



Media release

Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines

The Honourable Anthony Lynham

CQ wins \$8 mill for Xmas infrastructure wish list

More than \$8 million from the Palaszczuk Government will help fund a Christmas infrastructure wish list for central Queensland communities from Miriam Vale to Tambo.

Minister for State Development Dr Anthony Lynham today announced the government's \$8 million contribution towards about \$13.4 million worth of projects supporting strong infrastructure such as road upgrades and water treatment plants.

Dr Lynham said the projects, also supported by local government, would support more than 40 jobs as well as potential new economic development.

"This investment in critical regional infrastructure demonstrates our government's commitment to sustainable regional Queensland communities," he said.

"These projects are some of the 42 critical infrastructure projects receiving more than \$70 million from our \$200 million *Building our Regions* program.

"Statewide the government's \$70 million contribution is attracting a further \$159 million investment from council and other organisations.

"Regional communities are the backbone of our economy, and *Building our Regions* projects will deliver almost 700 jobs in this first round, as well the flow-on economic development," Dr Lynham said.

Four projects have been funded across central Queensland, including a \$4.2 million contribution to sealing the last 15 kilometres of Carnarvon Gorge Road and a \$1 million contribution towards extending sewerage at Mount Morgan.

Miriam Vale will receive a \$1.59 million contribution towards a water treatment plant and Tambo can expect the recommissioning of the saw-mill to be funded as well.

Dr Lynham said regional collaboration was a key factor in the program.

"I would like to thank the four councils - Blackall-Tambo, Central Highlands, Rockhampton and Gladstone - for their contributions to ensure the various projects got off the ground," he said.

Dr Lynham said he relied on the independent assessment of his Department of State Development in approving funding.

"This contrasts with the previous LNP Government's regional infrastructure program and the various serious findings of the Queensland Audit Office (QAO)," he said.

"The QAO audit report of the LNP's program found that the former Deputy Premier did not follow Departmental advice in approving funding, didn't document his reasons for doing so and consistently favoured funding projects in LNP electorates.

“Treasurer Curtis Pitt has referred the report to the Crime and Corruption Commission for consideration and appropriate action.”

Applications for the next round will open next year.

Projects funded in central Queensland are:

Location	Total cost	State Govt contribution
Tambo	\$487,250	\$262,250
Rolleston (Carnarvon Gorge Road)	\$8.5 million	\$4.25 million
Mount Morgan	\$2 million	\$1 million
Miriam Vale	\$3.44 million	\$1.59 million

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