

## 7.14. QUARTERLY REPORT (Q3) INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY

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### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council note the Infrastructure Recovery Report Quarter 3 2025/2026 Financial Year.**

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the progress of projects under the Infrastructure Recovery Program for Quarter 3 (Q3) of the 2025/2026 financial year (FY). Activities during this quarter focused on Counter Disaster Operations (CDO) and emergent works associated with wet season disaster events to maintain safe community access, undertake damage pick-up activities, and prepare for dry season construction.

The program is 64% complete, putting the DRFA program ahead of schedule. While good progress has been achieved, some sites have received further damage due to the 2026-activation event.

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

The third quarter of the financial year saw the team continuing to support the community through the delivery of 2026 Counter Disaster Operations (CDO) works and emergent works to maintain safe community access and undertake damage pick-up activities associated with new events in the wet season. At the same time, significant effort was directed towards preparing for the recommencement of Cyclone Jasper recovery projects following the wet season to maximise the available dry season construction window and support project delivery prior to the next wet season.

Key considerations during this quarter included:

### **Noah Creek Bridge causeway**

All relevant approvals required to commence construction of the bypass and new bridge have been secured.

The contract for construction is awarded.

The project will commence on Monday, 20 April 2026.

The first two months of construction will see clearing and construction of the Bypass. On completion, new bridge construction will commence with planned opening prior to the wet season.

The community has been notified regarding the traffic management arrangements that will be in place during the construction phase.

Of interest, the Councils Nursery team is supporting the collection and potting of protected plant species. The Nursery team is also coordinating replacement seedlings to support revegetation of disturbed areas, assist with environmental restoration, and ensure compliance with relevant approval conditions.

### **Taylor's Crossing**

During this quarter, progress on the Taylor's Crossing project resumed, with the contractor commencing mobilisation and site establishment activities.

As the revised alignment is close to an area containing protected plant species (no direct impact), an additional approval application was triggered and subsequently lodged.

The delivery team completed the revised design in consultation with the Traditional Owners, who have confirmed their support and approval for the updated alignment.

Overall, the project is progressing in accordance with the revised schedule and remains on track for completion by December 2026. A formal extension of time has also been received from QRA.

Further progress updates will be provided in the Q4 report.

### **Lees Bridge**

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

### **Noah Range Slip Descaling**

Works resumed following the Christmas break in Q3 and are currently anticipated to be completed in Q1 26/27 FY, weather permitting.

### **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, which received QRA approval for funding in early 2026. These sites will now undergo planning, and procurement in preparation for delivery.

### **Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road Landslips**

Of the 11 sites included within this package, works have been completed at 5 sites, approximately 80% of works have been completed across a further 4 sites, and approximately 10% of works have commenced on the final site.

### **Unsealed Roads Packages**

Works across the remaining Unsealed Roads packages are substantially completed. However, due to significant damage sustained during the 2026 weather event, consideration

is currently being given to the impact of revised scope on existing packages. Damage assessments and emergent works are still underway, and the implications associated with the additional damage are currently being evaluated

### **January 2025 Monsoon Event Funding**

The activation of DRFA Funding for the monsoon event in January 2025 saw five submissions. Three of these submissions were approved during this quarter. The remaining submission outcomes are expected in Q4.

### **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 3 - Service Delivery**

We deliver Council services effectively and efficiently to meet community expectations, focusing on the wellbeing of both the community and our employees.

**3.7 - Identify and manage risk.**

#### **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:**

3.1.3 - Present Operational Plan Quarterly Progress Report to Council (and publish on Council's website).

## **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.

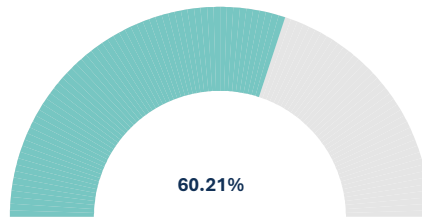
## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Infrastructure Recovery Q 3 F 25-26 DRFA Update [7.14.1 - 2 pages]
2. Infrastructure Recovery Q 3 F 25-26 WSIP Update [7.14.2 - 2 pages]



