



DRAFT REGIONAL ROAD FORUM NOTES

Mount Isa – 28 August 2014

Regional Development Australia Committees with a footprint across regional road networks outside South East Queensland and west of the Bruce Highway hosted this forum to work with regional stakeholders on the development of a Western Roads Action Plan.

Objectives:

- Provide an update on roads-related programs and funding
- Provide an opportunity for each RRTG to present a snapshot of their strategic road priorities
- Discuss the development of a Western Roads Action Plan

Targeted Outcomes:

1. Seek collaboration on the development of a Western Roads Action Plan (WRAP)
2. Agree on the Terms of Reference for a WRAP Working Group
3. Discuss required funding



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Summary and Outcomes

Cr Rick Britton, Chair of the Interim Working Group, asked the participants to consider the potential for collaboration across the regions to set priorities, raise the necessary funds, and form a Working Group to develop an Action Plan.

Les Dunn, Department of Transport and Main Roads, provided an outline of the funding programs currently available and encouraged Councils to demonstrate that they have been collaborating with community, private sector and other levels of government regarding projects prior to seeking funding. DTMR is able to participate by providing available road data upon request.

Each of the RRTGs presented information regarding their strategic road priorities, which included (alphabetically):

- Alpha-Clermont Road
- Balonne Highway
- Bowen Development Road
- Bulloo Development Road
- Burnett Highway
- Calliope Range Road
- Capricorn Highway
- Carnarvon Highway
- Dawson Highway
- Diamantina Development Road
- Flinders Highway
- Gregory Development Road
- Gregory Highway
- Hann Highway
- Leichhardt Highway
- Mitchell Highway
- Outback Way
- Peninsula Development Road
- Quilpie-Thargomindah Road
- Savannah Way
- Springsure-Tambo Road
- Walkerston Bypass (soon to be renamed the Bowen Basin Service Link)
- Warrego Highway

The Flinders, Capricorn, Peak Downs, and Barkley Highways are all on DTMR's strategic list.

The group discussed the potential scope of the Action Plan. The NSW Western Road Plan was put forward as an example of how it could be structured. It was suggested that the plan should be a 15 year plan in which the area covered and/or the hierarchy of roads could be expanded as the plan progresses.

It was agreed that:

1. The purpose of the Action Plan would be to “unlock the economic potential of regional Queensland”
2. The vision statement for the Action Plan would be “Connecting Queensland for economic prosperity”
3. A Working Group will be formed to develop the Action Plan, to work collaboratively, and to develop agreed priorities. The role of the Working Group is to be recognised as the peak advocacy body for funding of roads within regional Queensland.



4. The Working Group would be made up of one representative from each of the participating RRTGs, RDA, LGAQ and RACQ and each Working Group member organisation would contribute \$2,000 to enable RDA Townsville & North West Queensland to continue as the project Secretariat.

Update on the Western Regional Roads Agenda

Cr Rick Britton - Chair, Interim Working Group, Western Regional Roads

The area under consideration at this forum, - west of the Bruce Highway and outside of South East Queensland - is a significant driver of the Queensland economy.

Based on discussions at the previous forum in Longreach, on 4 December 2013, it was determined that the focus for this project would be on the roads that connect Western Queensland with export ports. An Interim Working Group was established in December 2013 with the objectives of understanding the road funding environment, sharing priorities, finding the way forward, and identifying the next steps.

At this forum, we need to ask ourselves:

- Do we believe that we can collaborate?
- Do we agree to prioritise works in accordance with the criteria agreed upon at first forum?
- Can we raise funds for works?
- Can we engage with State and federal governments to secure matching funds?
- Can we form a Working Group?

Our experience in Boulia Shire is that transportation costs are high and high quality road and rail infrastructure is critical.

Glenys Schuntner – CEO, RDA Townsville and North West Queensland

- 1) Queensland's population of 4.7 million is the most decentralised of all states, with 1.3 million people (27.7% of the population) living outside the capital cityⁱ.
- 2) Accordingly, Queensland's industry and business base is also broadly distributed. 52% or \$140 billion value of Queensland's Gross State Product (GSP) is generated outside Brisbaneⁱⁱ.
- 3) The Queensland Government acknowledges that there are four major pillars to the Queensland economy – Mining, Agriculture, Tourism and Construction.
 - a. The mining industry contributes \$75.7 billion and 26.7% to the GSP and employs 436,000 people accounting for 18.6% of the State's employment. Approximately 55% of this industry activity is based outside South East Queenslandⁱⁱⁱ.
 - b. The agricultural industry contributes \$13.7 billion^{iv} and 5% to the GSP and employs 323,800 people accounting for 14% of the State's employment. Approximately 88% of jobs in this industry activity are regionally-based^v.



