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Reconstructing Cardwell Project to commence within months

Hinchinbrook MP Andrew Cripps said the Reconstructing Cardwell Project was one step closer after the announcement of a successful tender to deliver the project.

See Civil Pty Ltd has been awarded the \$32.47 million contract to reconstruct the Cardwell foreshore after it was badly damaged during Cyclone Yasi in 2011.

“The township of Cardwell has struggled over the last 12 months to move from the response to the recovery phase. I am pleased to see this project finally moving ahead,” Mr Cripps said.

“The announcement by the Deputy Premier of a tender for the Reconstructing Cardwell Project is a huge milestone, and the project could be under way as early as August.

“Works will include the construction of a rock wall to protect the road and surrounding area from future cyclones, intersection upgrades, pedestrian facilities, a roundabout and formal parking. There will also be an upgrade to the Bruce Highway, with the construction of a 1.4 kilometre two-lane section at Victoria Street.

“This will be of huge benefit to local residents around Cardwell, and will improve business and tourism prospects.”

The Cardwell Foreshore Project is funded under National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) which is funded jointly by the Federal Government (75%) and the State Government (25%).

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority is overseeing the \$12 billion program of works to rebuild Queensland, with more than \$3.5 billion of NDRRA reconstruction works delivered and a further \$3 billion worth of works underway throughout the State.

Mr Cripps said facilities for visitors would also be improved, with barbeques, viewing decks and two play areas also planned.

“This is a huge step forward for this precinct, and is an indication that Cardwell is on the path to recovery,” Mr Cripps said.

“The township of Cardwell will benefit in the long run from this project. It will deliver modern recreational facilities on our local foreshore and facilitate visitors stopping to enjoy Cardwell’s magnificent coastal aspect.

“There will also be significant economic benefits to the local community during construction, as contractors use services from local businesses.

"I realise that there will also be a degree of disruption to the local community, particularly in relation to the project on the Bruce Highway, but I am sure this will also be beneficial to locals and all North Queenslanders in the long term."

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