Event	EST Total Funding	Total Committed	Remaining Budget
TC Jasper	\$ 162,573,520.57	\$ 121,163,403.28	\$ 41,410,117.29
January 2025 Monsoon	\$ 2,187,486.11	\$ 145,072.82	\$ 2,042,413.29

Percentage of Funding Received to Date

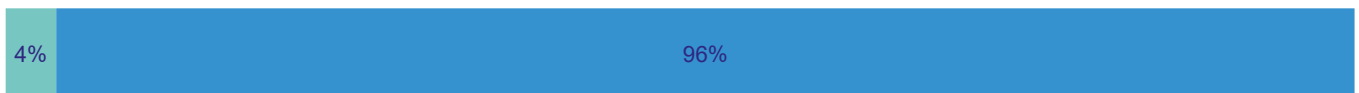


Program Delivery Complete

*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	60%
2024-091	Landslips - South of Daintree	\$ 10,812,768.80	10/04/2025	18/08/2025	90%
2024-6558	Landslips - Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road	\$ 13,776,985.10	10/04/2025	16/06/2025	80%
2025-020	Landslips - China Camp Road	In Procurement	-	-	20%
2025-018	Noah Creek Bridge	\$ 8,485,689.63	19/08/2025	TBC	25%
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%

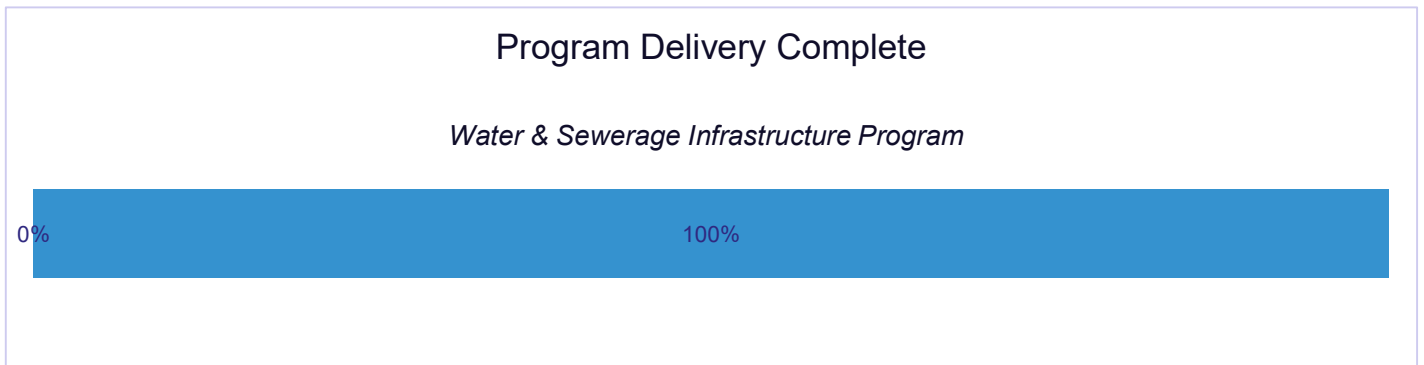
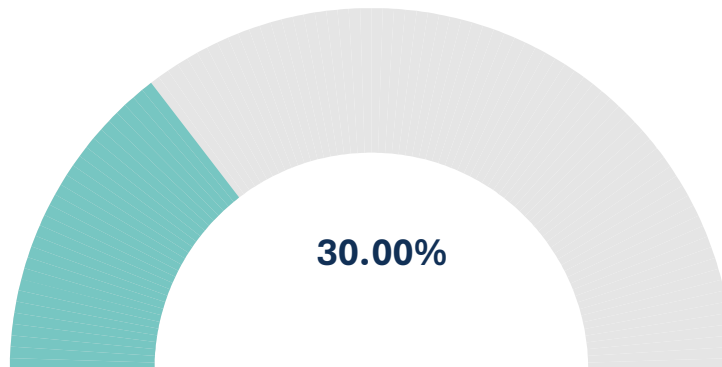
**DRFA REPA Contracts (2025 Monsoon)**

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	\$ 2,149,573.35	\$ 44,580,625.55

### Percentage of Funding Received to Date



**Note:**

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.



**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%
	Whyanbeel Water Supply - Contingency Bore	In Development			0%
	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%