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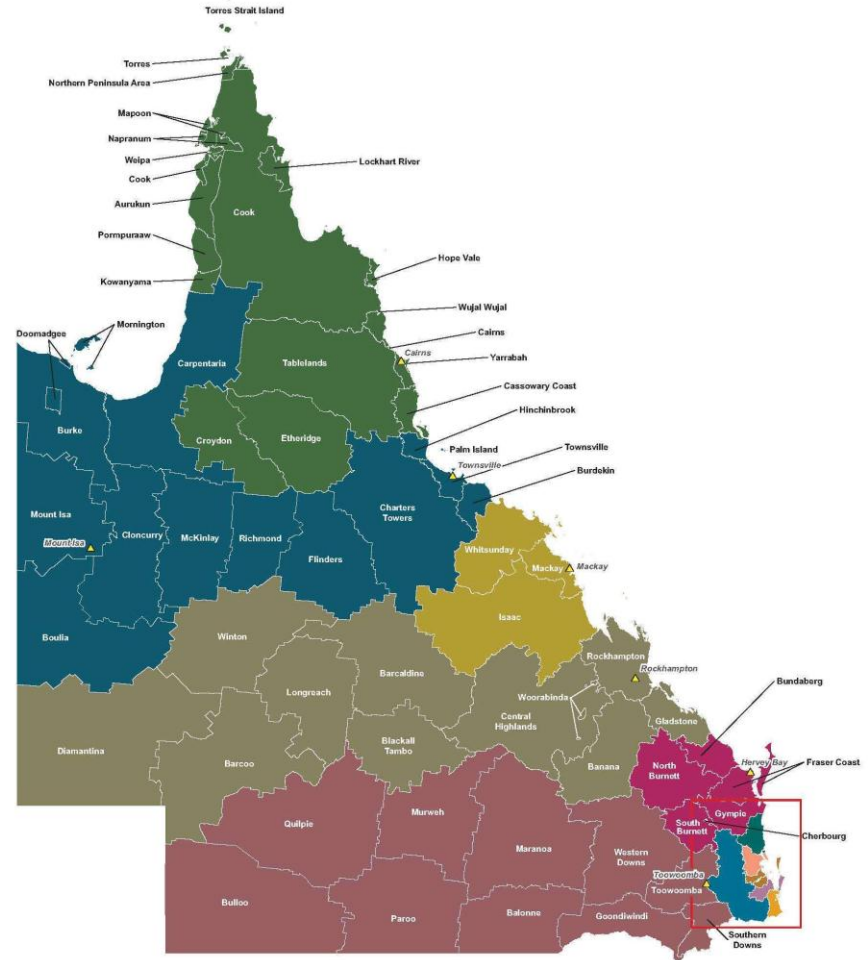
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Regional Roadmaps

Facilitation and advocacy for local solutions to the economic, social and environmental issues



Far North Queensland and Torres Strait	Townsville and North West	Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday	Fitzroy and Central West	Darling Downs and South West
<p>Regional Connectivity: Secure gaps in our strategic land transport and freight network by ironing out key pressure points in our road-based freight, tourist and transport network.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety and efficiency on transport routes for residents and tourists. Productivity on supply chains for industry to access markets. 	<p>Invest in regional roads.</p>	<p>Strengthening the region's economic contribution.</p>	<p>The upgrade and extension of Road Transport Infrastructure throughout the region.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hann Highway Kennedy Development Road Gregory Development Road. Peninsula Development Road and Kuranda Range Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce Highway Hann Highway Flinders and Barkly Highways. Burke Development Road from Cloncurry to Normanton, The Savannah Way from Normanton to Burketown. Major North-South Arterial roads. <p>Advocate and support investment into intermodal transport solutions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peak Downs Highway Galilee and Bowen Basin Connecting Roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce Highway priority projects Rockhampton Bypass Alpha-Clermont Road Outback regional roads – Central West Kin Kora roundabout Gladstone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warrego Highway and Toowoomba Range Crossing. Intermodal hubs at Inglewood and Toowoomba Warwick heavy vehicle by-pass Mt Lindsay Highway upgrade New England Highway upgrades (QLD) Western Freight Corridor construction.

Purpose of Forum

- Information on road planning;
- Information on different organisations' road development priorities;
- Facilitate discussion about criteria for prioritising road upgrades and identify consensus points on road priorities and where further work needs to be done; and
- If there is sufficient interest, develop an agreed framework for advocacy to progress work on priority roads.

Immediate Forum Outcomes

- Criteria to prioritise roads
- A framework to collaborate to go forward – perhaps a Working Group made up of regional representatives

Long Term Outcomes Sought

- Input to the Developing Northern Australia White Paper
- State Government supported Regional Roads Action Plan
- Influence of federal and state budgets, so that funding is forthcoming for identified high priority roads over the next 20 years.

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