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Roads of Strategic Importance initiative

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Project Cost: \$4.375 billion

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Roads of Strategic Importance initiative (ROSI) will support works on regional roads, inter-regional and interstate highways that address pinch points and other impediments to freight movements.

ROSI will invest in the key freight corridors that connect primary agricultural areas and mining resource regions to ports, airports and other transport hubs. The upgrades will also support communities along the corridors and provide better access for tourists and other road users.

The Australian Government will be working with state and territory governments and industry to determine priorities and finalise implementation arrangements.

Funding has been specifically earmarked for Northern Australia, Tasmania (focussing on the Bass Highway), the Barton Highway corridor between regional New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory and to deliver the Bindoon Bypass on the Great Northern Highway in Western Australia.

PROBLEM

These corridors are characterised by narrow sections of road, low capacity bridges and deteriorating pavements, which constrains the productivity and efficiency of freight movements. ROSI funding will target these impediments to catalyse economic activity and improve access to communities and tourist attractions.

BENEFITS

Improved Travel Times

- Improved freight access to ports, inter-modal facilities and markets for agriculture and resource industries.
- Flood immunity projects will deliver all-weather road access.

Improved Connectivity for Regional Communities

- Improved access to essential services such as health and education.
- Greater opportunities for tourism.

Economic Benefits for Regional Communities

- Projects funded under the initiative will support thousands of jobs in regional Australia.
- Greater opportunities for business growth.

PROJECT MAP

