

Question on Notice

No. 798

Asked on 25 June 2025

MR N DAMETTO ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS
(HON B MICKELBERG)

QUESTION:

With reference to the Woolcock Street North Townsville (Mount Low to Deeragun) upgrade project and the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 446 of 2025—

Will the Minister explain (a) why this project no longer appears on the QTRIP report and (b) how this project can proceed in the absence of any budget allocation in the 2025–26 State Budget?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Mount Low to Deeragun project refers to an intersection upgrade to address connectivity of the suburbs either side of the Bruce Highway in the vicinity of Veales Road and Mount Low Parkway.

Preliminary planning for the above listed project resulted in the completion of an Options Analysis in 2018 and a Business Case in 2021 under the former Labor Government, however the Options Analysis and the Business Case had differing outcomes and, in turn, did not represent a confident project cost to continue the project into the detailed design and construction phases. Therefore, the former Labor Government's \$10 million allocation for construction was inconsistent with requirements, and insufficient to complete any meaningful work at that location.

The project referred to in my answer to Question on Notice 446, tabled on 30 May 2025, was for the options analysis and business case for the North Townsville Road (Woolcock Street), Northshore Boulevard to Ingham Road, safety and capacity planning project and therefore not the above intersection upgrade.

I can advise that funding to progress the North Townsville Road (Woolcock Street), Northshore Boulevard to Ingham Road, safety and capacity planning project to business case was never budgeted in the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program.

The Crisafulli Government's priority is to complete the existing planning works along North Townsville Road, including:

- North Townsville Road (Woolcock Street), Weston Street to Pilkington Street, upgrade safety and capacity, planning project (Investment ID 2291087)
- North Townsville Road (Woolcock Street) and Dalrymple Road intersection, improve safety and efficiency, planning project (Investment ID 2663771)
- North Townsville Road (Boundary Street), Charters Towers Road to Tenth Avenue, safety and capacity upgrade, planning project (Investment ID 3531085).

The Member can find more information about the Crisafulli Government's Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program online at <https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/qtrip-2025-26-to-2028-29>.