- c. The tourism industry contributes \$23 billion and 7.9% to the GSP and employs 101,000 people accounting for 10.3% of the State's employment. Approximately 40% of this industry activity is based outside South East Queensland^{vi}.
 - d. The construction industry contributes \$14.4 billion and 7.7% to the GSP and employs 149,400 people accounting for 8.4% of the State's employment^{vii}. Approximately 47% of this industry activity is based outside South East Queensland^{viii}.
- 4) An Australian Logistics Council report^{ix} estimates that the Australian logistics industry accounted for 8.6% of national GDP, adding \$131.6 billion to Australia's economy in 2013. The logistics industry is estimated to employ 1.2 million people across Australia.

(extracted from DRAFT Queensland Roads Update, RDATANWQ, 2014)

Departmental update on road programs, funding and opportunities

Les Dunn

General Manager, Portfolio Investment & Programming Branch, Department of Transport & Main Roads

http://www.rdatanwq.org.au/files/queensland-roads/Presentation_Mountlsa-DTMR-Part1_Aug14.pdf

Emerging Programs

Bridges Renewal

Federal funding matched 50/50 by States. States can apply for this funding too. Funding is for "secondary roads". It's about productivity.

Royalties for the Regions

Criteria have changed for each round, so Councils should check the criteria.

Strong choices

Not much information available about the Local Government Co-Investment Fund yet - may be similar to TIDS. Rural and Regional Economic Development Fund is a straight allocation, no co-contribution required.

Other comments

There are also some heavy vehicle programs out there at the moment (federal funding). Details are available on the Australian government funding website – Grant Finder:

<http://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/grant-finder/Pages/default.aspx> .

Funding environment seems to be improving at the moment.



Some sources of funding are being combined – local government / developer / state government / federal government working together to fund projects. Councils are encouraged to demonstrate that they have been collaborating with community, private sector and other levels of government regarding a project prior to going out to seek funds.

Regional Update on Unfunded Strategic Road Priorities

RRTG: Bowen Basin

Shires: Banana, Central Highlands, Isaac, and Woorabinda

Cr Peter Maguire

Mayor, Central Highlands Regional Council

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is developing investment strategies for the Capricorn Highway (Rockhampton to Barcaldine) and Peak Downs & Gregory Highways (Mackay to Emerald).

Strategic road priorities

- Alpha-Clermont Road (important for resource & agriculture sectors);
- Dawson Highway (Gladstone to Springsure);
- Gregory Highway (Springsure to Emerald to Clermont to Charters Towers);
- Leichhardt Highway (Goondiwindi to Rockhampton via Miles to Taroom, Theodore and Banana);
- Carnarvon Highway (St George to Roma to Injune to Rolleston);
- Springsure – Tambo Roads (Dawson Development Rd - Blackall/Tambo).

RRTG: Far North Queensland

Shires: Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Cook, Croydon, Douglas, Etheridge, Mareeba, Tablelands, and Wujal Wujal

Darlene Irvine

Executive Officer, FNQROC

Strategic road priorities

- Peninsula Development Road - \$208M has already been committed to area, majority of this funding will be spent on the road
- Hann Hwy – funding has come and gone

Supporting documents

- Economic Impact Statement – Flinders / Etheridge to review
- Planning documents

http://www.rdatanwq.org.au/files/queensland-roads/Presentation_Mountisa-FNQ_Aug14.pdf



Comment from Michael Kitzelmann, Etheridge Shire Council – meeting with Prime Minister’s office re Hann Hwy – they were under the impression that funding had been allocated and work was going ahead. They will do whatever is necessary to see it happen. Glenys will follow up on any gaps of communication

Peter Scott, Mayor of Cook has indicated that he is keen to be involved on the Working Group

RRTGs Gladstone & Rockhampton

Shires: Gladstone, Rockhampton and Livingstone

Gerard Read

Technical Coordinator, Gladstone RRTG

Gladstone Mayor Gail Sellers sends her apologies.

