

# Mundubbera to Jandowae Roads Working Group

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The Mundubbera to Jandowae Roads Working Group welcomes today's election commitment by the Labor Party's candidate for Flynn, Zac Beers of \$24 million to upgrade the John Peterson Bridge over the Boyne River in the North Burnett.

Situated on the Mundubbera Durong Road which traverses both North Burnett and South Burnett, the John Peterson Bridge plays a crucial role linking business and community both within and beyond the region. Since the completion of design work by the Queensland Government's Department of Transport and Main Roads, funding has been required to enable the existing low-level, flood prone timber bridge be replaced with a new high-level bridge on a straighter alignment.

Mundubbera to Jandowae Roads Working Group Chair Georgie Somerset said the commitment made by Mr Beers re-affirms the critical role the John Peterson Bridge plays in terms of transport linkage. "The actions of both major political parties in committing to support the upgrade of this bridge demonstrates how vital it is to the region," Ms Somerset said.

"A safe, efficient north-south route is of the utmost importance in the inland Burnett with a range of sectors, including agriculture and resources, depending on it for the movement of products and raw materials."

"The Mundubbera to Jandowae Roads Working Group appreciates the \$24 million announcement by Zac Beers and the Labor Government and their commitment to the much-needed John Peterson Bridge project as a great step towards improving this important inland route," Ms Somerset said.

North Burnett Mayor Rachel Chambers agrees with Ms Somerset's sentiment, "the John Peterson Bridge is an essential piece of infrastructure for not only the North Burnett, but the also the broader Wide Bay Burnett and neighbouring regions."

"The commitment towards the John Peterson Bridge replacement announced by Zac Beers and the Labor Government is fantastic news and encourages confidence in the region," Mayor Chambers said.

"Investment in this regional priority will see an improved inland linkage with increased resilience to disasters such as flood events also providing a safe, efficient route for current and future development," she said.

The Mundubbera to Jandowae Roads Working Group is committed to continuing to work in collaboration with all levels of Government, industry and community to see this critical inland Burnett route upgraded.

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The Working Group is a collaborative of:  
South Burnett Regional Council, North Burnett Regional Council, Western Downs Regional Council,  
TSBE Food Leaders Australia (TSBE FLA), Regional Development Australia Wide Bay Burnett,  
AgForce Queensland and Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation (BIEDO)