding levels for these programs.

While in opposition, Labor stated the above \$500 million funding commitment followed the strong advocacy and work of the Inland Queensland Roads Action Project.

[Link to media release](#)



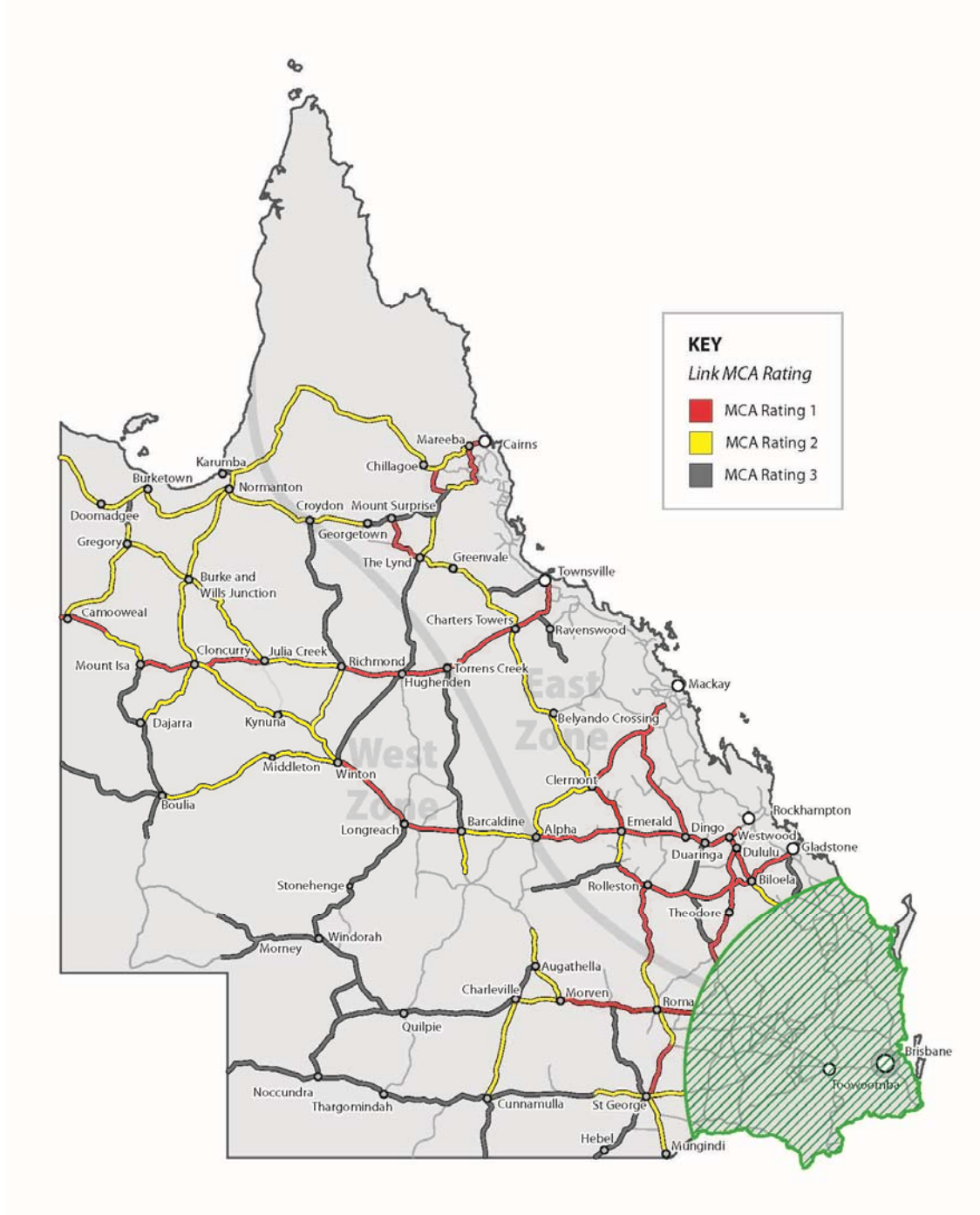
[IQ-RAP](#) partners are seeking \$2.2 billion in funding over 10 years for the road and bridge upgrade priorities identified in the 2018 [Inland Queensland Road Network Strategy](#) and [Appendices](#). The priorities can be funded through existing programs such as the Roads of Strategic Importance, Roads to Recovery, Black Spot, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity, Bridges Renewal, Northern Australia and Northern Australian Beef roads programs and any new infrastructure programs targeting productivity, safety and economic development outcomes.



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INLAND QUEENSLAND ROAD NETWORK STRATEGY MAP



The map indicates the strategic freight routes, as identified by partner local governments, in the area west of the Bruce Highway as per the scope of the project and the prioritisation of investment into 4, 10, 15 and 15+ year program horizons to reach vision standards based on multi-criteria assessment (MCA). MCA Ratings 1, 2 and 3 indicate meeting vision standards in 4, 10 and 15+ year horizons respectively. This means some projects should be commenced and completed in four years, while others are recommended to start in coming years but continue construction over several years to achieve vision standard over 10 - 15+ years, therefore making the best possible impact on local employment.