



WCLT between Rockhampton and St Lawrence (2015).

Central Queensland Region – Fitzroy District and Mackay/Whitsunday District

Those who either visit Central Queensland or call it home are treated to a number of natural wonders, including the World Heritage Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsunday Islands, numerous beautiful beaches and national parks featuring limestone caves.

The region has the port city of Gladstone, servicing the coal, aluminium and power industries, Rockhampton on the Fitzroy River, renowned for its beef cattle and the coastal and port centres of Mackay and Bowen which support the coal, sugar and tourism sectors.

The Bruce Highway within Central Queensland Region is generally of rural highway standard, including overtaking lanes, with either additional lanes or bypasses in urban areas. The delivery of the Mackay Ring Road – Stage 1 (completed in late 2020) has improved freight efficiency, safety and community amenity by reducing traffic, including heavy vehicle movements through the urban areas in these provincial cities.

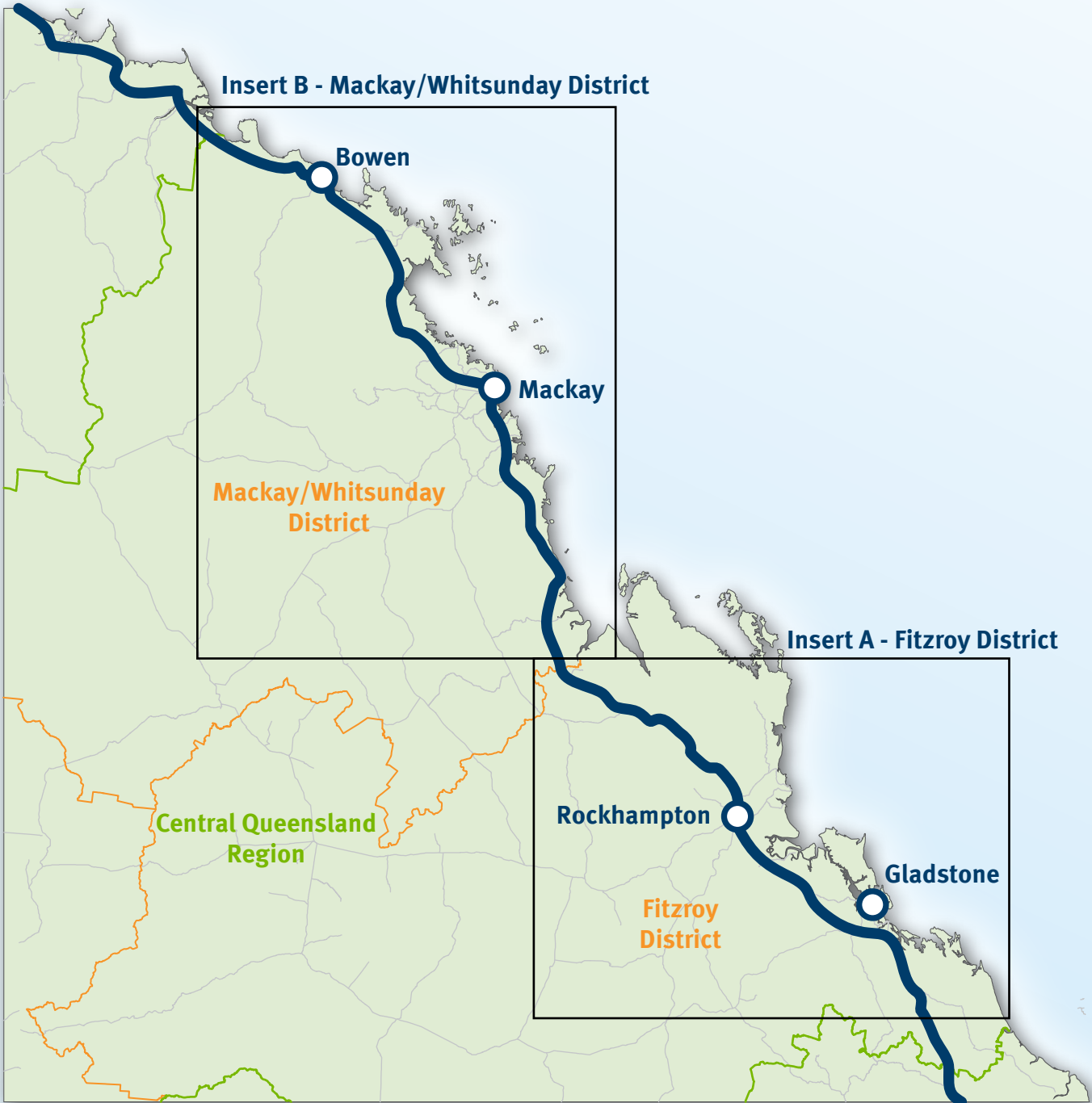
Central Queensland Region – Fitzroy District and Mackay/Whitsunday District priorities

BHTAC members and customers said the key issues on this section of the highway included congestion in urban areas, driver fatigue, overtaking lane frequency and length, rest area provision, road quality and road design (including shoulder width), narrow bridges and flood resilience.