Strategic road priorities - Gladstone

- Dawson Hwy (70km of) – Calliope crossroads has been a major spend. Dawson has flood immunity issues, horizontal alignment issues, in need of overtaking lanes.
- Calliope Range Road

Strategic road priorities - Rockhampton

- Capricorn Hwy – Action plan in draft and out for comment now.
- Burnett Hwy within Rockhampton Regional Council boundary as well.

Other links that don’t fit criteria

- Gladstone-Mt Larcom Road through State Development Area;
- Gladstone-Benaraby;
- Gladstone Port Access Road;
- Gladstone-Monto Road (not a high priority)
- Yeppoon / Emu Park / Rockhampton road an important link

RRTG: North Queensland

Shires: Burdekin, Hinchinbrook, Charters Towers, and Townsville

Mark Crawley

CEO, Charters Towers Regional Council

Each Council receives small contribution of TIDS. Townsville (all roads lead to Townsville)

Each individual Council has its own unique priorities

TMR – Gregory Development Rd, Flinders Hwy upgrade strategy

http://www.rdatanwg.org.au/files/queensland-roads/Presentation_Mountlsa-NQ_Aug14.pdf



RRTG: North West Queensland

Shires: Burke, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, Doomadgee, Flinders, McKinlay, Mount Isa, and Richmond

Cr John Wharton
Mayor, Richmond Shire Council

A lot of caravans use the Savannah Way.

North West Queensland has had a 66% reduction in funding, but the area has the most mines in the State. This is a very important part of northern Australia.

http://www.rdatanwq.org.au/files/queensland-roads/Presentation_MountIsa-NWQ_Aug14.pdf

RRTG: Outback

Shires: Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Longreach, Winton, Diamantina, and Boulia

Cr Butch Lenton
Mayor, Winton Shire Council

Outback RRTG has been in existence since 2013. The area the group covers is close to 400,000sqkm, yet the population is only 12,000. The technical and strategic groups work well together, but meet separately. There is a lot of trust within the group and they are working on prioritising roads across the region.

Strategic road priorities

- Alpha-Clermont
- The Outback Way

RRTG: South West

Shires: Bulloo, Balonne, Murweh, Paroo, Quilpie, and Maranoa

Dave Burges
CEO, Quilpie Shire Council

The South West region has a small population (0.5% of the State) and a lot of roads (9% of the State).

The RRTG priorities are safety and economic development.

Large on-shore oil field

SW rail line defunct – no cattle through there for two years

All priorities are State-controlled roads



Strategic Road Priorities

- Diamantina Development Road – Widening & Safety
 - Charleville – Quilpie various sections staged construction
 - Quilpie – Windorah various sections staged construction
- Mitchell Highway – Widening & Safety
 - Angelalla Creek Bridge – Paroo Shire
 - “Amenda” curve widening and sealing
 - “Wild Horse Creek” floodway
- Carnarvon Highway – Widening
 - North of Injune – Load widths limited to 3.5m
- Warrego Hwy/Carnarvon Hwy Intersection
 - Bypass
- Balonne Highway – Widening
 - “Charlotte Plains”
- Bulloo Development Road
 - Paroo River Crossings
- Quilpie – Thargomindah Road
 - Upgrade missing link to sealed standard

Supporting Document

South West Queensland Transport and Freight Study

Actions

2.1 Develop a consolidated regional programme of road maintenance and upgrade priorities

Actions

16.1 Prioritise a list, with the DTMR, to seal all strategic road linkages to a minimum width of 8m to accommodate road trains and private vehicles, allow overtaking, improve safety and reduce edge break maintenance.

16.2 Seek funding to ensure all culvert formation and seal width is consistent with road section.

Actions

17.1 Construct passing lanes with signage to indicate distance to next opportunity to pass, to reduce driver frustration and inappropriate risk taking.

17.2 Identify locations for more rest areas. Provide additional eco-toilets at rest areas. Provide distance signage to next rest stop/facility.

http://www.rdatanwq.org.au/files/queensland-roads/Presentation_Mountlsa-SW_Aug14.pdf



RRTG: Whitsunday

Shires: Mackay and Whitsunday

Hennie Van Der Schyff

Executive Manager Roads and Drainage

Apologies from Mayor Cr Jennifer Whitney.

