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LNP DELIVERS KIRRAMA RANGE ROAD FUNDING

Hinchinbrook MP, Andrew Cripps, today announced a one-off funding injection by the Queensland Government to assist with the necessary repair works to re-open the Kirrama Range Road, north west of Cardwell.

Mr Cripps said the Newman LNP Government was prepared to commit up to \$2.5 million, on a dollar for dollar basis with the Cassowary Coast Regional Council, to get this important local road reopened.

“This funding will be available this financial year, provided the Cassowary Coast Regional Council is prepared to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Transport and Main Roads in relation to this project” Mr Cripps said.

“Main Roads has agreed to match additional allocations in the Council’s budget on a dollar for dollar basis, up to \$2.5 million to get the Kirrama Range Road open for the benefit of the local community, visitors and local industries” he said.

“As part of this MOU, there will be an obligation on the Cassowary Coast Regional Council to maintain the road going forward. We want to ensure that if this local road is restored, it will be maintained and not be closed again” Mr Cripps said.

“Main Roads will provide the funds to Council to allow it to continue to deliver the works on the Kirrama Range Road”.

“By restoring the road to a standard, Council will be able to ensure that it can receive natural disaster funding to repair damage from any future events”.

Mr Cripps said he believed the funding on offer would be sufficient to repair the bridges and rehabilitate the road surface to a standard that would see the road reopened for the local community, tourism and the cattle industry.

“I have been working on the issue of the Kirrama Range Road since I first entered Parliament in 2006. It has been a long and frustrating issue, which has been complicated by a number of factors” M Cripps said.

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“I am very pleased that the Newman LNP Government has provided an opportunity for us to finally move forward and have this vital piece of infrastructure restored and I thank the Main Roads Minister, Scott Emerson, for his support” he said.

“This is an important investment in road infrastructure in the Hinchinbrook electorate and demonstrates the Newman Government’s commitment to this region, particularly given the difficult financial situation of the state budget” Mr Cripps said.

“While previous Labor Governments have failed to realise the importance of this road, the LNP has clearly recognised the importance of the Kirrama Range Road to the local community and I am delighted with this outcome” he said.

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