

NWQROC STATEMENT

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BUILDING OUR REGIONS FUNDING A WELCOME BOOST FOR NWQ INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

NWQROC has welcomed the Palaszczuk Government's commitment of \$2.4million into three critical infrastructure projects in our region through the Building our Regions (BoR) program.

With the region on the road to recovery following unprecedented flooding, the works provide a boost to economic and job growth for our region.

This funding is backed up by the strong commitment from our local councils to advocate for and secure investment so our region continues to be attractive for people and business to live, work and invest.

Julia Creek Smart Hub

McKinlay Shire Council will receive \$523,750 towards a Julia Creek Smart Hub that will give local businesses, graziers and students access to high-speed internet and video conferencing facilities.

Council will match funding and estimate the works will support five full-time jobs by enabling local businesses to expand.

Cloncurry Saleyards

Cloncurry Saleyards' heavy vehicle rest area will undergo a \$947,300 upgrade to provide all-weather access and accommodate heavy vehicles. The project complements improvements to the saleyards' livestock dipping, clearing and spelling facilities, which were funded through Round 1 of BoR.

Council is also providing \$36,000 in funding, while more than \$983,700 has been allocated to the project by the federal government, with six jobs to be supported during the construction period.

Hughenden Industrial Precinct

Flinders Shire Council will receive \$1 million for Stage 2 of the Hughenden Industrial Precinct, which includes the delivery of water, sewage, and power, and road train access to support existing demand and future development.

Council will also contribute \$352,391 to the project and estimate after construction that businesses in the precinct could support up to 100 direct and 177 indirect full-time jobs.

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