Strategic road priorities

- Bowen Development Road (Bowen to Belyando) – access to Carmichael Mine. Adani looking at constructing rail line to Abbott Point, which will make BDR a major fuel transport route. Some R4R funding for upgrades
- Alpha-Clermont Road – intention to rename to Galilee-Bowen Basin Connector.
- Walkerston Bypass (Bowen Basin Service Link) – heavy vehicle route, especially fuel tankers. A lot of schools located along this road, causing conflict.

http://www.rdatanwq.org.au/files/queensland-roads/Presentation_Mountlsa-Whitsunday_Aug14.pdf

Overview of Western Roads Action Plan proposed scope

Les Dunn

General Manager, Portfolio Investment & Programming Branch, Dept of Transport & Main Roads

http://www.rdatanwq.org.au/files/queensland-roads/Presentation_Mountlsa-DTMR-Part2_Aug14.pdf

State-wide investments amount from QTRIP table are currently unallocated. These unallocated funds will be allocated at the mid-year review (in October). Scoping paper just sets out the steps – Steps 2-6 are just technical issues. Going to talk mostly about Step 1

Define the purpose – Vision & Outcomes

Q – Does it mention social connectivity? If you mention economic connectivity, you've covered social. Not mentioning safety may be an issue.

You all have to agree on the purpose of the action plan.

It's important to focus on one criterion.

Geographic scope

Need to be very clear about what area we are talking about.

RRTG presentations were mostly about state-controlled roads (because those are usually the most critical routes for each region).



Bruce Highway Action Plan was easy because it was about one road.

Talking about regional roads will be quite tricky.

Rule – only take things out, don't add any new ones.

Defining the Network

Flinders, Capricorn, Peak Downs and Barkly are all on TMR's strategic list. With these roads having the focus of the State government, what does this group want to focus on?

Nation Building 2 submission has been sent in by TMR.

It would be a good idea to use the State government's four pillars as criteria.

Suggest making the action plan a 15-year plan in which the area covered / hierarchy of roads is expanded as the plan progresses. Having a network focus would be a good idea too.

Other example – Western NSW Road Plan

This plan includes local roads - no real hierarchy included; if a road was seen as important, they included it.

http://www.centroc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Western_NSW_Road_Plan_Phase2_Oct2013.pdf

- Developed by NSW local governments. Finished October 2013
- Strategic “whole-of-region” approach
- The Plan is owned by the Councils involved and highlights the road infrastructure next 10 to 15 years in order to boost productivity and efficiency in the region
- To be used to identify where Local Government, State and Federal infrastructure funding should be directed in Western NSW
- A total of 106 road projects were submitted by 32 Councils
- \$1.4 billion of investment identified



Defining the Network Vision and Strategic Objectives

Jim Greatorex

North Queensland Business Development Manager - GHD

I am hoping that we can look into smart ways to deliver this work. It will be important to build efficiency and put forward a plan that supports a sustainable industry.

Purpose

The purpose of the Action Plan was discussed, with the following suggestions:

“Getting more funding for our road network”

“Driving economic productivity / prosperity in regional Queensland”

“Unlocking economic potential of regional Queensland” – even if there is sub-regional work being done, it will be important to present a united front.

Vision

The vision for the Action Plan was discussed, with the following suggestions:

“Create a road network to enhance the economic prosperity and productivity of Queensland”

“Connecting Queensland for economic prosperity”

This second suggestion was voted as the vision that would be used. The word “unlocking” is to be used in the subtext.

Next Steps

Cr Rick Britton

It was agreed that a Working Group would be formed to progress the development of an action plan and that the action plan would now be known as the “Queensland Roads Action Plan”.

Working Group

It was suggested that the first meeting of the working group could be in Mackay on 27 October 2014, to coincide with the LGAQ conference. There were no objections to this suggestion.

Role

The role of the working group is to be recognised as the peak body to advocate for funding of roads within the target region.

The working group will fine-tune and finalise the Terms of Reference.



Membership

It was suggested that the membership of the working group should include a representative from each of the three regions and TMR.

