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About the Campaign

Queensland Beef Corridors is a pioneering advocacy campaign uniting seven councils from central and western Queensland with industry stakeholders and primary producers.

Covering nearly 218,000 square kilometres, these road corridors form a crucial network of agricultural supply chains from east to west.

Home to a quarter of Australia's beef herd, this region includes every stage of the beef production process: breeding, backgrounding, fattening, feedlotting, finishing, processing, and exporting.

Queensland Beef Corridors are more than just infrastructure, they are the backbone of an innovative economy and the lifeblood of the communities they serve.

Despite producing world-class beef, the roads remain outdated and plagued by issues that have persisted for 150 years.

This essential commodity, which significantly contributes to our economy and culture, lacks adequate recognition in government strategic planning and investment.

To unlock the full economic potential of this thriving industry, it is crucial to invest in understanding and enhancing the beef corridors network.

Our seven councils and their mayors are united in advocating for a strategic, efficient, and structural funding solution, the future of their communities and industries.



Herd size

4.4 million

Almost a quarter of the nation's herd.



Area

218,000 km²

53 times the size of ACT



Beef

economic output:

\$1.76 billion

Population
222,243

across seven Queensland councils

Production focus

Feedlotting, backgrounding, breeding, processing, finishing, live export.

26%
of Queensland's saleyards transactions


Road so far ...


'To me this is about opening up the west. If we can get better roads, we can put more families in these remote towns and regions that are dying. It's a beautiful place, that produces so much of Australia's beef.'


How can we help it thrive?'

- Fred Appleton, *Appleton Cattle Company*, Islay Plains Station, Alpha

 **May 2021** Campaign launch


 **April 2022** \$400M funding announcement in Federal Budget

 **September 2022** \$400M funding allocation in Federal Budget from 2025-26 following budget review

 **May 2023** Federal Infrastructure Investment Review (IIR)


 **June 2023** \$100m allocated in QTRIP commencing 2025-26


 **November 2023** \$400M funding allocation survives IIR commencing first year in 2025-26


 **January 2024** Federal Government slides first year of \$400m funding to 2027-28


 **February 2024** Federal opposition media following funding delay

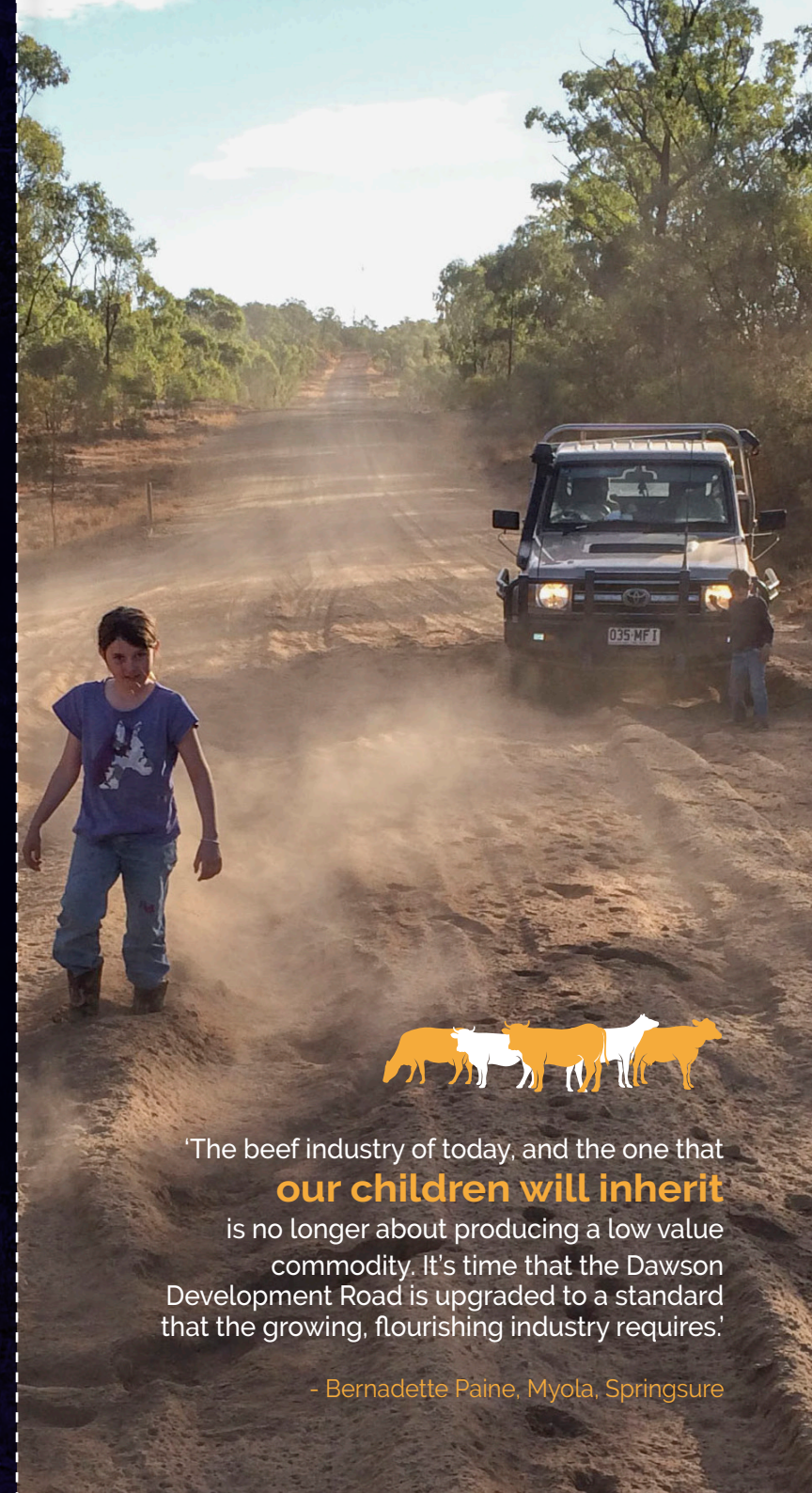
 **March 2024** CQ 10-year Beef Corridors Strategy announced (CQBRIS)

