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Replacement of Malbon River Crossing on Cloncurry-Dajarra Road

- Improvement works have begun on Malbon River Crossing on Cloncurry-Dajarra Road to improve safety and reliability for North West Queensland.
- The project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments under the State Road Network Upgrades (SRNU) program.
- Works will stabilise the road, which has experienced ongoing challenges during wet seasons, including flooding and closures.

The Queensland Government is delivering vital improvement works on the Malbon River floodway on the Cloncurry–Dajarra Road to enhance safety, reliability, and connectivity for North West Queensland.

This essential route supports the cattle grazing and mining industries, provides access for remote communities, and serves as a key route for tourists.

The floodway, which has faced challenges during the wet season with flooding and road closures, is set to undergo a significant upgrade.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will deliver a wider, two-lane sealed crossing, raise the floodway to improve flood resilience, and enhance the road's geometry to improve safety and visibility.

The new structure will be constructed about 30 metres downstream of the existing floodway crossing.

The project will deliver safer road approaches and a wider, sealed crossing to improve safety for all road users, enhancing transport and freight efficiency by providing a reliable crossing that accommodates heavy freight vehicles, reducing delays and ensuring smoother operations for industries.

By minimising closures during wet weather, the upgrade will provide a more dependable route, supporting economic growth and regional connectivity.

The upgraded crossing will feature an eight-metre-wide sealed surface, designed to handle heavy loads and frequent freight movements for the beef and mining industries.

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Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King said the Australian Government was committed to supporting regional Queensland by investing in critical infrastructure like the Malbon River floodway upgrade.

“By delivering projects like upgrading the Malbon River crossing, we are ensuring regional Australians have the infrastructure they need to stay connected, grow their local economies, and build resilience against challenges like seasonal flooding,” Ms King said.

Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads Brent Mickelberg said the upgrade to the Malbon River floodway would deliver significant benefits to North West Queensland.

“By replacing the single-lane crossing with a wider, two-lane structure and improving flood resilience, we’re delivering safer, more reliable access for locals, industries, and tourists alike,” Mr Mickelberg said.

“The Cloncurry–Dajarra Road is a critical link for the cattle grazing and mining industries, as well as for the remote communities and visitors who rely on it every day.

“We are committed to investing in regional infrastructure that makes a real difference. This project is part of our broader strategy to deliver safer roads, stronger connections, and better outcomes for all Queenslanders.”

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