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

- completing the **Bajool duplication**
- progressing **duplication south of Mackay in stages to Hay Point Road**
- **completing WCLT on two-lane rural highway sections**
- **upgrading narrow bridges** (less than 8.4 metres wide), including Sarina Rail Bridge and Slater Creek Bridge to complement the application of WCLT treatment for safer and more reliable movement of freight and all road users
- delivering **overtaking lane packages on priority sections** in the Central Queensland Region
- **intersection upgrades** to improve safety at key sites in Central Queensland Region.

Central Queensland Region - Fitzroy and Mackay/Whitsunday Districts



Legend

- Bruce Highway
- State-controlled roads
- TMR Region boundary
- TMR District boundary

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The map of Central Queensland Region – Fitzroy Region and Mackay/Whitsunday Districts.

Central Queensland Region - Fitzroy District (Insert A)



* Numerous locations along section of road

No.	Bruce Highway Proposed Investment	Benefits			Tranches		
18	Gin Gin - Benaraby: Palm Creek to Colosseum Creek upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
19	Gin Gin - Benaraby: House Creek to Miriam Vale safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
20	Gin Gin - Benaraby: Miriam Vale to Tannum Sands Road (Stage 2) overtaking lanes	●	●			▶	
21	Gin Gin - Benaraby: Miriam Vale to Tannum Sands Road (Stage 1) overtaking lanes	●	●			▶	
22	Gin Gin - Benaraby: Iveragh to Tannum Sands intersection upgrade package		●	●		▶	
23	Benaraby - Rockhampton: Gladstone-Mount Larcom Road to Bajool-Port Alma Road overtaking lanes	●	●			▶	
24	Benaraby - Rockhampton: Bajool duplication		●		▶		
25	Benaraby - Rockhampton: Bajool to Gavial-Gracemere Road overtaking lanes	●	●			▶	
26	Rockhampton - St Lawrence: Etna Creek Road to Rossmoya Road safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●	●		▶		
27	Rockhampton - St Lawrence: Rossmoya Road to Plentiful Creek safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶		
28	Rockhampton - St Lawrence: north of Alligator Creek safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶		
29	Rockhampton - St Lawrence: Atkinson's Road to Raspberry Road safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶	▶	
30	Rockhampton - St Lawrence: Eden Gary Road to Princhester Road safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶	▶	
31	Rockhampton - St Lawrence: Princhester Road to Marlborough floodways safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶		
32	Rockhampton - St Lawrence: north of Kooltandra-Ogmore Road North safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶	▶	
33	Rockhampton - St Lawrence: south of Mount Bison Road safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
34	Rockhampton - St Lawrence: Mount Bison to Tooloombah Creek safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)		●		▶	▶	
35	Rockhampton - St Lawrence: Priority intersection upgrades		●				▶

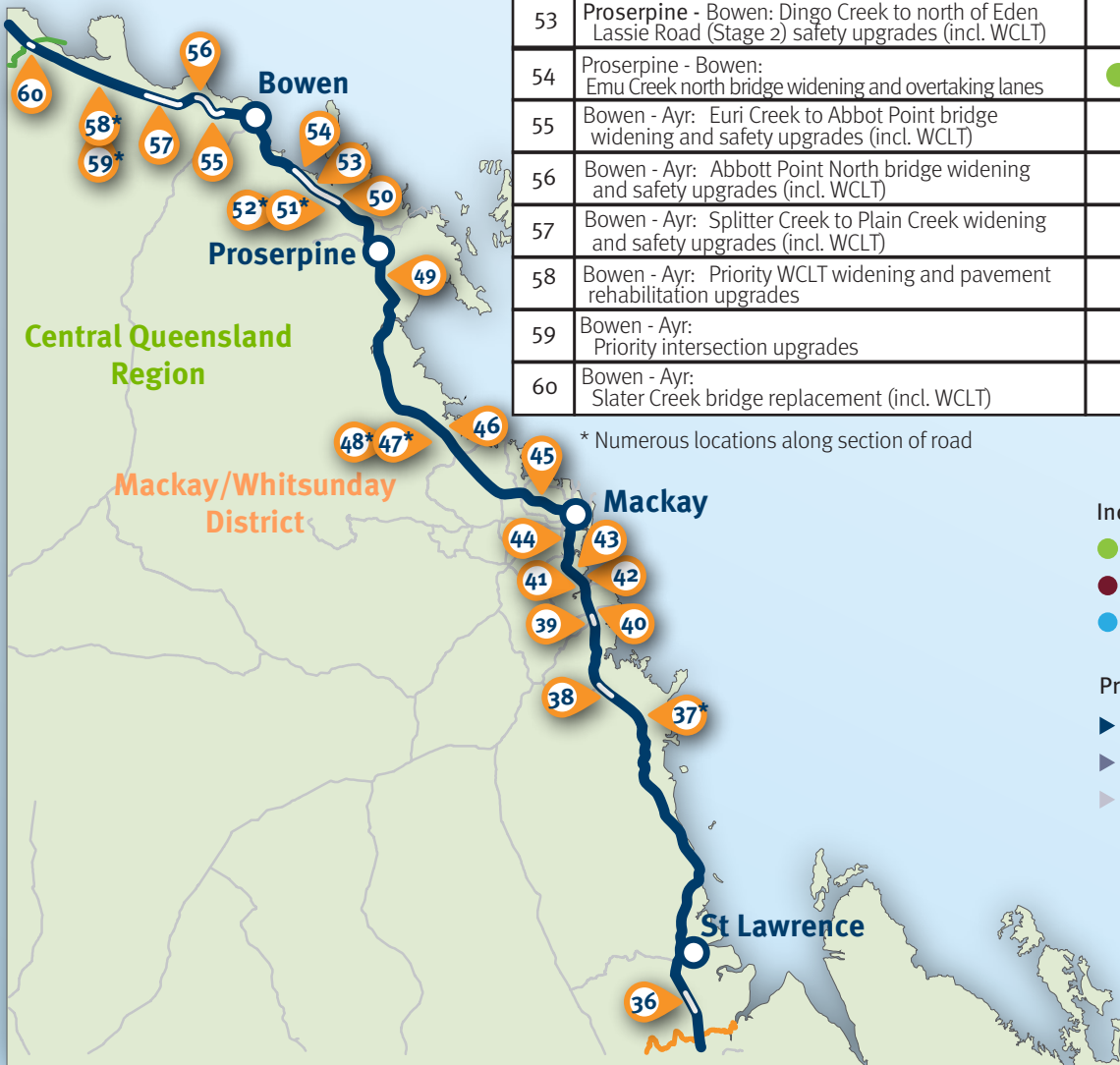
Central Queensland Region - Mackay/Whitsunday District (Insert B)

