

MEDIA STATEMENT

25 July 2024

Final restoration works underway on Mackay–Eungella Road

- Final restoration works have started on Mackay–Eungella Road.
- The works are the last stage of repairs needed following the major rain event in January 2023 which saw Mackay–Eungella Road temporarily closed due to landslips.
- The recovery works are jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Final restoration works, including minor pavement and concrete repairs, have started on Mackay–Eungella Road.

Further significant repair works have commenced this month (July 2024) on the Eungella Range section of Mackay–Eungella Road, including construction of a 62 metre long, 2.4 metre high concrete sleeper wall at the base of the slope to provide protection from rock falls.

High tensile mesh and soil nails will be installed over two areas, and shotcrete applied to the water flow route to stabilise the slope face beside the road.

Further works on Mackay–Eungella Road, Eungella Range will include:

- clearing and scaling slope faces
- removing scoured material
- revegetation of slopes.

Works are expected to be completed by late 2024, weather permitting.

Quotes attributable to the TMR spokesperson, Mr John Oppes, A/Regional Director Central Queensland:

"The disaster event in January 2023 saw more than 1000mm of rain fall in one week, causing landslips at Eungella Range and Finch Hatton.

"Given the scale of the impact, it has not been a quick fix but since that time, crews have stabilised embankments above the roadway by securing and removing loose boulders, vegetation and other material to reduce the risk of further slips, and repaired damaged bitumen, drainage, scours, headwalls and kerbs.



"These final restoration works are expected to be ongoing until late 2024.

"During this time, road users can expect intermittent delays.

"We ask all road users to pay attention around the roadworks, obey any directions from traffic controllers on site and not speed through the work sites.

"This is all part of TMR's focus on rebuilding Queensland's transport network and we thank the local community for its patience while this work is completed."

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