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RACQ's top priorities to keep central Queensland moving

The State's peak motoring body has released its election wish list for central Queensland putting major highway investment and flood immunity upgrades at the top.

RACQ named upgrades to the Capricorn Highway, the upgrading of the alternative inland highway route to the Bruce Highway and the full duplication of the Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road the highest priorities and projects it wanted funding commitments for before Queenslanders headed to the polls.

RACQ Head of Public Policy Rebecca Michael said with the country in recession, an investment in infrastructure and road safety works solved more than just our economic woes.

"Now more than ever we need a pipeline of projects in the works to stimulate our economy, create jobs, improve road safety and ultimately improve the lives of Queenslanders by increasing the reliability and efficiency of our transport system," Dr Michael said.

"Every wet season CQ residents suffer from impacts like flooding, and these events damage the transport network and impact the region's productivity.

"Continuing work on the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program is essential, but we want to see a safety package of works delivered for the Capricorn Highway, including improvements to boost flood resilience and overtaking lanes to provide a safe, resilient and reliable road for locals.

"We want the delivery of the full Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road from Mulara Road to Tanby Road and we're calling for investment in productivity and safety improvements along the inland highway alternative route to the Bruce Highway along the Gregory, Dawson and Carnarvon Highways in Central Queensland."

Dr Michael said RACQ wanted increased funding commitments for an inland road and freight productivity upgrade program, as well as safe cycling infrastructure and road safety initiatives including a mass action program of low-cost, high benefit safety upgrades across the State to achieve a minimum 30 percent reduction in fatal and serious injuries by 2030.

"We've lost too many lives on the State's roads this year already. Small investments into works like wide centre lines, central and roadside safety barriers and intersection upgrades go a long way to helping make our roads safer for all Queenslanders," she said.

"Queenslanders need to ensure they're considering where their political vote goes and whether their candidate is willing to commit to improve Queenslanders' lives and mobility options."

To view RACQ's Priority Transport Projects, please visit: racq.com.au/bettertransportQLD

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