

Road reconstruction – Lockyer Valley and Ipswich regions



The Department of Transport and Main Roads is undertaking road reconstruction works in the Lockyer Valley and Ipswich regions as part of Operation Queenslander.

Operation Queenslander is the largest reconstruction effort in Queensland’s history, rebuilding communities, fixing infrastructure and restoring regional economies after recent flooding and cyclone events.

As a result of these events, 101 kms of the road network throughout the Lockyer Valley and Ipswich regions was damaged in some way. This damage ranged from potholes to major embankment slips and some roads being completely washed away.

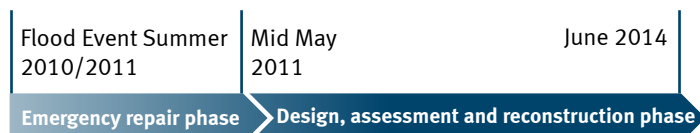
The department worked closely with communities, local government, industry and other government agencies to reopen as much of the damaged transport network as quickly as possible. All roads were re-opened by 11 March 2011.

Delivering the program

The department’s first priorities are to connect communities, assist businesses in getting back to normal operations and restoring Queensland’s transport network to pre-disaster condition.

While emergency repairs have been carried out and all roads re-opened, this is just the first step in the process of returning roads in the Lockyer Valley and Ipswich back to a safe and resilient standard.

The timeline below displays how the program has moved from emergency repairs (getting the roads reopened and safe) into the long term reconstruction activities.



Funding

This \$478 million program of works is being delivered under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), a joint federal and state initiative.

Under these arrangements, the Australian Government provides 75% of the funding, with 25% from the Queensland Government.

The reconstruction works will be undertaken throughout the Lockyer Valley and Ipswich regions within the next three years.



Flood damage on Murphys Creek Road

Safety

From 2011 to 2014, the department will deliver numerous long-term reconstruction projects. During this time there will be a significant amount of construction occurring across the road network throughout the Lockyer Valley and Ipswich regions.

While this reconstruction occurs, there will be roadworks and changed traffic conditions across the network. The department asks motorists for their patience while these important repairs take place.

Road users will be kept up to date on upcoming roadworks and changes to traffic conditions. Please keep a look out in your local paper and listen to radio for any planned changes.

For up-to-date information on traffic disruptions, please phone 13 19 40 or visit www.131940.qld.gov.au.

Interesting facts

- 101 kms of road were damaged in Lockyer Valley and Ipswich during the floods.
- Over 100,000 tonnes of asphalt was used during the recovery work on the Warrego Highway.
- The Department of Transport and Main Roads worked with local contractors including maintenance contractors from Ipswich City Council, Lockyer Valley Regional Council and RoadTek to deliver emergency recovery works.



Lockyer Valley and Ipswich regions – flood damaged roads

The map below displays the flood damaged roads throughout the Lockyer Valley and Ipswich. Immediately following the flood event, the department worked to deliver emergency repairs to reopen these roads as quickly as possible. The department is now examining the long-term reconstruction needs to be delivered over the next three years.



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