 **June 2024** Bipartisan support for \$400M federal funding

 **July 2024** QBC engage Program Coordinator

 **August 2024** CQBRIS first Strategic Advisory Group Meeting

 **October 2024** CQBRIS stakeholder workshop



'The beef industry of today, and the one that **our children will inherit** is no longer about producing a low value commodity. It's time that the Dawson Development Road is upgraded to a standard that the growing, flourishing industry requires.'

- Bernadette Paine, Myola, Springsure

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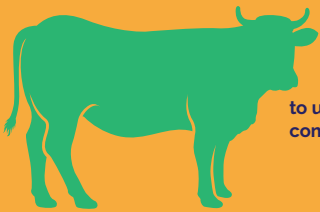
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\$1.08B

to seal 442km



\$50m existing Roads of Strategic Importance funding



\$275m

to upgrade and support commodity value parity

\$500m

committed from the State and Federal Governments



Port of Townsville

Charters Towers

Kilcummin
Diamond Downs Rd - 68km
 Unsealed: 48km
 Cost to seal: \$120m
 Funding allocation: None

Moranbah

May Downs Rd - 70km
 Unsealed: 25.5km
 Cost to seal: \$64m

Dysart

Duaringa Apis Creek Rd - 24km
 Unsealed: 23km
 Cost to seal: \$57.5m

Glenroy Rd Corridor - 42km
 Unsealed: 30km
 Cost to seal and upgrade crossing: \$47.5m
 Funding allocation: \$25m

Clermont Alpha Rd - 254km
 Unsealed: 60km
 Cost to seal: \$150m

Clermont

Barcaldine

Jericho

Alpha

EMERALD

Foleyvale

Gogango

ROCKHAMPTON

Port Alma

Gladstone Port
Gladstone Port Access Rd - 1km

Blackall

Tambo

Dawson Developmental Rd - 245km
 Unsealed: 109km
 Cost to seal: \$273m
 Funding allocation: \$50m

Springsure

Duaringa

Woorabinda

Dululu

Dawson Hwy - 120km
 Extend heavy vehicle corridor: \$125m

Rolleston

Banana

Bauhinia

Biloela

Burnett Hwy - 74km
 Road train upgrade: \$150m

Alpha Tambo Rd - 121km
 Unsealed: 43km
 Cost to seal: \$107m

Injune

Taroom

Fitzroy Developmental Rd - 218km
 Bauhinia - Duarunga section
 Unsealed: 21km
 Cost to seal: \$52m

Taroom - Bauhinia section
 Unsealed: 82.6km
 Cost to seal: \$207m

Roma

- Partially sealed roads
- Sealed road with varying heavy vehicle access
- Meat processing plant locations
- Saleyards *30% of Queensland's transactions
- Live export