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About the project
The Cape York Region Package is a $260.5 million program of works jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments to upgrade critical infrastructure on Cape York Peninsula.

Significant works are being delivered on the Peninsula Developmental Road (PDR) to extend the seal on this main transport link on Cape York.

The $200 million program of works on the PDR aims to improve accessibility to Cape York, support the growth of the local industry and secondary economies and strengthen local and Indigenous communities.

Progress
We have already made great headway to seal and open an additional 34km of the PDR at:
- Rocky Creek to Koolburra (11km)
- South of Sudley (16km)
- Kalinga to Healys (7km).

Apart from providing more sealed road, these projects have also delivered safe overtaking opportunities.

What’s coming up?
The 2016 construction program will continue to further seal sections of the PDR and will include:
- Coen South (22km)
- Archer to Wolverton (13km)
- Musgrave (12km).

What’s currently happening
Work is underway on four road sealing projects:
- Mein Deviation (north of the Archer River) (29km)
- South of Hann River (7km)
- Sourayas Hill (north of Coen Airport) (4.5km)
- South of Morehead River (4km).

At the same time, we are busy constructing 21 dams and identifying gravel sources to support works being delivered in 2016.

Peninsula Developmental Road Progressively extend the seal
November 2015
Director-General’s message

I recently had the opportunity to take a trip up to the very far north of the state to see how works are progressing on the Peninsula Developmental Road (PDR) between Lakeland and Weipa.

Currently there is a hive of road construction activity, with work underway on four sealing projects. These are the Mein Deviation, South of Hann River, Sourayas Hill and South of Morehead River.

I used the opportunity to meet with key stakeholders and locals from along the road. It was great to hear first-hand the challenges the locals face up there and how the sealing of the PDR will improve the accessibility and safety of people on the Cape.

I was very pleased with the reasonable and solution-focused attitudes of the people I met with. I’m sure you will agree this package of works on the PDR will drive economic development on the Cape.

We all need to work together to ensure its success and make it a positive experience for all concerned.

Neil Scales
Director-General
Department of Transport and Main Roads

What does a roadworks project look like?

There are many different activities that need to happen before the gravel roads are sealed with bitumen.

Doing these works means the road surface should last longer and provide a better travel experience.

Works include:
- earthworks to prepare the road surface
  - grading
  - carting and placing gravel
- improving and installing drainage
- preparing the pavement.

The benefits

Sealing more sections of the PDR will deliver huge benefits to Cape York residents, communities and visitors. It will:
- reduce road closures
- reduce ongoing road maintenance costs
- improve safety
- improve access to local roads
- improve access to the Cape for freight, tourists and other road users
- provide a platform for future economic development.

Drive to the conditions

With the flurry of roadworks activity underway, it’s important to take note of the changed traffic conditions, like lower speed limits, traffic controllers and single lane sections for your safety and that of roadworkers.

Just as important is driving to the conditions. Some safety tips below:

Watch your speed – Assess what is the safe speed of travel for you and your passengers at that point in time according to the conditions (weather, vehicles, driving skills, time of day, road surface and traffic).

Roadworker Safety – Please take care when driving through roadworks for your safety and those of roadworkers.

For further information go to:

Roadworks etiquette

On the PDR the dry season represents a chance for Transport and Main Roads to undertake road maintenance works. It’s highly likely motorists will encounter graders carrying out road maintenance works on the PDR.

Graders will be working up and down the road with or without rollers and a water truck. Motorists should not enter the area being graded if the grader and the road plant is approaching oncoming traffic.

Motorists should wait until they can follow the grader and other road plant at a safe distance through the job site. At the end of the run, the grader and road plant will pull over to turn around and let traffic on their way.

Project snapshot in numbers

- 194 m of culverts will be installed
- 951,073 litres of bitumen will be laid to seal the road
- 108,313 m³ of gravel (enough to fill 43.3 Olympic-size swimming pools) will be laid as pavement
- 179,467 m³ of fill material (enough to fill 71.8 Olympic-size swimming pools) will be installed