

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Flood immunity works wrapped up near Boulia

Works have been completed on a \$1.5 million project to increase flood immunity of the Top Limestone Creek floodway between Boulia and Dajarra on the Diamantina Developmental Road.

Department of Transport and Main Roads District Director (Central West) Eric Denham said works had been completed to raise the floodway by one metre and widen it to eight metres.

"The improvements made to the Top Limestone Creek floodway ensure all those who rely on the key road link between Boulia, Dajarra and Mt Isa are supported by a more resilient road network with increased flood immunity, safety and efficiency," Mr Denham said.

"The floodway is about 45 kilometres north of Boulia on the Diamantina Developmental Road and has a history of flooding, resulting in road closures with no direct alternate routes available.

"This project has delivered a transport link capable of supporting the long-term future growth of various industries including agriculture, freight and tourism."

Mr Denham said the project had also supported the local community with road crews from Boulia Shire Council delivering the project.

Boulia Shire Council Mayor Rick Britton said the project completed the latest step in progressively upgrading this section of the Diamantina Developmental Road.

"A \$5 million project was completed last year to strengthen and widen about 11 kilometres of the road between Boulia and Dajarra," Cr Britton said.

"In addition, flood immunity was also previously improved at the nearby Lower Limestone Creek floodway.

"Combined with this recent project, the benefits for everyone who uses this road keep on growing to better connect communities and safeguard reliable access for industry."

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