

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Plans for Ban Ban Springs

The Queensland Government has allocated \$80,000 towards a potential upgrade of the Ban Ban Springs rest area, off the Burnett Highway.

Transport and Main Roads Regional Director for Southern Queensland Kym Murphy said the funding would help identify and assess improvements for the facility.

"Rest areas are an important part of our road network, providing a stop-off point to take a break and avoid fatigue," Ms Murphy said.

"As part of this planning, we will look at how Ban Ban Springs, and the nearby heavy vehicle stopping area, are currently being used.

"Options for upgrading the amenities, including the toilet block and pedestrian access between the two areas, will be evaluated.

"This project is funded under the Transport System Planning Program, for priority planning projects across the state-controlled road network.

"This planning work will position the department to progress the project once more funding becomes available."

North Burnett Regional Council Mayor Rachel Chambers welcomed the funding injection for the planning project.

"North Burnett Regional Council have advocated for funding to recognise the importance of Ban Ban Springs to our First Nations people and celebrate the significance of this location.

"We welcome the news of an \$80,000 investment to plan for future upgrades at Ban Ban Springs.

"We thank the Department of Transport and Main Roads for this announcement and look forward to working closely to ensure we recognise the cultural importance of this site while providing suitable amenities to the travelling public."

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