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### **Castlereagh Highway flood recovery works underway**

- Repair efforts have begun on the Castlereagh Highway, which was damaged by floods.
- Areas between St George and Hebel are not only being restored, but also upgraded to better withstand future floods.
- These efforts are supported by the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), a joint initiative of the Commonwealth and State.

Work is underway to repair the Castlereagh Highway between St George and Hebel following extensive damage due to multiple weather events between November 2021 and May 2022.

Emergency works were undertaken shortly after the events to restore the road to a safe and trafficable condition, with extended road closures impacting local communities.

Following detailed damage assessments, extensive work has been completed on design for repairs to scoured and saturated pavements and damaged culverts.

In addition to reconstruction works, a number of priority sites have been identified for betterment along the highway, to reduce the impacts of future floods on communities and road users.

The improvements to the Castlereagh Highway are being delivered as part of a program of improvements to essential public assets damaged during the 2021–22 flooding events, through the Australian and Queensland Governments' \$170 million Betterment Fund for 2021–22. The extraordinary disaster assistance is being provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Betterment works will include strengthening and altering levels of road surfaces to make them more flood resistant and installing larger culverts to improve flood capacity.

Improvements will also take place to support drainage and enhance floodway run-off, mitigate erosion and scouring, and reduce the impacts of high-velocity flows on bridges and floodways.

The project is expected to be complete in early 2025, weather and conditions permitting, and is being delivered by Queensland based company Durack Civil.

For up-to-date traffic and road condition information, visit the QLDTraffic website at [www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au](http://www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au) or call 13 19 40.

### **Quotes attributable to the Transport and Main Roads Regional Director Southern Queensland Region, Bill Lansbury:**

"TMR is delivering more than 500 road repair projects to repair damage from the Queensland natural disasters in 2021–22, including floods across south west Queensland.

"66 of the 77 local government areas in Queensland were impacted by disaster events in 2021–22, with many impacted by multiple disasters.

"These works will mean the Castlereagh Highway will be better able to withstand severe weather events, reducing future impacts on communities and road users.

"Betterment showcases the strength and results that come from all levels of government working together to improve the resilience of Queensland communities."

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