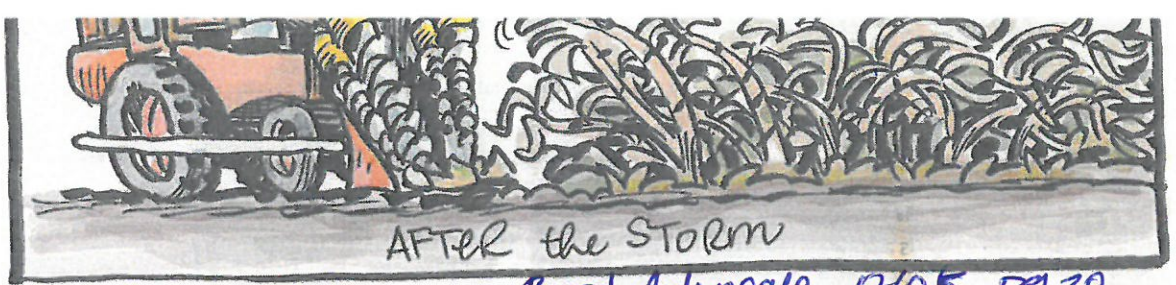


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water insecurity, rising costs with falling revenue. We cannot allow ourselves to be force fed a slanted agenda.

The future will not direct itself, strong voter power at the ballot box will determine future generational prosperity. Pencil poised on Election Day, you can make a powerful statement to the entrenched system. Sharpen that pencil because right now there is too much at stake.

Debra Gibson, Pinnacles

CYCLONES AND FLOODING IMPACT ROAD NETWORK

I COMMEND North and Central Queensland residents for their preparation ahead of Cyclone Debbie.

While we can prepare our homes and businesses as best we can, there is not much we can do to ward off the disastrous affects cyclonic weather and flooding have on our road network.

The impacts from closed and flooded roads on the coast during our tropical wet seasons have a wider impact on communities and the North's economy, from delayed deliveries of goods and services, ruined fresh produce, reduced business and tourism and the inability to attend jobs.

A 2011 North Queensland Roads Alliance report assessing the 'Economic Impacts for North Queensland of Closures of the Bruce Highway', found that a 24 hours loss of trade on the highway resulted in negative economic impacts in North Queensland and the South East, including; direct impacts of \$3.3 million in output, \$.9 million in income and 21 full time employment positions.

Safe and reliable road access is essential to sustaining growth and the health of regional and rural communities.

That is why 49 partners, including 33 councils, came together to develop the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP).

The IQ-RAP prioritises upgrades over the next 18 years and is designed to assist stakeholders and governments to assess and prioritise projects for funding.

It is vital to our economic prosperity that Queensland has a robust network of inland roads connecting to and providing viable alternate routes to the Bruce Highway, as well as providing more direct inland routes to southern states.

Cr Jane McKernan
Mayor of Flinders Shire
IQ-RAP Working Group Deputy Chair

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR NDIS WELCOME RELIEF

THE 2017 Federal Budget lays the foundation for a strong and sustainable National Disability Insurance Scheme and is a welcome end to speculation about how the scheme would be fully funded.

It is imperative that NDIS funding is approved in the Parliament so that people can get on with their lives.

With security for the immediate future of their support arrangements, people with a disability - and carers - will breathe a sigh of relief and begin to plan skills development, study, increased independence and a return to work.

For too long all of these things have been put on hold as people feared the NDIS would be starved of funds before it ever got going. But it's not just social capital that will grow. NDIS investment will also grow the economy as people with a disability increase their participation, along with a growing workforce of skilled support workers and therapists in cities and towns throughout the nation. Funding the NDIS is a budget commitment that all Australians can be proud of.

Andrew Donne,
Endeavour Foundation chief executive

Online

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A big croc was caught on video sunning itself in the Burdekin at the weekend. Do you think we need a croc cull in the Burdekin?

Oh my god.
Deb Mann

Why on earth would we need a croc cull? Stay away from the water or stay in your boat and there won't be a problem? It's their territory, not ours. Crocs gotta eat too. How is it up to us to decide which animal deserves to live? How is the cow's life more valuable than the croc? It's called nature. Let them sort it out. If you don't feel safe then stay inside where the crocs can't get you.
Stahn Garvey

And what about when this croc takes innocent livestock? There's

to many of them around now. No one feels safe anymore.
Stacey King

yup.
Chord Savage

Perfect shot at that angle they really need to start a culling season.
Joshua Hartwell

Only 11 seen about 30 in the Proserpine river today as per usual no one got killed.
Lee Southern

yes Yes AND YES.
Marie Jonesy

I think we need more warning signs.
Annette Burns

This ones been there for years. Leave it alone.
Kylie Carter

No, leave nature to its own destiny it will balance out by itself.
Darryl Buckley

Only if they are too close to homes and people. Out bush or on isolated beaches leave them it's their habitat. Put up signs in those places.
Chris Terry



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