Roads of Strategic Importance

Cooktown to Weipa Corridor Upgrade – Cape York Community Access Roads
Queensland

Australian Government Funding: $38.0 million
Queensland Government contribution: $9.5 million
Total: $47.5 million

Project description
The project will upgrade approximately 72 kilometres along five roads that connect to the Peninsula Developmental Road in Cape York.
The scope of the project includes:
- Paving and sealing the roads to a two-lane, two-way standard (8.1m, 8.0m or 7.0m wide carriageway with 3.5m lanes varying due to nearby vegetated areas).
- Improving drainage (floodways, causeways and culverts) to an approximate one in five-year immunity.
- Associated works such as relocating private access, turnout lanes, signage, line-marking and delineation.

Jobs supported
- This project is expected to support 140 direct and indirect jobs, based on Australian Government estimates.

Project benefits
Benefits include:
- Improved road safety for all users.
- Improved connectivity between people with jobs and services, and goods with markets.
- Improved efficiency and network reliability.

Project timelines
- This project is expected to start in early 2021 and be finished by mid 2024.