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Major slip repairs now complete on Bruce Highway, south of Cairns

- Reconstruction works are now complete on two sites on the Bruce Highway, one site south of Deeral and one south of Miriwinni.
- The damage was caused by Tropical Cyclone Jasper, associated flooding, and a tropical low event in January and February 2025.
- Both sites are now fully reopened to two-lane traffic with the 100-kilometre-per-hour speed limit reinstated.

The Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads has now completed reconstruction works on two upslope slip sites on the Bruce Highway, one of which is south of Deeral and the other is south of Miriwinni.

The recovery works are jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

The sites were damaged during Tropical Cyclone Jasper and associated flooding, and the tropical low event at the start of the year.

Significant repair works included:

- slope stabilisation
- installation of long term sub-horizontal drainage
- rockfall mesh
- anchors and erosion control mats

With both sites now repaired, all temporary traffic restrictions have been removed. The reduced speed limit and traffic barriers are no longer in place, and both lanes are open under normal road conditions.

Transport and Main Roads Acting Regional Director (North Queensland), Brendan Clancy said that repairing the Bruce Highway is a priority for the Queensland Government, with a focus on ensuring safety and reliability for motorists.

“Keeping the Bruce Highway safe and reliable is a priority,” Mr Clancy said.

"Repairing these slips means motorists can travel this section of the Bruce Highway safely and without restriction."

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Images can be found here:

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