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### **STATE BUDGET 2010 – TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS**

#### **HINCHINBROOK ELECTORATE**

Member for Hinchinbrook, Andrew Cripps, said the 2010 – 2011 State Budget for the Department of Transport and Main Roads for the Hinchinbrook electorate was a mixed bag.

Mr Cripps said while existing commitments had been confirmed, there were no new road infrastructure announcements for the state road network in the Hinchinbrook electorate.

“I welcome the first instalments for the 2010 - 2011 financial year of the previously announced funding for the upgrade of the northern section of the Cardwell Range on the Bruce Highway (\$20 million of a \$115 million project) and the upgrade of the Bruce Highway between Innisfail and Cairns (\$20 million of a \$150 million project)” said Mr Cripps.

“I am also pleased to see that the \$14 million from the Queensland Government for the replacement of the Jubilee Bridge in Innisfail is confirmed in the state budget. I will continue to work towards securing the balance of the cost of the new Jubilee Bridge from the Federal Government, to deliver relief to all ratepayers in the Cassowary Coast Region” he said.

Mr Cripps said an allocation of \$226,000 had been made by the new Far North Queensland Ports Corporation for a new commercial fishing facility at Mourilyan Harbour, but that the details concerning where the new facility would be located within Mourilyan Harbour, what features it would include and when it would be constructed were not yet clear.

“The commercial fishing industry is an important employer in the Innisfail district. As the only all-weather and all-tide port between Cairns and Townsville, Mourilyan Harbour is an important port for the local commercial fishing industry. It is important that the new port authority consult with the local stakeholders before this facility is built” said Mr Cripps.

“I am disappointed not to see new funds in the budget for roads that have been a priority for me in the Hinchinbrook electorate, such as the Canecutter Way, south of Innisfail, or the Bruce Highway between the Black River and Bluewater, north of Townsville. However, I will keep pressing the Bligh Labor Government on behalf of my constituents” he said.

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