



Inland Queensland Roads Action Project

Driving Productivity, Economic Development and Safety



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IQ-RAP makes the National Infrastructure Priority List

The strategic inland Queensland road network has been named as a nationally significant priority on Infrastructure Australia's *2020 Infrastructure Priority List*. This is a major achievement for the Inland Queensland Roads Action Project (IQ-RAP) and all 34 funding partners.

The project covers nearly 70% of Queensland (16% of Australia) across 28 local government areas. Partners include the 28 local governments, five Regional Development Australia committees and RACQ including Boulia Shire Council.

The IQ-RAP vision is to increase the quality and accessibility of the inland Queensland road network, contributing to Australia's productivity, quality of life, safety and equity outcomes.

Boulia Shire Council Mayor, Rick Britton said "The recognition of the inland Queensland road network as being nationally significant is a major win."

"It was an important goal of IQ-RAP" said Mayor Britton, "as it will support all 28 local governments to bid for funding to upgrade roads and bridges of strategic importance to our local businesses and communities".

Infrastructure Australia's *Infrastructure Priority List* is the authoritative list of nationally significant infrastructure investments Australia needs over the next 15 years. The Priority List provides independent, evidence-based advice to governments and industry on the projects that will most benefit Australia's communities.

Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland developed and has provided secretariat and project management to IQ-RAP since 2013 including making the submission for IQ-RAP recommendations to be considered in the 2020 Infrastructure Priority List. The submission summary is available to download via their website, under Inland Queensland Roads Action Project (IQ-RAP) (www.rdanwq.org.au).

The *Infrastructure Priority List* will be available at <https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/> See page 155 for "Queensland inland road network upgrade".

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