

## Question on Notice

No. 958

Asked on Wednesday 12 June 2019

**MR P WEIR** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to the \$4.32 million allocated to undertake rehabilitation works on the Bowenville-Norwin Road—

Will the Minister advise (a) what measured standard the rehabilitation will realise, (b) what consultation has taken place with the landholders and stakeholders adjacent to the road, (c) what proportion of the allocated funding has been spent to date and (d) how many kilometres of road has been rehabilitated?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Condamine for the question and note the Member also asked Question on Notice number 685 in May 2019 about this road.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) advises the road is being rehabilitated to current departmental standards.

Prior to commencement of works, staff from TMR met with adjacent landholders to discuss the proposed project, and the project team continues to engage with landowners as the project progresses. Approximately 40 per cent of the allocated funding has been spent to date, with approximately 12 kilometres of Bowenville–Norwin Road sealed and available for use.

The \$4.32 million allocated to this project forms part of the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP), which details the current and planned transport and road infrastructure projects that the Palaszczuk Government plans to deliver, over four years, to meet the needs of a rapidly growing Queensland.

Last financial year on the Darling Downs, the Palaszczuk Government completed work on the western section of the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing, opening it to traffic in December 2018. In addition, planning for the Warrego Highway Upgrade Program – Toowoomba to Oakey Duplication Planning Stage 3 (Kingsthorpe to Oakey), packages 2, 3 and 5 of the Warrego Highway (Oakey to Miles) safety upgrades, as well as the Dalby East and West upgrade projects, were completed.

In the 2019–20 financial year, the Palaszczuk Government will commence work on the Toowoomba East Creek and West Creek Culvert upgrade projects on the Warrego Highway near the centre of the city, complete the Chinchilla open-level crossing upgrade and Colamba Street signals project as part of the Warrego Highway upgrade program, and commence construction of the Toowoomba – Cecil Plains Road and Oakey – Pittsworth Roads intersection realignment and upgrade project.

These investments are part of the Palaszczuk Government's record \$23 billion invested in QTRIP over four years. This investment will not only deliver the roads and transport infrastructure our growing state needs, but will also help sustain 21,500 jobs across Queensland during the life of the program.

Our government's strong record of investment, job creation and asset preservation is in stark contrast to the approach of the former Newman LNP Government, which cut \$600 million from QTRIP, sacked 14,000 workers from their jobs, and spent millions of dollars of taxpayers' money trying to sell Queensland's assets.