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Member for Hinchinbrook



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### **Cripps welcomes funding boost for Hinchinbrook roads**

Hinchinbrook MP, Andrew Cripps, has welcomed the Newman LNP Government's allocation of more than \$49 million for roads in the Hinchinbrook electorate, including significant funding for improvements on sections of the Bruce Highway.

Mr Cripps said he had been fighting for many years for road upgrades in his electorate, particularly over-taking lanes.

"The allocation of more than \$49 million for road upgrades in my electorate is a significant win for the local community," he said.

"Over \$26 million of this funding is specifically for upgrades to the Bruce Highway, which is a vital piece of infrastructure for people in the North.

"This allocation of money highlights the Newman Government's commitment to improving the quality, safety and reliability of the Bruce Highway.

Projects to receive a funding allocation include:

- A further \$22.7 million to construct a bypass from Shaw Road to Mount Low
- \$14.25 million for rehabilitative pavement works on the Bruce Highway between Ingham and Innisfail
- \$5.3 million to construct an overtaking lane on the Bruce Highway South of Dundonald Creek (between Kennedy and Euramo)
- \$4.2 million to construct an overtaking lane on the Bruce Highway from Broderick Road to Feluga Road (between Tully and El Arish)
- \$3 million to construct an overtaking lane on the Bruce Highway from Whitfield Creek to Yellow Waterholes (north of Cardwell)

Mr Cripps said the funding boost in this Budget comes in addition to other funding already announced by the State Government.

"\$37 million will be spent this financial year on the realignment of the Cardwell Range, which is well underway," he said.

"What these latest allocations prove is that the LNP is committed to improving roads in North Queensland."

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