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Stage 2 Cape York Region Package continues

- Cape York Region Package Stage 2 works continue on the Peninsula Developmental Road to improve connectivity and resilience across the Cape.
- Seven projects have now been completed under Stage 2 with four more pave and seal projects now commencing.
- More than 200 kilometres of the Peninsula Developmental Road has now been sealed under Stages 1 and 2.

Cape York Region Package Stage 2 road upgrades are continuing to improve connectivity and resilience along the Peninsula Developmental Road for remote communities, freight operators and essential services across Cape York.

Works is now underway on the first of the final four paving projects to be delivered along the Peninsula Developmental Road before the end of 2029, with two more projects set to commence later this year.

The projects include 2.4 kilometres between Yarraden and Coen, 2.4 kilometres between Laura and Musgrave, and two projects totalling 9.3 kilometres between Musgrave and Yarraden.

Seven Stage 2 projects have already been completed along the Peninsula Developmental Road, including the Archer River and Saltwater Creek bridge upgrades.

Sealing works have also been completed on Aurukun Access Road, Portland Roads Road (Lockhart River Access Road) and Strathgordon Road (Pormpuraaw Access Road) through the Community Access Roads Program, with works delivered by local councils on behalf of the Queensland Government.

Work is also continuing to seal a 20.3-kilometre section of Northern Peninsula Road.

The Peninsula Developmental Road is a vital transport corridor supporting access to health services, freight, education, tourism and economic opportunities across Cape York.

Cape York Region Package Stage 2 works are jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments.

All works on the Peninsula Developmental Road are carried out under an agreement with the Traditional Owners, known as the Peninsula Developmental Road

Indigenous Land Use Agreement, which sets out practical targets for generating economic opportunities, training and local industry participation.

Department of Transport and Main Roads Acting Regional Director Brendan Clancy said the Cape York Region Package has delivered a broad range of direct, indirect and ongoing benefits for local workers, businesses and residents throughout Cape York.

“With more than 200 kilometres sealed to date under stages 1 and 2, the PDR is an access lifeline for some of Australia’s most remote communities,” Mr Clancy said.

"Each additional kilometre of bitumen seal improves connectivity between communities and accessibility to essential services, while improving safety and travel times.

“Each new section of sealed road helps improve year-round access, reduce maintenance requirements and shorten travel times for Cape York communities.

“Stage 2 set a target of \$17 million for Indigenous economic opportunity and I’m proud to say we’ve exceeded that by investing almost \$50 million with Indigenous businesses and communities.”

Planning is underway for the next stage of the Cape York Region Package, subject to negotiations with the Australian Government.

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