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Mount Spec Road reconstruction progresses with next stage underway

- Significant emergency repairs and design work have been completed on Mount Spec Road.
- Reconstruction works are set to begin in October 2025, with Civil Mining & Construction Pty Ltd awarded the contract.
- The road sustained extensive damage in early 2025, with more than 60 landslips caused by an extreme rainfall event.

Significant progress has been made on the reconstruction of Mount Spec Road near Townsville, with emergency repairs, geotechnical investigations, and design work completed to prepare for the next phase of works.

To date, emergency repairs have restored safe access to the road, while geotechnical investigations have informed treatment options and preliminary designs for the reconstruction.

North Queensland Regional Director, Ross Hodgman from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) said the early efforts have laid a strong foundation for the reconstruction project.

"Since the damage occurred, we've been working hard behind the scenes to ensure the road can be restored as quickly and safely as possible. This has included emergency repairs, detailed geotechnical investigations, and the development of 16 design packages to address the extensive damage," Mr. Hodgman said.

At 16 sites, hydromulch has been applied for erosion control, stabilising soil and promoting vegetation growth on steep or disturbed terrain. With this groundwork complete, the Queensland Government has awarded the reconstruction contract to Civil Mining & Construction Pty Ltd, a contractor with extensive experience in delivering complex infrastructure projects.

Early works, scheduled to begin in October 2025 (weather and construction conditions permitting), will focus on reducing risks at two critical landslip sites. This will allow the removal of the restricted access permit system currently in place. Geotechnical treatments such as shotcreting, soil nailing, and gabion baskets will be used, alongside landscaping to restore the road to its pre-event function.



The damage to Mount Spec Road was caused by an extreme rainfall event in early 2025, which resulted in more than 60 landslips. The recovery works are jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

"This will not be a quick fix due to the scale of the damage and the complexity of the repairs," Mr. Hodgman said.

"We are committed to working with the contractor to minimise disruptions during construction and will continue to keep the community informed as the project progresses."

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