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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



**On behalf of the members of the Roads Alliance Board I have great pleasure in commending the third Roads Alliance Progress Report to you.**

The achievements of the Alliance are now becoming well embedded in the operations of both Main Roads and local governments throughout the State, and are well on the way to becoming “Business as usual” for both levels of Government.

The 2005-06 period has seen solid improvements in the performance of the Regional Road Groups (RRGs) across the state. It is particularly pleasing to note the general improvement in the manner in which the five year program development process has occurred. This builds strongly on the work undertaken in the previous periods.

It is also very pleasing to reflect on the level of support provided by the Government for the Roads Alliance through the allocation of ongoing additional funding, such as the of \$7 M announced by the Honourable Minister for Transport and Main Roads at the 2005 Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Conference. As outlined in the 2005-06 to 2009-10 Roads Implementation Program, state and local governments will invest some \$2.35 billion across five years into the preservation and improvement of the LRRS network in Queensland. This includes some \$878 million in special initiatives funded by the state government. This funding is proof of the value of the Alliance and represents a great dividend on the investments in time and resources made by all parties in the initial years of the establishment of the Alliance.

While the Alliance is primarily about roads, it is also about building relationships and their importance to achieving outcomes of mutual interest. The Roads Alliance has redefined how Main Roads and local governments undertake the business of Queensland road construction and maintenance.

The Roads Alliance continues to be a high priority for Main Roads. The recent organisational restructure reinforces this commitment with the newly created position of General Manager (Organisational Positioning and Stakeholder Relations) having functional responsibility for progressing the Roads Alliance.

The Alliance Board has also significantly strengthened the future capability of the Alliance through its decision to allow up to 5% of the new Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) Roads Alliance funding to be used to maintain and enhance RRG capability. This decision was made in direct response to feedback received from RRGs and will help to ensure the ongoing success of the Alliance.

The achievement of the Roads Alliance and the spirit in which it has developed has also been highlighted in the 2005 Excellence Awards which were announced at the LGAQ Infrastructure Symposium in early 2006. Details of the award winners are outlined in this report. The biannual RRG Assemblies have also continued to be excellent opportunities to share learnings from others experience.

There is a great opportunity to expand the Alliance and I am sure the good achievements to date will place us in good stead for further developments of the existing strong partnership arrangements. Throughout 2006-07 there will be a substantial commitment to consolidate across all groups what has been achieved so far.

I also note that there has been an evolution in composition of some RRGs with the recent request by the Central Queensland RRG to establish a separate identity for the Central Highlands Regional Road Partnership (CRRRP) sub-group. This request has been supported by the Alliance Board and is a measure of the flexibility of the Alliance to respond to local needs.

Finally, I wish to specifically mention the efforts of the Roads Alliance project team who travel the length and breadth of the state to support the activities of RRGs. A sincere thankyou is extended to this group of dedicated people. In particular I want to recognise the contribution made over the past five years of Mr Les Dunn, who has now moved on to a different role within Main Roads. Les has strongly supported the translation of the key ideas and principles of the Roads Alliance into practical operation, and has helped provide day to day leadership to the Operations and Management Committee.

**Alan Tesch**  
Chair