

Warrego Highway restoration works on the Marburg Range following heavy rains and flooding in early 2011



The Way Forward

Several of the short-term projects listed in this Strategy, such as the Blacksoil interchange and Toowoomba urban intersection upgrades, are currently in the advanced planning stages and are proposed to commence as early as 2012. However, implementing the longer-term actions in the Strategy is dependent on available funding.

The Queensland Government has a strong record of successfully managing and implementing projects in partnership with the Australian Government.

The Queensland Government will continue to work with the Australian Government to implement as many network upgrades, within the earliest possible timeframe, to ensure this vital highway supports Queensland's communities.

The *Warrego Highway Upgrade Strategy* identifies priorities for future highway investment and guides applications for funding and ultimate investment decisions. This will enable the Queensland Government to articulate a clear long-term plan to ensure upgrades on the Warrego Highway keep pace with regional needs and future economic growth.

As a vital link in the transport system for both Queensland and Australia, a long-term plan for investment is a positive step forward in supporting regional communities and economies.

Investment in the Warrego Highway will enhance productivity and liveability of both Queensland and Australia. It will support Queensland's export industries, agricultural and tourism sectors and is critical in developing the Surat Basin energy province.

Ongoing planning and investment will create jobs and provide vital support in building stronger Queensland regions, which are essential to a prosperous future for the state.

