



Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan

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Inspection of northern highways set to drive upgrades

RACQ has scrutinised major regional highways across North Queensland, which have been identified for future road upgrades in the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP).

RACQ traffic and safety experts have spent the past week on a drive tour of more than 2,000 kilometres between Townsville and Mount Isa.

The findings of RACQ's regional road inspection will be used in a report to support the IQ-RAP recommendations.

RACQ Senior Traffic and Safety Engineer Greg Miskowycz said RACQ will assess the conditions of the roads and identify improvements.

"We were looking at whether there are adequate road and shoulder widths, presence of roadside hazards, overtaking opportunities and flooding issues," Mr Miskowycz said.

"It's no secret good quality roads save lives and improve productivity, however funding upgrades on regional roads in northern Queensland are often overlooked."

The regional road tour of North Queensland took in:

- Townsville to Mount Isa using the Flinders Highway
- Mount Isa to Winton using the Landsborough Highway
- Winton to The Lynd using the Kennedy Development Road
- The Lynd to Townsville using Gregory Development and Hervey's Range Development roads.

RACQ is one of the 47 funding partners involved in developing the IQ-RAP – other funding partners include; 33 local governments, 8 Regional Roads and Transport Groups, 4 RDA Committees and the NQ RDA Alliance.

IQ-RAP Secretariat Glenys Schunter said the vision for the IQ-RAP is to increase the quality and accessibility of the road network.

"The plan reviewed 16,000 km of strategic road network and identifies 3,000km and 300 bridges that require upgrading to fit for purpose standards over the next 18 years," Ms Schunter said.

"The plan is not just about upgrading roads, it is all about creating jobs, driving productivity and attracting investment."

Further information and a copy of the IQ-RAP is available on the Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland website www.rdanwq.org.au