

## Question on Notice

No. 38

Asked on 13 February 2024

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

### QUESTION:

With reference to the Gairloch and Dallachy Road flood immunity projects in the Hinchinbrook Electorate being fully funded and were not part of the Federal Government Infrastructure cuts, yet the projects have still not progressed or even been called for tender—

Will the Minister advise when these projects will (a) be called for tender and (b) will commence construction?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Hinchinbrook for the question.

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, \$2.990 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) North Queensland Region, estimated to support an average of 2580 direct jobs over the life of the program.

The business case for Bruce Highway (Ingham–Innisfail) Gairloch Floodway, safety improvement project was completed in December 2023. A revised project cost of \$48 million was announced on 22 December 2023. Further planning, consideration and negotiation with the Australian Government is necessary to determine project scope, cost and timing before tenders can be called.

TMR is currently evaluating options within available funding for the Bruce Highway (Ingham–Innisfail) Dallachy Road flood immunity upgrade. Progress has been delayed due to impacts of ex-Tropical Cyclone Jasper and the subsequent emergency repair works on the state-controlled road network. Updates on this project will be provided by TMR once further information becomes available.