

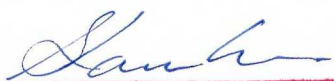


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Dear Mayor/Councillor

I am writing to advise your funding allocation under the **Roads to Recovery** (RTR) Program. The Australian Government is proud of its continued support for road construction and maintenance through RTR with \$4.4 billion being made available over the next five years. In 2024-25, the annual RTR budget is \$650 million and will increase over the funding period to reach \$1 billion per year from 2027-28. This represents the first increase in RTR funding since 2019-20. This permanent increase will allow for more effective long-term planning for the safer maintenance and upgrade of our local roads without being subject to budget cycles.

I am pleased to advise that **Brisbane City Council** will receive **\$103,048,376** for the five-year funding period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029.

The RTR Program will continue to operate under simple administrative arrangements, allowing funding recipients to decide the priority local projects on which to spend their allocation. In accordance with the current arrangements, projects funded under RTR can be delivered at any time throughout the five-year funding period. While your nominal annual allocation gradually increases over the next five years, if you have local priorities that require access to funding sooner, I encourage you to identify and schedule your projects as early as possible in the new financial year and contact the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts by email to Roads.toRecovery@infrastructure.gov.au.

The Department will soon write to formally advise you of the updated program conditions prior to the start of the new funding period, including in relation to your nominal annual allocation and own source expenditure requirements.

The Australian Government is committed to improving employment opportunities for First Nations peoples and we ask for this consideration to be applied to projects using RTR funding.

In addition to the RTR funding commitment, the Australian Government has increased funding to the **Black Spot Program**, and from 1 July 2024 will commence the new **Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program**. Collectively these programs provide a valuable source of funding to local governments seeking to improve road infrastructure and safety. Councils will also be interested to know that submissions are continuing to be accepted for the **Heavy Vehicle Rest Area initiative**. For further information on these programs and how to apply, please visit <https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives>. I encourage you to consider these programs to support your local road safety improvements.

I look forward to continuing the successful relationship between the Australian Government and your council over the coming years.

Yours sincerely

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