It was agreed that:

- The membership would include representatives from RACQ, LGAQ and each of the participating RRTGs.
- RDA Townsville and North West Queensland Committee was put forward as the Secretariat.
- The Chair of the working group will be elected by the members.
- The working group will exist until December 2015 to provide a sense of urgency. (Les Dunn suggested that this could even be earlier).
- The working group will meet via teleconference

Nominations

- Chairs (or delegates) of the participating RRTGs
- LGAQ (Glenys will approach Simone Talbot)
- RACQ (Glenys will approach Michael Roth)
- RDA (Chairs of the participating RDAs to discuss and decide separately on a representative)

Funding for Secretariat and Action Plan

It was moved by Cr John Wharton that:

“Each Working Group participant organisation is to contribute \$2,000 to enable RDA Townsville and North West Queensland Committee to continue as the Secretariat for the project.”

The motion was seconded by Cr Peter Maguire.

CARRIED unanimously

It was further agreed that the request for each participating Council to provide \$3,000 - for engagement of a consultant to develop the Action Plan – would stay on the table.

Glenys advised that there would be another four weeks' work required (approximately) until the Working Group would be up and running. Cr Wharton suggested that RDA also seek other funding to keep the work going.

Thanks!

Thank you to all of the participants for the effort and expense of attending the forum.

Thanks also to the sponsors – GHD, AECOM and MacDonnells Law – and particularly to Jim Greatorex for his time and efforts in facilitating the afternoon sessions.



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Attachment 1 – Forum Agenda

9:30 – 10:00	Registration, Tea & Coffee			Sponsored by GHD	
10:00 – 10:15	Opening & Welcome Update on the Western Regional Roads Agenda		Cr Rick Britton Chair, Interim Working Group, Western Regional Roads		
10:15 – 10:45	Departmental update on road programs, funding and opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation • Q&A 		Mr Les Dunn Department of Transport & Main Roads General Manager, Portfolio Investment & Programming Branch		
10:45 – 11:55	Regional Update on Strategic Road Priorities that are yet to be funded.				
	RRTG	Shires	Representative	Role	
10:45	Bowen Basin	Banana, Central Highlands, Isaac, and Woorabinda	Cr Peter Maguire	Mayor, Central Highlands Regional Council	
10:52	Far North Queensland	Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Cook, Croydon, Douglas, Etheridge, Mareeba, Tablelands, and Wujal Wujal	Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer, FNQROC	
10:59	Gladstone	Gladstone	Gerard Read	Technical Coordinator, Gladstone RRTG	
11:06	North Queensland	Burdekin, Hinchinbrook, Charters Towers, and Townsville	Mark Crawley	CEO, Charters Towers Regional Council	
11:13	North West Queensland	Burke, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, Doomadgee, Flinders, McKinlay, Mount Isa, and Richmond	Cr John Wharton	Mayor, Richmond Shire Council	
11:20	Outback	Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Longreach, Winton, Diamantina, and Boulia	Cr Butch Lenton	Mayor, Winton Shire Council	
11:27	Rockhampton	Rockhampton and Livingstone	Gerard Read	Technical Coordinator, Rockhampton RRTG	
11:34	South West	Bulloo, Balonne, Murweh, Paroo, Quilpie, and Maranoa	Dave Burges	CEO, Quilpie Shire Council	
11:41	Western Downs	Western Downs	Cr Andrew Smith	Councillor, Western Downs Regional Council	
11:48	Whitsunday	Mackay and Whitsunday	Hennie van der Schyff	Executive Manager Roads and Drainage	
11:55 – 12:30	Overview of Western Roads Action Plan proposed scope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation • Q&A 		Mr Les Dunn Department of Transport & Main Roads General Manager, Portfolio Investment & Programming Branch		
12:30 – 1:15	Lunch			Sponsored by MacDonnells Law	
1:15 – 2:00	Defining the Network Vision and Strategic Objectives <i>Breakout Groups</i>		Facilitated by Jim Greatorex, GHD		
2:00 – 2:30	Feedback and Review of Findings		Facilitated by Jim Greatorex, GHD		
2:30 – 3:15	Level of Service Framework <i>Breakout Groups</i>		Facilitated by Jim Greatorex, GHD		
3:15 – 3:40	Feedback and Review of Findings		Facilitated by Jim Greatorex, GHD		
3:40 – 4:30	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision on collaboration to develop the Western Roads Action Plan • Terms of Reference for future Working Group • Funding arrangements 		Facilitated by Cr Rick Britton		
4:30	Close & Refreshments			Sponsored by AECOM	

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