

7.12. QUARTERLY UPDATE INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY PROGRAMS - Q2 25/26FY

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Infrastructure Recovery Report Quarter 2 2025/2026 Financial Year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the progress of projects under the Infrastructure Recovery programs for quarter 2 (Q2) 2025/2026 financial year (FY). Activities for this quarter focussed on maximising construction progress and preparation for the wet season, achieving a 59% total program completion rate, putting the DRFA program ahead of schedule.

Additionally, this report will now refer to the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements – Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (DRFA), Water and Sewerage Infrastructure Program (WSIP) and other relevant funded programs that address all Civil and Water infrastructure programs within the Infrastructure Recovery unit.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS / RESOLUTIONS

Not applicable

REPORT/BACKGROUND

Considerations:

The second quarter of the financial year has seen an increase in preparation for the upcoming wet season. Considerations for this quarter included:

Noah Creek Bridge causeway

Ahead of the wet season the delivery team established a support crew to assist with accessibility for heavy vehicles above 16 tonne to traverse via the existing causeway. The causeway does have limitations; however, Council has worked with various authorities for the construction of a bypass to occur post wet season to support Bridge construction

Taylors Crossing

During this quarter the progress on Taylors Crossing was halted due to conflicts between the design and cultural heritage matters. The delivery team has been working with traditional owners towards a resolution with a revised design proposal in development. Further progress will be provided in the Q3 report.

Comments:

As of 31 December, the overall program for the infrastructure recovery works achieved 73 percent completion, positioning the overall delivery program ahead of schedule. The delivery team continues to monitor critical milestones and mitigate risk.

Council received additional funding under the January 2025 Monsoon event QRA activation. This report will incorporate a revised table summary in the attachment and will be reflected in subsequent quarterly updates.

Noah Creek Bridge

Approvals for the new Noah Creek Bridge are in place; the temporary bypass applications have been lodged with the relevant authorities and are progressing well with construction expected to start in Q4 of the 2025/2026 financial year.

Lees Bridge

Lee's Bridge is currently on track for completion in Q4 of the 2025/2026 financial year.

Alexandra Range Landslips

The delivery team completed all original approved landslip sites plus three additional sites approved prior to the Christmas period. As a result, Alexandra Range has been opened to full road width. There are two additional sites that have been on monitor pending approval in early 2026. These sites are expected to commence post-wet season. Minor traffic management will be required during construction, and further updates will follow in due course.

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road Landslips

Traffic management and erosion and sediment controls have been maintained across all sites to ensure safe access and protect works during and after the Christmas shutdown. Temporary traffic controls, including signals, water-filled barriers, bollards, and Stop/Slow arrangements, remain in place where required. Erosion controls such as bunds, geofabric, coir logs, sandbags, and silt fencing were installed and adjusted in line with site conditions and environmental audit recommendations, with plant demobilised during the break and remobilised as works resumed.

Unsealed Roads Packages

Works on the remaining Unsealed Roads packages are substantially completed, with the Christmas closedown and inclement weather delaying the remaining works. Works on the remaining are anticipated to be completed during Q3 2025/2026 financial year weather dependent.

January 2025 Monsoon Event Funding

The activation of DRFA Funding for the monsoon event in January 2025 saw five submissions of approx. \$9.25million. Three of these submissions were approved during this quarter.

Water and Sewerage Infrastructure Program (WSIP)

Council has officially received funding for the WSIP water program in December 2025. Subsequently, the infrastructure recovery delivery team will be reporting on this program, similar to the DRFA program, as per attachment 2.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Funding for the projects is fully recoverable under the DRFA & WSIP arrangements. As a result, there are no financial implications for Council.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The purpose of this report is to report on the progress of the Infrastructure Recovery programs in accordance with legislation and Council Policy. Failure to report may result in a breach of Council Policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

CORPORATE AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2025-2030 Initiatives:

Theme 4 - Recovery and Resilience

To partner with community to build resilience against natural disasters creating a strong sense of social capital.

4.2 - Deliver infrastructure asset restoration and betterment.

Operational Plan 2025-2026 Actions:

4.1.2 - Maintain effective communication relating to Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement projects.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Procurement Policy

CONSULTATION

The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements update will fall within the “inform” category of Council’s Community Engagement Framework.

