

MEDIA STATEMENT

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More sealing works on Cramsie-Muttaburra Road

Work is underway on a \$5 million project to seal almost nine kilometres of the Cramsie-Muttaburra Road, between Longreach and Muttaburra.

Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Director-General Neil Scales said the project was part of progressive sealing of key freight routes across the state.

"The Cramsie-Muttaburra Road is part of a crucial link connecting central Queensland with the rest of the state and southern states," Mr Scales said.

"This project will extend the existing sealed section of road about 70 kilometres north of Longreach.

"Sealing more of this gravel road to a width of six metres will provide important improvements in safety, efficiency and wet weather access.

"It means more reliable access to markets, which enables economic diversification and supports the long-term growth of regional Queensland.

"At the same time, this project is providing a direct injection for local council road crews with Longreach Regional Council delivering the project."

Longreach Regional Council Mayor Tony Rayner said the project offered many local benefits, with the community welcoming the works.

"Every time a section of dirt road is sealed, it helps reinvigorate surrounding communities," Cr Rayner said.

"Sealed roads provide a level of surety and confidence that all road users deserve, and this project gets us one step closer to fully sealing the Cramsie-Muttaburra Road.

"In July this year, work was completed on a \$870,000 project to seal an additional 2.2 kilometres of the road.

"We are encouraged by the constant and progressive approach to upgrading this road and look forward to even more sealing taking place on this road in the near future."

Roadworks will be carried out Monday to Saturday between 6am and 6pm.

Traffic control and speed restrictions will be in place during the works and motorists are encouraged to drive safely through the roadworks which may include side-tracks at times.

The works are funded by the Queensland Government and are expected to be completed in early 2022.

For up-to-date information on road closures and traffic conditions for this project and across Queensland, visit www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au or call 13 19 40.

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