

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1272**

**Asked on 8 November 2022**

**MR D LAST** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### **QUESTION:**

Will the Minister provide an update on when road users in the Dysart area can expect the replacement of the existing single lane bridge over Phillips Creek on the Saraji Road?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Burdekin for the question.

The Phillips Creek Bridge is located on the local government-controlled Saraji Road, funding for which is the responsibility of Isaac Regional Council (IRC). It also forms part of the Local Roads of Regional Significance network within the Roads Alliance Bowen Basin Regional Roads and Transport Group (RRTG), which comprises Isaac Regional, Banana Shire, Central Highlands Regional and Woorabinda Shire councils and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR).

It was pleasing to note that, as part of its 2022 Federal Budget update on 25 October 2022, the Australian Government confirmed \$14.4 million over three years commencing from 2022–23 towards the \$18 million Phillips Creek bridge replacement project on Saraji Road.

Provided the Phillips Creek Bridge replacement is deemed a high priority for IRC and the Bowen Basin RRTG, there is an opportunity for 20 per cent funding through the well-established Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) 50:50 policy arrangements, with equal contributions of \$1.8 million from both the Queensland Government (within its existing Bowen Basin RRTG TIDS allocation) and the IRC.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26*, which outlines \$29.7 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$1.069 billion is committed across TMR's Northern District, estimated to support an average of 940 direct jobs over the life of the program.