



Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan

Driving Productivity
in Australia's Transport Network



Update from the IQ-RAP Secretariat

Welcome to the next edition of the IQ-RAP Update!

On behalf of the IQ-RAP Working Group Chair Peter Maguire and the Project Team I am pleased to provide you with this update.

Stakeholder Engagement Activities

Since the last newsletter on 21 March, the IQ-RAP Working Group representatives have continued with advocacy efforts in Brisbane to brief parliamentarians, departmental executives and industry stakeholders on behalf of all funding partners.

In April, representatives attended the FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group (RRTG) meeting in Cairns, and also attended the NW RRTG meeting in Richmond.

IQ-RAP presentations were also made at the State Transport Conference in Brisbane, the Western Economic Development Forum in Charleville and at the launch of Infrastructure Association of Queensland's Economic Enabling Taskforce in Brisbane. There was very positive engagement and feedback from all presentations with follow up occurring to share information more broadly.

Letters of support

We are also pleased with the feedback IQ-RAP has been receiving from key stakeholders and how they have thrown their support behind the project. We have received numerous letters of support from stakeholders, several of whom have also written to Ministers and parliamentarians seeking their support. (Refer page 4)

RACQ Regional Road Inspection

RACQ scrutinised major regional highways across North Queensland, during a road tour last month. The tour took in roads which have been identified in the IQ-RAP. The tour took in the Flinders and Landsborough Highways, the Kennedy Development Road, the Gregory Development Road and the Hervey's Range Development Road. The findings of RACQ's regional road inspection will be used in a report to support the IQ-RAP recommendations.

LGAQ and National Heavy Vehicle Regulator team up to improve productivity and safety

We welcome the news that the Local Government Association of Queensland and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator have signed a formal agreement to improve safety and productivity of the local government road freight network. The Memorandum of Agreement outlines how the organisations will work together to improve the service delivery of councils in their capacity as the local level "road managers" of their network. 77 local governments across Queensland manage about 153,000km of local roads, many service vital 'first and last mile' linkages to strategic freight routes. This agreement complements the strategic network wide approach of IQ-RAP and the interests of all council partners.

Northern Australia Beef Roads

The upgrade of cattle transport routes is crucial to boosting the industry in Northern Australia and connectivity below the Tropic of Capricorn. The new CSIRO Transport Network Strategic Investment Tool (TraNSIT) has delivered data on the transport roads. This is an important study that complements the IQ-RAP. A copy of the TraNSIT report is available at - www.rdanwg.org.au The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has done excellent work in fast tracking applications for funding under the Northern Australia Beef Roads Program. RDA Committees were consulted by TMR and provided a joint letter of support. We look forward to funding announcements in the near future.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions. I can be reached on 07 4410 3655 or by email at ceo@rdanwg.org.au

Kind Regards

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IQ-RAP Key Stakeholder Engagement—since 22 March, 2016

Australian Parliament

- Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Shadow Minister for Cities, and Shadow Minister for Tourism the Hon Anthony Albanese
- Office of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion - Senior Advisor Jacob Pilot
- Office of Member for Herbert Ewen Jones MP - Advisor Calum Kippin

Australian Government Departments / Agencies

- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, A/g Regional Director Danielle Regeling, A/g Senior Advisor (Townsville) Dale Gertz and Senior Advisor Darran Kennedy (Brisbane)
- Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, Office of Northern Australia, Lee Chaney

Queensland Parliament

- Deputy Opposition Leader, Shadow Treasurer and Shadow Minister for the Commonwealth Games the Hon John-Paul Langbroek
- Shadow Minister for Local Government and Main Roads, Community Recovery and Resilience the Hon Fiona Simpson
- Member for Dalrymple Shane Knuth MLA
- Office of the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply the Hon Mark Bailey - A/Chief of Staff Tam van Alphen

Queensland Government Departments / Agencies

- Department of Transport and Main Roads, Transport Strategy and Planning, Director (Freight) Russell Hoelzl and Director (Innovation) Sarah Norman
- Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Regional Director North Queensland, Greg Anderson
- Department Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, Director Infrastructure, Policy and Planning Lisa Pollard
- Queensland Treasury, Departmental Liaison Officer Melinda Eades

Local Government

- Cloncurry Shire Council - Mayor Greg Campbell and Chief Executive Officer David Neeves
- McKinlay Shire Council - Mayor Belinda Murphy and Interim Chief Executive Officer John Kelly
- Mount Isa Council - Mayor Joyce McCulloch
- Townsville City Council - Manager of Technical Services, Mark Wilkinson



North West RRTG meeting in Richmond (L-R): McKinlay Shire Council A/g CEO John Kelly, Richmond Shire Council Cr Kevin Bawden, IQ-RAP Secretariat Glenys Schuntner, Carpentaria Shire Council Mayor Jack Bawden, Flinders Shire Council Mayor Jane McNamara, Carpentaria Shire Council CEO and RDA Committee Member Bob Owen and McKinlay Shire Council Mayor Belinda Murphy



IQ-RAP Working Group member David Donohue, RACQ Senior Traffic and Safety Engineer Greg Miskowycz, IQ-RAP Working Group Member and RACQ Senior Transport Planner Russell Whale and IQ-RAP Secretariat Glenys Schuntner

