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Repairs to commence between Cairns and Tully

The Newman Government will start work on repairing four flood-damaged sections of the Bruce Highway between Cairns and Tully from July 30.

Member for Hinchinbrook Andrew Cripps said the four sites at Mt Sophia, Bellenden Ker, Babinda and on the El Arish Range, would be repaired using a construction method called foam bitumen stabilisation.

“The damaged sections will be rebuilt by applying a high quality gravel overlay which will mix with the existing material to create a bitumen-cement blend,” Mr Cripps said.

“It is designed to strengthen the pavement and make it more resilient to future wet weather.”

Work on a 3.93km site near Mt Sophia will be completed by the end of September, weather permitting, with crews then moving to reconstruct a 3.24km site at Bellenden Ker.

The remaining sites will be reconstructed later in the year.

Mr Cripps said some traffic disruptions are unavoidable, but would be kept to a minimum and drivers were asked to cooperate with changed conditions.

“These reconstruction works are part of several major projects under way in the far north region, as efforts to reconstruct flood-damaged roads are ramped up,” he said.

The Operation Queensland project is being delivered under Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), a joint Federal and State initiative.

The \$19.5 million project was awarded to far north Queensland construction company LDI Constructions Pty Ltd.

Work will take place Monday to Sunday until the end of January 2013, weather permitting.

Up-to-date information about roadwork and traffic conditions is available on the department’s traffic and travel information website, www.131940.com.au, or by calling 13 19 40

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