Internal: Infrastructure Recovery, Finance, Senior Leadership team

External: Queensland Reconstruction Authority, Community Road Reference Group

CONCLUSION

Following the previous quarterly report, Council has continued to work on numerous risk mitigation measures around construction resourcing to prepare for the wet season. This has proved effective during the October-December quarter with 59% total program completion.

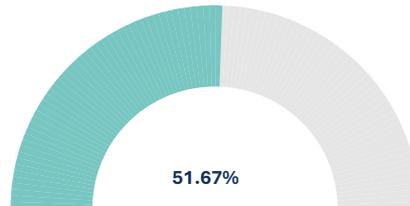
ATTACHMENTS

1. DRFA OCM Report Q 2 F Y 25-26 (DRF A) [7.12.1 - 2 pages]
2. DRFA OCM Report Q 2 F Y 25-26 (Water) [7.12.2 - 2 pages]



Event	EST Total Funding	Total Committed	Remaining Budget
TC Jasper	\$ 162,573,520.57	\$ 119,343,600.94	\$ 43,229,919.63
January 2025 Monsoon	\$ 2,187,486.11	\$ 126,317.59	\$ 2,061,168.52

Percentage of Funding Received to Date



Program Delivery Complete

TC Jasper



January 2025 Monsoon



Note:

1. The 'Percentage of Funding Received to Date' incorporates all funding related to both events.
2. The funding received will lag behind the program delivery as funding can only be claimed after works are completed once the initial 30% of project payment is exhausted.
3. The above 'Program Delivery Complete' has changed from the previous report to better represent the delivery of the programmed works.



DRFA REPA Contracts (Jasper)

Contract No	Description	Contract Value	Award Date	Construction Start	Construction Complete (%)
2024-6372	Unsealed Roads - South of Daintree	\$ 2,950,619.78	13/08/2024	30/09/2024	100%
2024-6371	Unsealed Roads - Daintree to Cape Tribulation	\$ 4,325,344.84	9/08/2024	25/10/2024	100%
2024-087	Unsealed Roads - 10 Mile/ ZigZag /China Camp	\$ 5,227,108.71	15/04/2025	28/07/2025	80%
2024-088	Unsealed Roads - Banabilla, Idriess, Evergreen	\$ 675,087.85	15/04/2025	28/07/2025	80%
2024-6544	Unsealed Roads - CTBR	\$ 3,556,943.32	10/04/2025	28/07/2025	75%
2024-6344...	Landslips - Alexandra Range 1, 2, 3	\$ 3,872,418.00	5/04/2024	19/04/2024	100%
2024-089	Landslips - Alexandra Range 8a, 9, 10, 11	\$ 2,028,139.00	23/09/2024	26/11/2024	100%
2024-090	Landslips - Alexandra Range 3b, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 21, 22	\$ 6,280,875.90	11/10/2024	26/11/2024	100%
2024-081	Landslips - Noah Range Slip Descaling	\$ 16,383,375.00	18/09/2024	24/09/2024	33%
2024-091	Landslips - South of Daintree	\$ 10,812,768.80	10/04/2025	18/08/2025	80%
2024-6558	Landslips - Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road	\$ 13,776,985.10	10/04/2025	16/06/2025	40%
2025-020	Landslips - China Camp Road	In Procurement	-	-	12%
2025-018	Noah Creek Bridge	\$ 8,485,689.63	19/08/2025	TBC	12%
2024-094	Lees Bridge & Taylors Crossing	\$ 6,688,996.74	12/05/2025	30/06/2025	31%
2024-108	Concrete Roads - Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road	\$ 872,828.93	10/04/2025	25/07/2025	100%
2024-6542	Mossman Gorge Road	\$ 796,447.00	7/11/2024	19/11/2024	100%
	Betterment - Donovans to Bloomfield River	In Development	-	-	10%
	Betterment - Collins Creek	In Development	-	-	10%
	Betterment - Forest Creek Road	In Development	-	-	10%
	Betterment -Whyanbeel	In Development	-	-	10%

