

SUPPORTING REGIONAL ROADS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

PLANNING FOR GROWTH AND KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE

Across the region we are seeing continued growth in renewable energy and resource projects.

This is bringing investment, jobs and new opportunities.

It also means more vehicles on our local roads, including heavy haulage, contractors, workforce transport and freight.

Our roads connect everything we do.

They take children to school, workers to job sites, volunteers to events and families to medical appointments.

When road networks come under pressure, it affects daily life as much as industry activity.

We are proud to play a critical role in Queensland's economic strength.

What we are seeking is a coordinated approach to planning and investment in the roads that support this work and keep our communities moving safely.

↓ WHY IT MATTERS?

Many of our roads were not built for the traffic volumes that major project delivery now requires.

As construction activity increases, councils are seeing faster road wear, more maintenance pressure and higher long-term costs.

When funding does not keep pace with use, the strain shifts to local government and local ratepayers.

It also increases travel times and safety risks for families, workers, school buses and emergency services.

Growth should benefit our communities.

It should not weaken the essential infrastructure that keeps them functioning.

→ WHAT WE'RE ADVOCATING FOR

- **Early road planning**
Key transport and haulage routes should be identified before project approvals are finalised so that councils, the State and industry can plan together.
- **Upfront investment in upgrades**
Road improvements need to occur before heavy construction begins, not after roads are already under pressure.
- **Shared maintenance responsibility**
The long-term cost of increased road use should not be borne by local ratepayers alone.
- **Local community safety considerations**
Planning must consider how roads are used every day, including school travel, residential access and emergency response.

↓ WORKING TOGETHER

Councils are ready to work in partnership with the Queensland Government and project proponents to ensure road networks are prepared for future growth.

This is about supporting development while protecting the wellbeing of the communities who make that development possible. When our roads are strong, our communities are strong, and so is Queensland.