Legend

- Bruce Highway
- State-controlled roads
- Project location and map reference number
- TMR Region boundary
- Project includes WCLT at priority locations
- TMR District boundary

No.	Bruce Highway Proposed Investment	Benefits			Tranches		
36	Rockhampton - St Lawrence: Prospect Creek to Waverley Creek safety upgrade (incl. WCLT)	●				▶	
37	St Lawrence - Mackay: WCLT, widening and pavement rehabilitation upgrades	●			▶		
38	St Lawrence - Mackay: Smarts Road to Andrew Street overtaking lanes and pavement rehabilitation	●	●				▶
39	St Lawrence - Mackay: Sarina rail bridge upgrade and widening (incl. WCLT)	●			▶		
40	St Lawrence - Mackay: Sarina to Hay Point overtaking lane	●	●				▶
41	St Lawrence - Mackay: Alligator Creek bridge replacement	●	●		▶		
42	St Lawrence - Mackay: Hay Point Road to Munbura Road duplication	●	●				▶
43	St Lawrence - Mackay: Munbura Road to Crouchs Road duplication	●	●				▶
44	St Lawrence - Mackay: Crouchs Road to Temples Lane duplication	●	●				▶
45	Mackay - Proserpine: Conningsby State School North overtaking lanes	●	●				▶
46	Mackay - Proserpine: St Helens overflow to north of Mackenzies Rd overtaking lanes, pavement rehabilitation	●	●				▶
47	Mackay - Proserpine: Priority WCLT, widening and pavement rehabilitation upgrades		●		▶		
48	Mackay - Proserpine: Priority intersection upgrades		●				▶
49	Mackay - Proserpine: O'Connell River and Proserpine overtaking lanes	●	●				▶
50	Proserpine - Bowen: Dingo Creek to north of Eden Lassie Road (Stage 1) safety upgrades (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
51	Proserpine - Bowen: Priority WCLT, widening and pavement rehabilitation upgrades		●			▶	
52	Proserpine - Bowen: Priority intersection upgrades		●				▶
53	Proserpine - Bowen: Dingo Creek to north of Eden Lassie Road (Stage 2) safety upgrades (incl. WCLT)		●		▶		
54	Proserpine - Bowen: Emu Creek north bridge widening and overtaking lanes	●	●				▶
55	Bowen - Ayr: Euri Creek to Abbot Point bridge widening and safety upgrades (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	
56	Bowen - Ayr: Abbott Point North bridge widening and safety upgrades (incl. WCLT)		●		▶		
57	Bowen - Ayr: Splitter Creek to Plain Creek widening and safety upgrades (incl. WCLT)		●		▶		
58	Bowen - Ayr: Priority WCLT widening and pavement rehabilitation upgrades		●		▶		
59	Bowen - Ayr: Priority intersection upgrades		●				▶
60	Bowen - Ayr: Slater Creek bridge replacement (incl. WCLT)		●			▶	

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Indicative Benefit Alignment

- Unlock economic growth
- Improve safety
- Build flood resilience

Proposed Delivery Tranche

- ▶ 2024–25 to 2028–29
- ▶ 2029–30 to 2033–34
- ▶ 2034–35 to 2038–39