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Cripps welcomes energy and sewerage upgrades in Hinchinbrook

Hinchinbrook MP, Andrew Cripps, said over \$109 million in funding for energy and sewerage upgrades in his electorate were a welcome investment in essential infrastructure.

Several important projects, including the upgrade of high voltage transmission lines and sewerage treatment projects, had had funding confirmed in the State Budget.

Mr Cripps said the projects were vital to provide for future population growth and essential service reliability in his electorate.

“Without significant efforts being placed into things like energy upgrades, growth in North Queensland would be stifled,” he said.

“This funding will ensure power and sewerage infrastructure meets the needs of communities in the Hinchinbrook electorate.

“I am pleased to confirm that the State Budget has maintained the allocations available for the Cardwell Sewerage Scheme that were originally made available in the 2007/2008 budget.

“The \$91 million upgrade of the high voltage power line between Ingham and Tully is the last section of a larger project to improve the reliability of supply between Townsville and Cairns, which has been ongoing for several years.

“As always, I welcome the ongoing investment by Stanwell Corporation in upgrades to the Kareeya Hydroelectric Power Station, north-west of Tully, which is an important power generating asset in Far North Queensland. This year the investment of \$4.5 million is again a strategic investment in this infrastructure.”

Projects to be awarded funding in the State Budget include:

- \$49.1 million to upgrade the Cardwell to Tully high voltage transmission line
- \$41 million to upgrade the Ingham to Cardwell high voltage transmission line
- \$14.6 million to construct a sewerage scheme for Cardwell
- \$4.5 million from Stanwell Corporation for works at the Kareeya Power Station
- \$250,000 for the Tully Sewerage Treatment Scheme Upgrade

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