

Question on Notice

No. 799

Asked on 25 June 2025

MR R KATTER ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS
(HON B MICKELBERG)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister explain to the people of Doomadgee and Burketown why genuine flood mitigation works have not been budgeted for, given that they can be routinely cut off for months?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to providing a state-controlled road network that is efficient, reliable, productive, and safe. I refer to the Wills Developmental Road, which is a state-controlled road that connects Julia Creek, Gregory, Doomadgee and Burketown. I acknowledge the impact of the monsoonal flooding which occurred in December 2022, and the closures which arose in 2023 as a result.

The planning phase for the Wills Developmental Road (Julia Creek – Burketown) project, including Barkly Creek and Running Creek, is currently funded under the *Transport System Planning Program* and anticipated to commence in 2026. The planning phase will focus on improving flood immunity at the low-level crossings at Running Creek (located 80.2 kilometres south of Burketown) and Barkly Creek (located 20.86 kilometres south of Burketown).

The Member may refer to other roads which may be cut off as a result of natural disaster events, including those within Council jurisdiction, in his question. To that extent, I refer the Member to the Honourable Ann Leahy MP, Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers, as the responsible Minister for the administration of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.