

Fact Sheet

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Establishing new evacuation routes

What would this project involve if funding was approved?

During public consultation, people raised concern about their ability to use established and safe evacuation routes during the January 2013 floods. A number of projects have been put forward for funding which would help to protect lives in a future flood event and help ensure communities are not left isolated (see Figure 1 over page). Proposed projects include:

Hinkler Avenue Upgrade – \$104M up front

The establishment of a critical connection between the north and south sides of the Burnett River would provide substantial benefits including improved evacuation access to established recovery facilities on the south side of the river and improved emergency access to the north side of the river. It will also result in a reduced strain on emergency and recovery services, and greatly improve public safety.

Mount Perry Rd and Fairymead Rd Upgrades - \$7.4M up front

Upgrade / raising of strategic road sections to provide critical evacuation routes, access to evacuation centres and emergency access for Bundaberg North. It will also result in a reduced strain on emergency and recovery services, and greatly improve public safety.

Bartholdt Drive alternative evacuation route - \$1.4M up front

Establishment of an evacuation route for approximately 1150 people off Branyan Drive, Bartholdt Drive, Arcardia Drive and surrounding local roads. It will also result in a reduced strain on emergency and recovery services, and greatly improve public safety.

Pine Creek, Givelda and Electra alternative evacuation route - \$1M up front

Improved evacuation routes could be secured for the Pine Creek, Givelda and Electra communities to an alternate 4WD evacuation route. It would reduce the strain on emergency and recovery services, improved public safety and provide a resupply route. Reduction in isolation from extreme flood depths reaching 27m in January 2013.

Goodnight Scrub alternative route \$5 -10M up front (yet to be detail costed)

Improved evacuation routes for approximately 400 – 600 people in the Goodnight Scrub, Perry River and Morganville areas. Reduced strain on emergency and recovery services, improved public safety and resupply route. Benefits both Bundaberg and North Burnett Regional Council residents.

Where can I find out more?

Council has a dedicated webpage for flood-related activities at <http://bundaberg.qld.gov.au/burnett-river-action-plan> that provides all relevant information to the project. Further enquiries can be handled over the phone via 1300 883 699, or via email ceo@bundaberg.qld.gov.au.

Fast Facts

- Improved evacuation routes for 400 – 600 people in the Goodnight Scrub, Perry River and Morganville areas
- North Bundaberg residents to benefit from Mt Perry Road and Fairymead Road upgrades/raising in sections to provide critical link to evacuation centres
- Establishment of an evacuation route for 1150 people off Branyan Drive, Bartholdt Drive, Arcardia Drive and surrounding local roads
- High level cost estimates for all evacuation route work is approx. \$119 Million-\$124 Million