IQ-RAP Stakeholder Engagement Continued

Key Industry Stakeholders

- Growcom, Chief Executive Officer Pat Hannan
- Engineers Australia - Transport Australia Society - Queensland Chair Gerard Reardon
- Infrastructure Association of Queensland (IAQ) - IQ-RAP presentation at the launch of the Economic Enabling Taskforce (approx. 50 representatives)
- Isolated Children's Parents' Association, Qld President Kim Hughes and Andrew Pegler
- North West Commerce, Board Members Peta MacRae and Russell Harper
- Queensland Tourism Industry Council, Chief Executive Officer Daniel Gschwind
- Queensland Trucking Association, Chief Executive Officer Peter Garske

Letters of Support

The Working Group is pleased with the very positive feedback the IQ-RAP has been receiving from key stakeholders and how they have thrown their support behind the project. So far, we have received letters of support and encouragement from the following key stakeholders, several of whom have also written to Ministers and parliamentarians seeking their support:

- Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister Senator the Hon James McGrath
- Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Planning, Small Business, Employment and Trade Mr Tim Nicholls
- Minister for Disability Services, Seniors and Assisting the Premier on North Queensland the Hon Coralee O'Rourke
- Member for Herbert Ewen Jones MP
- Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia
- Central Highlands Development Corporation
- Civil Contractors Federation Queensland Branch
- Gulf Savannah Development
- Infrastructure Association of Queensland
- Isolated Children's Parents' Association
- Mount Isa Townsville Economic Zone Inc (MITEZ)
- Outback Queensland Tourism Association
- Townsville Enterprise Limited
- Queensland Farmers' Federation
- Queensland Resources Council
- Queensland Tourism Industry Council

Please see the <http://rdanwq.org.au/iq-rap> for copies of letters of support

Media Coverage

We have received further media coverage on the IQ-RAP as well as significant social media reach through [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Join the conversation via #iqrap

The following have been tracked by the Secretariat but does not include any media generate locally by IQ-RAP partners.

Newspapers

- "Growcom supports IQ-RAP upgrades' - story written by Growcom CEO Pat Hannan - North Queensland Register and Queensland Country Life (28.3.16)
- Townsville Bulletin and Cairns Post - IQ-RAP and north's highways focus of 'fair go for the north' campaign article on (18.4.16)
- The North West Star - IQ-RAP one of the main topics when RDA met with mayors from across north west Queensland in Mount Isa (5.4.16)
- The North West Star - IQ-RAP response to Queensland Government's Working Queensland Cabinet Committee visit to Mount Isa (22.3.16)
- Letter to editor to Townsville Bulletin from IQ-RAP Secretariat Glenys Schuntner (26.3.16) Re: IQ-RAP can create jobs and drive productivity
- Townsville Bulletin - Regional politicians have backed calls for funding for inland roads following release of IQ-RAP (19.4.16)
- Letter to editor to Townsville Bulletin from IQ-RAP Secretariat Glenys Schuntner (21.4.16) Re: Applauding Fair Go For the North campaign highlighting the need for road upgrades.
- Letter to editor to Cairns Post from IQ-RAP Secretariat Glenys Schuntner (21.4.16) Re: Applauding Fair Go For the Far North campaign highlighting the need for road upgrades.

Radio

- ABC North Queensland - RACQ inspect highways in the north which are identified in IQ-RAP
- ABC North West Queensland - IQ-RAP one of the main topics when RDA met with mayors from across north west Queensland in Mount Isa (31.3.16)

Publications

- Queensland Transport and Logistics Council—Quarterly Newsletter (March 2016)
- Success Magazine (April/May 2016) - Column by Secretariat Glenys Schuntner
- Central Highlands Development Corporation newsletter (April 2016)
- Infrastructure Queensland publication (Issue 1 April 2016)

Next Steps

IQ-RAP partner RACQ would welcome feedback and support for its roads campaign —<http://www.racq.com.au/promotions/keep-australia-moving> We note that RACQ lists the IQ-RAP as one of their Top 5 Priorities which is also supported by the Australian Automobile Association (AAA).

The IQ-RAP full Working Group will reconvene as soon as all delegates have been named by their RRTG. In the meantime the Secretariat is engaging with each newly elected RRTG Chair to brief them on the IQ-RAP and next steps. An updated Terms of Reference for the Working Group has been drafted and being sent to all Working Group representatives.

Engagement and promotion of the IQ-RAP as a planning tool to inform future investment into regional Queensland roads is on-going. When possible, IQ-RAP partners will be promoting IQ-RAP benefits to their federal election candidates and State Government MPs. The Secretariat will support the Working Group with meeting planning for Brisbane and Canberra.

Due to the federal election, the Working Group representatives have decided to postpone holding a forum for all partners and guests until July/ August. More details will be made available as soon as possible.

Invitations to present at road, transport and economic development conferences are being welcomed and actioned.

The Secretariat is collecting data and working on economic analysis for IQ-RAP.

A collaborative approach to regional roads planning by 47 partners



Plus

- Northern Queensland RDA Alliance: RDA Far North Queensland and Torres Strait, RDA Townsville and North West Queensland, RDA Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday, RDA Fitzroy and Central West
- Regional Roads and Transport Groups: Bowen Basin, Far North Queensland, Gladstone, North West, Outback, Rockhampton, South West Queensland and Western Downs

In-kind Support

- Department of Transport and Main Roads