



# Media release

## The Honourable Andrew Cripps MP Minister for Natural Resources and Mines

### **Cardwell reconstruction takes shape**

The \$32 million jointly funded project to reconstruct Cardwell's esplanade and highway is well on its way, with early works starting in the past two weeks.

Senator Jan McLucas and Member for Hinchinbrook Andrew Cripps travelled to the community today to see first hand the start of the enormous task of rebuilding after the destruction of Cyclone Yasi.

Mr Cripps said Transport and Main Roads, along with Cassowary Coast Regional Council and the local community, worked extremely hard on immediate recovery following Yasi.

“The damage sustained here was incredible,” Mr Cripps said.

“Our work will focus on reconstructing the 1.4km, two-lane section of the Bruce Highway through Cardwell, known locally as Victoria Street.

“We’ll also build a rock wall to better protect the road and surrounding area from future natural disasters.”

Mr Cripps said the first part of the reconstruction works would focus on the southbound carriageway of the Bruce Highway.

“The first phase of road works is on the east side of the existing highway between Brasenose and Liverpool streets,” he said.

“Traffic management will be in place so that both lanes can continue to operate at a reduced speed of 40km/h rather than 60km/h.

“Construction of the rock wall will also start with works taking place near the jetty and heading south.”

Cassowary Coast Mayor Bill Shannon said landscaping works in the park area north of the jetty would also start in the coming weeks, to create a feature Esplanade recreational area for residents and tourists.

“The Cardwell foreshore revamp will include two new play areas, barbecue facilities and viewing decks,” Cr Shannon said.

“The project will also include a shared pathway from Port Hinchinbrook to the Coral Sea Memorial.

“These reconstruction works are expected to be finished by late June 2013, weather permitting.”

Project information can be found at the Transport and Main Roads' website at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au) and council's website at [www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au).

The project is being delivered under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements, a joint initiative between the Australian Government and Queensland Government.

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