

Public Works Inquiry into the state controlled roads from Birdsville to Bedourie and Birdsville to Windorah

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Wednesday, 28 June 2023

Mr Shane King, MP
Chair
Queensland Parliament's Transport and Resources Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Via email: trc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr King

Re: Public works inquiry into the state controlled roads from Birdsville to Bedourie and Birdsville to Windorah

In response to your letter dated 13th June 2023 regarding the public works enquiry into state controlled roads. More specifically the roads identified as:

- Eyre Developmental Road - from Birdsville to the intersection near King Creek Crossing (164 km in length)
- Diamantina Developmental Road - from King Creek to Bedourie (22 km in length)
- Birdsville Developmental Road - from Birdsville to the intersection with the Diamantina Developmental Road (265 km in length), and
- Diamantina Developmental Road - from the intersection with the Birdsville Developmental Road (near Morney) to Windorah (108 km in length)

The terms of reference for the inquiry, as set out in section 94 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, are to examine public works projects and report to the Parliament.

Council has discussed this request at its council meeting on Friday 23rd July and we feel it is within our scope of involvement to comment on sections (a) and (b).

(a) the stated purpose of the works and the apparent suitability of the works for the purpose;

Any road works completed with the intent on improving the trafficability of the existing road network in remote rural areas becomes a lifeline for not only the local residents but tourism, the agricultural sector along with the developing mining industry and freight traffic.

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(b) the necessity for, and the advisability of, the works;

This road network is vital to the connectivity for many remote residents as well as providing a sustainable link from the eastern seaboard for both tourists who support the many small businesses in towns to the north and south of the shire.

The development and construction of the road network also provides immediate monetary support for the communities in the district both for council employees and local contractors.

In remote locations such as these the interconnected relationships between the local economy and road infrastructure is vital and cannot be underestimated.

Boulia Shire Council, its residents, local contractors, and business owners wholeheartedly support the development construction and improvement in the abovementioned road network.

Yours sincerely



Mr Eric (Rick) Britton
Mayor , Boulia Shire Council