

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 168**

**Asked on 6 March 2024**

**MR A POWELL** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

### **QUESTION:**

Will the Minister provide an updated timeline for the signing of a contract, commencement and completion of repair works on the Kilcoy-Beerwah Road at Cedarton?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

As previously advised in answer to Question on Notice 43, tabled on 15 March 2024, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has undertaken significant investigations since the major flood event to determine the best solution for repairs to the landslip on Kilcoy-Beerwah Road at Cedarton.

TMR has finalised the repair design for this section of Kilcoy-Beerwah Road. The construction contract was signed on 26 February 2024 and initial site preparation works were expected to commence in late March 2024. Due to ongoing weather conditions, TMR's contractor had not been able to start initial site preparation works. Works are now expected to start later this month (April), weather and construction scheduling permitting.

Under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), reconstruction works must be completed within two financial years after the end of the financial year in which the relevant disaster occurred. Due to the magnitude of damage from a series of major disaster events, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority has granted an extension of time to 31 December 2024 for 2021-22 disaster event projects.

Works on Kilcoy-Beerwah Road are scheduled to be completed in late 2024. The recovery works are jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments through the DRFA.

The Miles Government is delivering its eighth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2023-24 to 2026-27*, which outlines \$32.1 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, \$3.147 billion is committed across TMR's North Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 2460 direct jobs over the life of the program.