



Petition

Registration No.	15
Title	Upgrade and sealing of the balance of Mermaid Circuit (Dundee Beach)
Presented on	17 May 2022
Presented by	Member for Drysdale
Referred to	Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics; and Public Accounts Committee
Assembly debate	If the Committee recommends the Petition be debated it will appear on the Notice Paper
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Response presented	11 October 2022

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We, the residents of Dundee Beach, hereby request the upgrade and sealing of the balance of Mermaid Circuit to bring it up to all weather standard.

Response

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics has the following two funding streams available for the upgrade of local roads:

1 Roads to Recovery

This is a five year rolling program provided by the Australian Government, with current funding of \$32.85 million for the period 2019-20 to 2023-24. The full program amount has already been allocated to projects. The next package of funding will commence on 1 July 2024 and end on 30 June 2029; and

2 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program

This program is also funded by the Australian Government. It has three phases approved to 30 June 2023, with total program of \$24.28 million. In order to achieve delivery by the end of the 2022-23 financial year, the full program amount has already been allocated to priority projects. At this stage, the Australian Government has not announced any future phases under this program.

Mermaid Circuit is a 4.18 kilometre road in the Dundee Beach residential area. In 2020-21, works to seal the first 1.1 kilometres of Mermaid Circuit were completed at a cost of \$12 million funded through Roads to Recovery program. The remaining 3.08 kilometres is unsealed (gravel).

The Australian Government determines the amount of funding for each of the two local roads programs and how this will be split across the jurisdictions.

The Northern Territory Government must work within the level of funding provided to achieve the best outcomes for local roads across the Territory. Priorities are assessed on an ongoing basis and are measured by comparing safety outcomes, economic benefits and/or constraints, improved accessibility and amenity. Funding is then allocated accordingly.

Officers from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics consult with Dundee residents annually to ascertain the community's requirements, which are considered in conjunction with all other requests for road infrastructure and/or upgrades across the Northern Territory.

The Department has noted the request from the residents of Dundee Beach to upgrade and seal the remaining section of Mermaid Circuit, and will continue to consider this request against local road priorities for future funding.