



Southern Queensland Region – Wide Bay/Burnett District

TMR's Wide Bay/Burnett District within Southern Queensland Region has a number of drawcards for visitors and residents alike, including whale watching in Hervey Bay, four-wheel driving at the World Heritage K'gari (Fraser Island), turtle nesting and hatching at Mon Repos Beach, north of Bargara and the magnificent Mary River which undulates through the region. The region includes the farming and sugar towns of Maryborough, Childers, Gin Gin and Bundaberg.

The Bruce Highway within the Southern Queensland Region is generally of rural highway standard, including overtaking lanes. The Cooroy to Curra Section D project is scheduled for completion by late-2024, weather permitting. This project will provide a motorway standard highway between Brisbane and Curra, north of Gympie. The Tiaro Bypass project, currently in planning and funded for delivery, will also improve safety, flood immunity and traffic flow in and around Tiaro.

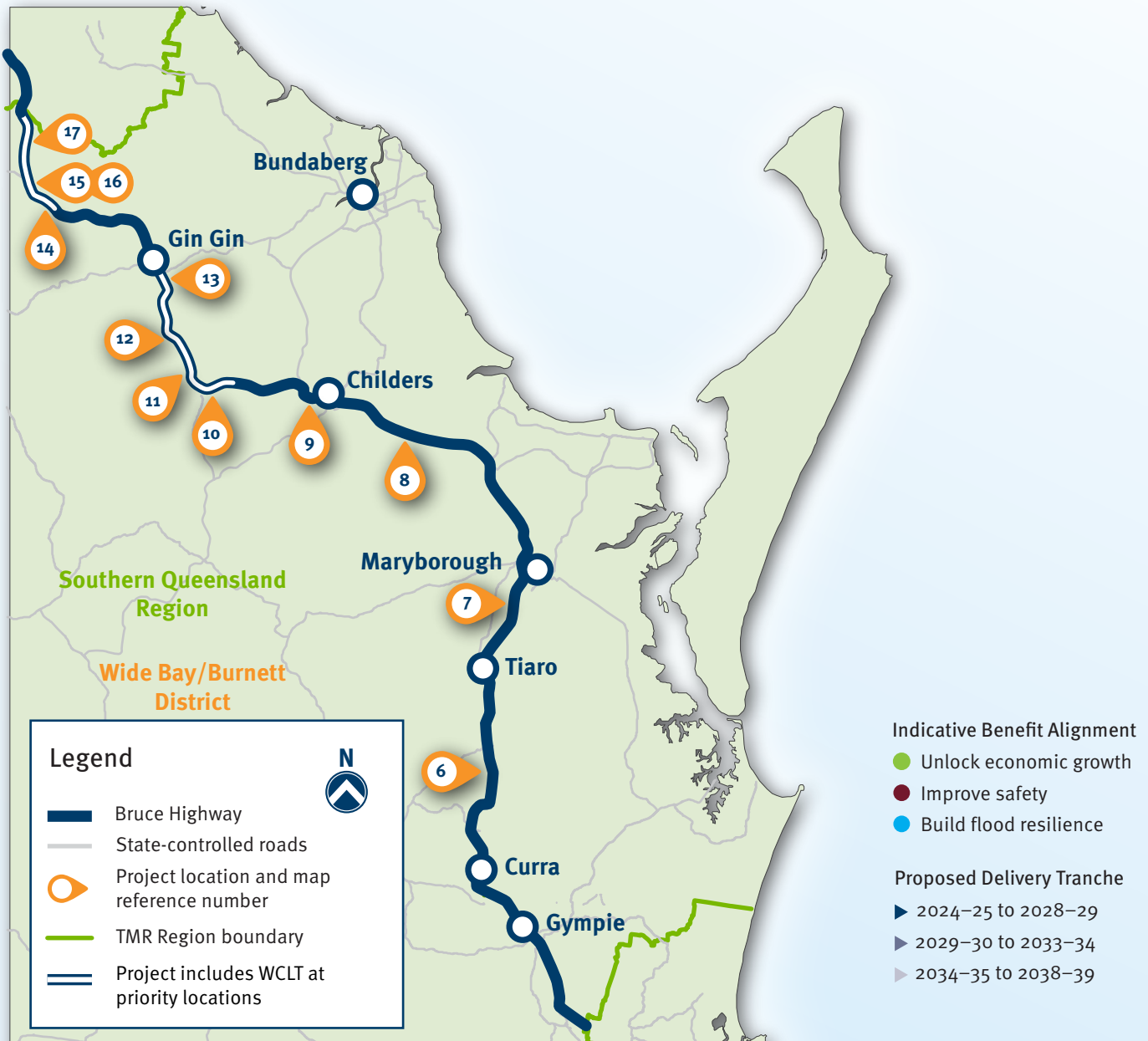
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BHTAC members and customers said the key issues on this section of the highway included delays through townships, overtaking lane frequency and length, rest area provision, road quality and road design, including shoulder width.

Over the next 15-years, the BHTAC recommends the delivery of the following key priorities in the Southern Queensland Region to **unlock economic growth, build flood resilience and improve safety**, including:

- continuing **duplication of the highway north between Curra and Tiaro**, increasing the capacity of the highway from two to four lanes
- delivering a major package of interim **safety and renewal works between Tiaro and Maryborough**
- **completing WCLT on two-lane rural highway sections**
- **upgrading narrow bridges** (less than 8.4 metres wide), including Duingal Creek, Walily Creek and Tararan Creek bridges to complement the application of WCLT
- delivering **safety and minor capacity upgrades** of priority rural highway sections in the Southern Queensland Region.

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No.	Bruce Highway Proposed Investment	Benefits			Tranches		
6	Gympie - Maryborough: Curra to Tiaro upgrade	●	●	●		▶	▶
7	Gympie - Maryborough: Tiaro to Maryborough interim safety and critical maintenance/rehabilitation works	●	●	●		▶	
8	Maryborough - Gin Gin: Torbanlea to Childers safety and minor capacity upgrade	●	●	●		▶	
9	Maryborough - Gin Gin: Childers to Apple Tree Creek safety upgrade		●	●		▶	
10	Maryborough - Gin Gin: Sandy Creek to Duingal Creek safety upgrades (incl. WCLT)	●	●	●	▶		
11	Maryborough - Gin Gin: Duingal Creek to Booyal School bridge replacement and safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●	●	▶	▶	
12	Maryborough - Gin Gin: Booyal School to Wallaville flood resilience and safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶		
13	Maryborough - Gin Gin: Gin Gin southern approach safety upgrades (incl. WCLT)		●	●	▶		
14	Gin Gin - Benaraby: Taranan Creek bridge replacement (incl. WCLT)		●	●		▶	
15	Gin Gin - Benaraby: Kalpowar Road to north of Walily Creek safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●	●	▶	▶	
16	Gin Gin - Benaraby: North of Walily Creek to Telegraph Creek safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●	●	▶	▶	
17	Gin Gin - Benaraby: Barton Road to Kolan River safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●	●	●	▶	▶	

Map of Wide Bay/Burnett District