

# Cape York Region Package: Peninsula Developmental Road

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## About the project

The Australian Government committed \$208.4 million to the Cape York Region Package from 2013-14 to 2018-19, with the Queensland Government contributing \$52.1 million.

The package will upgrade infrastructure including significant works on the Peninsula Developmental Road. These works will improve accessibility to Cape York, support the growth of the local industry and secondary economies and strengthen local and Indigenous communities.

It is expected that \$200 million from the available funding will be allocated to the Peninsula Developmental Road, which is the main transport link within the Cape York Peninsula.

## Where will the works be delivered?

At the start of the program, the Peninsula Developmental Road had 380km of unsealed road. Transport and Main Roads identified 11 sections of road totalling 130km as part of an Early Works program. Some of these sites are in good condition as they have been restored using Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements funding.

The Early Works program is an opportunity to seal these sections before they deteriorate. Three such sections, totalling 34km, were sealed in 2014. Other sections have been chosen by Transport and Main Roads as they represent the best opportunities to reduce the duration of flood-related closures and high annual maintenance costs. Detailed information about individual projects will be prepared and released as projects are identified.

## How will the works be delivered?

The projects are being delivered via Transport Infrastructure Contracts. This means contractors pre-qualified in accordance with the National Prequalification System, as well as holders of federal Workplace Health and Safety accreditation, can tender for the works.

## When will the works be delivered?

The Cape York Region experiences an annual wet season which generally lasts from December through to April. During the wet season, flooding and boggy sections generally cause the closure of the Peninsula Developmental Road. As a result, Transport and Main Roads is restricted to carrying out construction between May and November, weather permitting.

## How is the funding being managed?

The Cape York Region Board will be managing this funding program. This is a multi-agency board jointly chaired by representatives from both the Australian and Queensland governments.

The Cape York Infrastructure Package Taskforce sits under the Board. It comprises individuals from Cape York, Regional Development Australia Far North Queensland and Torres Strait, along with representatives from a number of state government departments (see *reverse for Governance flowchart*).

### Further information

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# Cape York Region Package Program Board – Governance Arrangements

## Background

- On 16 January 2014, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Infrastructure and Regional Development (DIRD), the Hon Warren Truss MP and Federal Member for Leichhardt, the Hon Warren Entsch MP, announced a five-year, \$210 million Commonwealth funding package (to be delivered between 2014-15 and 2018-19) aimed at improving infrastructure in Cape York. An allocation of \$208.4 million towards this Cape York Region Package (CYRP) was subsequently confirmed in the May 2014 federal budget.
- Based on an 80:20 funding arrangement, the Queensland Government contribution is \$52.1 million, taking the total CYRP to \$260.5 million.

## Federal and State Ministers

- Provide Ministerial direction to the CYRP Program Board, as necessary (through responsible federal/state agencies)
- Approve prioritised program of CYRP works
- Approve other Program Board recommendations, as required

## CYRP Program Board functions

- Ensure CYRP governance and community consultation arrangements are established and adhered to
- Ensure strategic alignment with state and federal government policy objectives
- Oversee the development and delivery of:
  - prioritised program of CYRP works for consideration/approval of federal and state Ministers
  - CYRP Business Case
  - approved works to achieve overall best value, noting that Indigenous training and sustainable employment opportunities will be a key measure of success.
- Ensure compliance with federal/state procurement, administrative and reporting requirements

## CYRP Program Board membership

- DIRD: General Manager (North West Roads) – Roland Pittar (Joint Chair)
- TMR: General Manager (Portfolio Investment and Programming) – Les Dunn (Joint Chair)
- Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet: Acting State Manager (Indigenous Affairs Group) – Helena Wright
- Queensland Treasury: Director (Transport and Industry Group) – William Ryan
- Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships: Executive Director (Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office) – Allen Cunneen
- Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning: Deputy Director General (Local Government) – Steve Johnston
- Department of Infrastructure Local Government and Planning: Chief Economist, Executive Director (Infrastructure Policy and Planning) – Steve Kanowski

## CYRP decision-making responsibilities

### Roads and transport infrastructure

- DIRD: General Manager (North West Roads) for the Australian Government
- TMR: General Manager (Portfolio Investment and Programming) for the Queensland Government

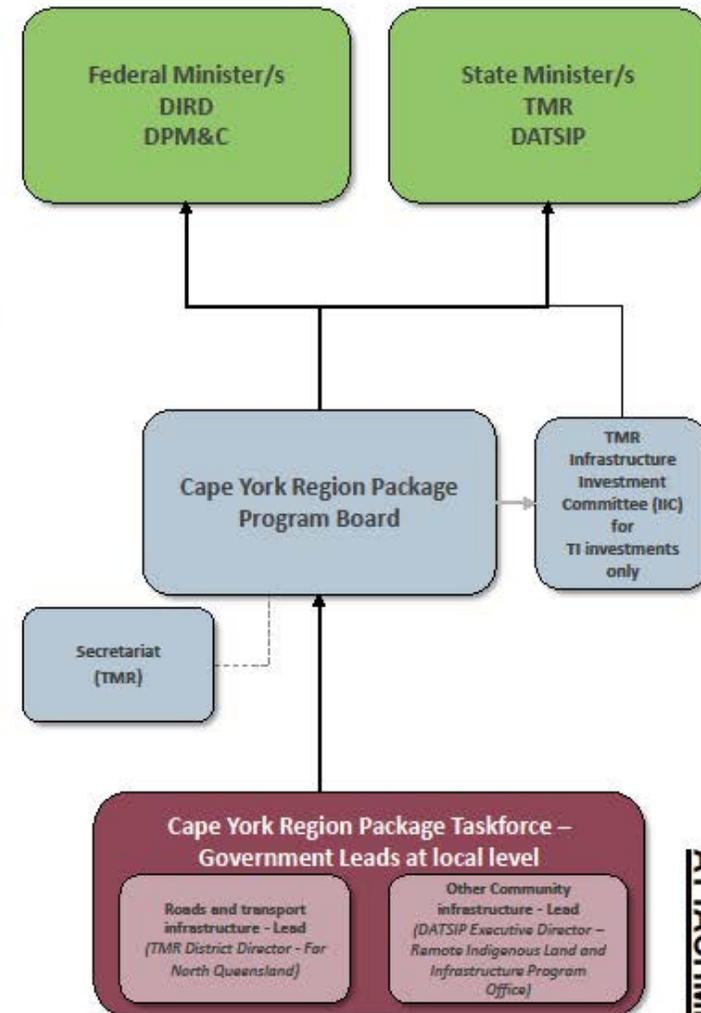
### Other community infrastructure

- DPM&C: Assistant Secretary (Remote Infrastructure Branch) for the Australian Government
- DATSIP: Executive Director (Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office) for the Queensland Government
- DILGP: Deputy Director General (Local Government) for the Queensland Government

## CYRP Taskforce – Chair Allan Dale, RDA (FNQ&TS); and Secretariat

- Comprises nominated representatives of Cape York Councils, communities and businesses and relevant federal and state government agencies
- Supported by the CYRP Sub-Working Group, the CYRP taskforce will:
  - proactively promote the CYRP within the wider Cape York community
  - influence the development of a program of priority works to inform business case development
  - ensure capabilities and capacity of Cape York communities to participate in the delivery of the CYRP are fully considered in both project selection and method of delivery, and Indigenous training and sustainable employment opportunities are a key measure of success
  - make recommendations to the Program Board through the appropriate local level Government Leads

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