

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Mighty makeover continues on Barcaldine-Aramac Road

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The Barcaldine-Aramac Road provides vital access for the cattle, mining and agriculture industries to Townsville and other major centres in Northern Queensland, and has the highest non-highway traffic volumes in the Central West District.

In recent years, more than \$22 million in widening works have been delivered to improve a large stretch of the 67-kilometre road.

This latest phase of work builds on that achievement, widening and rehabilitating another priority five-kilometre section of road to a safer, more consistent width of eight metres.

This newest upgrade included two separate projects totalling \$5.4 million fully funded by the Queensland Government.

Quotes attributable to Transport and Main Roads Central Queensland Regional Director Dave Grosse

"Another five-kilometre section of the Barcaldine-Aramac Road has been widened and rehabilitated to improve safety, reliability and overtaking opportunities.

"While a majority of the works have been completed ahead of the Christmas period, the final seal will be laid mid next year once the new widened bitumen has cured.

"With the completion of these works, more than 31 kilometres of the 67-kilometre long road has been widened in recent years. Add this to pre-existing sections of the road that already have a pavement width of eight metres, and almost 80 per cent of the entire road is now eight metres wide."

Quotes attributable to Barcaldine Regional Council Mayor Councillor Rob Chandler:

"The Barcaldine-Aramac Road is one of the most utilised roads in the Central West and our council crews are proud to be a key part of its ongoing upgrade.

"The continued focus on improving this road is a strong example of state and local governments working together to realise a common goal of providing safer, more reliable and efficient roads in regional Queensland."

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