

## Media Statement

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### Extra federal money to be diverted to local council roads across Capricornia

Extra federal money will be pumped into helping local councils to fix up council roads and streets across Capricornia over the next few years.

Five shires in Capricornia - including Rockhampton, Isaac, Livingstone, Mackay and Whitsunday - will receive a share of an extra \$1.105 billion being made available to councils across Australia for vital road upgrades.

A total of \$45 million will be given to Capricornia councils over the next 4 years – an increase on a previous roads allocation announced earlier this year.

Federal Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry said extra money is being allocated under the Government’s *Roads to Recovery Programme* and would flow into the region as a result of the passage through Federal Parliament this week of the fuel excise indexation legislation.

Every cent of the extra \$23 billion revenue raised through the excise over the next decade will be invested in road infrastructure,” Ms Landry said, “As a result councils and residents in our 5 shires across Capricornia will see more road works in their local area.”

At a national level the extra funding will increase the Federal Government’s *Roads to Recovery* contribution to councils from:

- From \$700 million to \$1 billion in 2015-16
- And from \$350 million to \$1.155 billion in 2016-17.

Council	Additional June 15 Allocation	New Total Allocation 2014-15 to 2018-19	New 15-16 Allocation	New 16-17 Allocation
Isaac Regional Council	\$3,430,991	\$9,952,545	\$3,105,341	\$3,586,427
Livingstone Shire Council	\$1,943,352	\$5,637,234	\$1,758,900	\$2,031,393
Mackay Regional Council	\$4,465,685	\$12,953,964	\$4,041,828	\$4,667,996
Rockhampton Regional Council	\$3,319,256	\$9,628,428	\$3,004,212	\$3,469,630
Whitsunday Regional Council	\$2,319,675	\$6,728,864	\$2,099,506	\$2,424,764
<b>Capricornia Total</b>	<b>\$15,478,959</b>	<b>\$44,901,035</b>	<b>\$14,009,787</b>	<b>\$16,180,210</b>

“Capricornia’s extra share is about giving local councils a hand to fix up their roads and streets to make them safer and more reliable,” Ms Landry said.”

The extra money being pumped into *Roads to Recovery* will be paid to councils in their regular quarterly payments by the Federal Government without any requirement for councils to match it with extra money.

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