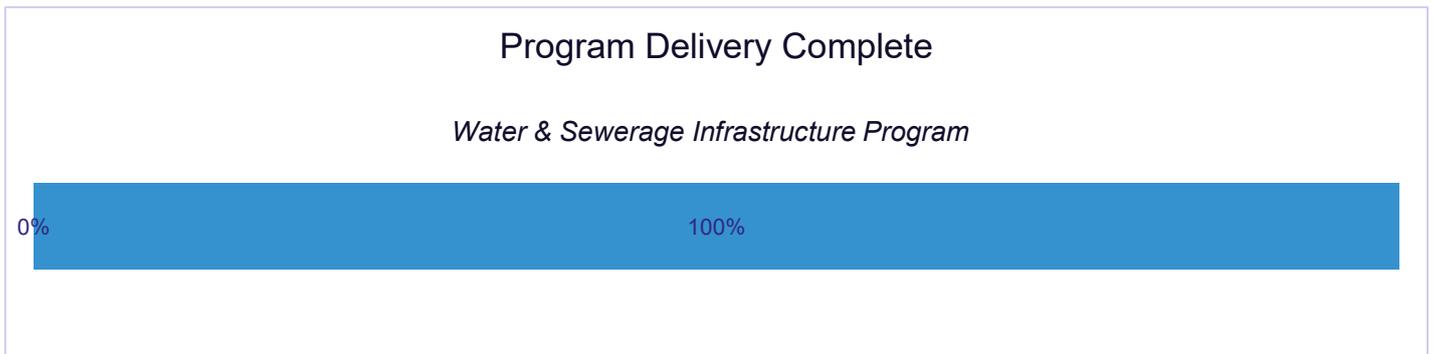
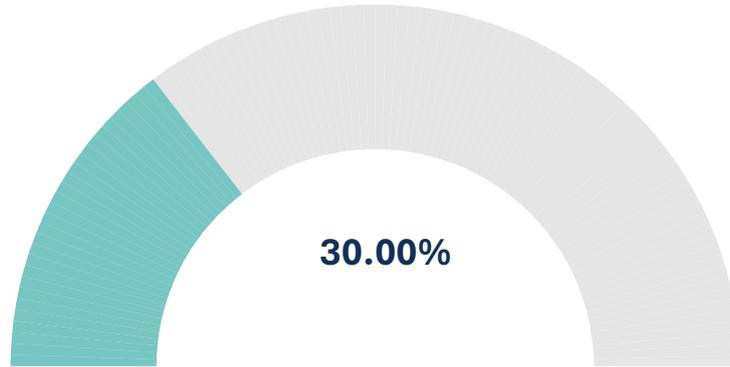
DRFA REPA Contracts (2025 Monsoon)

Contract No	Description	Contract Value	Award Date	Construction Start	Project Complete (%)
2025-019	Douglas Shire Area Sealed Roads	Awaiting Funding Approval	-	-	0%
2025-021	Woobadda Bridge	In Development	-	-	10%
	Unsealed Roads - Creb Track and CTBR	In Development	-	-	0%
	Landslips - Cape Tribulation Road - AR26	In Development	-	-	5%



Water & Sewerage Infrastructure Program	EST Total Funding	Total Committed	Remaining Budget
	\$ 46,730,198.90	\$ 1,814,105.76	\$ 44,916,093.14

Percentage of Funding Received to Date



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Water & Sewerage Infrastructure Program Contracts

Contract No	Description	Contract Value	Award Date	Construction Start	Construction Complete (%)
	Whyanbeel Main Replacement	In Development			0%
	Wonga Reservoir - Refurbishment and Recommissioning	In Development			0%
	Daintree Village Water Supply - Contingency Bore	In Development			0%
	Whyanbeel WTP - Reliability Improvements	In Development			0%
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	Mossman WTP - Installation of Ultraspin Solids Separator	In Development			0%
	Mossman WTP - Reliability Improvement Works	In Development			0%
	Replace Water Articulation Aerial Crossings with Underbores	In Development			0%
	Rex Creek Intake and Marr Creek Scour	In Development			0%
	Little Falls Creek Slip Stabilisation	In Development			0%
	Water and Sewerage Condition Assessment Program	In Development			0%
	Cooya Beach Reservoir Refurbishment	In Development			0%
	Mossman Raw Water Storage (+ MRI Project with WISER)	In Development			0%
	Watermains - District Metering and Pressure Management	In Development			0%
	Critical Water Mains Replacement	In Development			0%
	Operational Water Supply and Sewerage Infrastructure Planning	In Development			0%