

Question on Notice

No. 25

Asked on 10 February 2026

MR S KNUTH ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON B MICKELBERG)—

QUESTION:

With reference to concerns regarding the deteriorated condition of the Silkwood Japoon Road, including dangerous potholes, eroded road edges, inadequate drainage and the absence of guard rails, due to flooding, and given its frequent use by emergency vehicles, the local community and tourists—

Will the Minister advise if the government will commit to a full and permanent upgrade of Japoon Road including drainage, rather than ongoing temporary repairs, to ensure the safety of the local community and emergency service personnel?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Crisafulli Government has secured funding for safety upgrades to the intersection of the Silkwood – Japoon Road and Bruce Highway. These upgrades will include improved delineation and signage, improved lane configuration, and speed management devices. Construction is scheduled for 2027, weather and construction conditions permitting.

The Crisafulli Government resealed 6.2 kilometres of Silkwood – Japoon Road in June 2025 and will investigate if other sections of the road can be included in future resealing programs. Regular maintenance activities will also continue to be undertaken on Silkwood – Japoon Road, as required.