

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Beames Brook Bridge now ready for use

The replacement of Beames Brook Bridge, 27km south of Burketown on the Wills Developmental Road, has been completed and is now open to traffic.

Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Regional Director of North Queensland Sanjay Ram said the new bridge would provide better connectivity for the regional Gulf communities and encourage more efficient and safer freight movement.

“Funding has been provided by the Australian and Queensland Governments, for the new two-lane bridge under the Bridges Renewal Program,” Mr Ram said.

“The Gulf communities rely heavily on road travel for key services, freight and a motorist-driven tourism economy. It was extremely important we improved the safety and reliability of the Wills Developmental Road link for both the Burketown and Doomadgee communities.”

Mr Ram also said a total of 19 jobs had been provided over the life of the project, from August to November this year.

“I am pleased to see this new bridge open and ready to use” Mr Ram said.

“From the start of works in August, through to finalisation and naming of this new bridge, Transport and Main Roads has worked closely with the Gangalidda and Garawa people.

“This has allowed us to maintain the cultural significance, as well as the natural environment, of this bridge’s unique location.”

The bridge will be officially commissioned with its new name, chosen as part of a community consultation process, in 2019.

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