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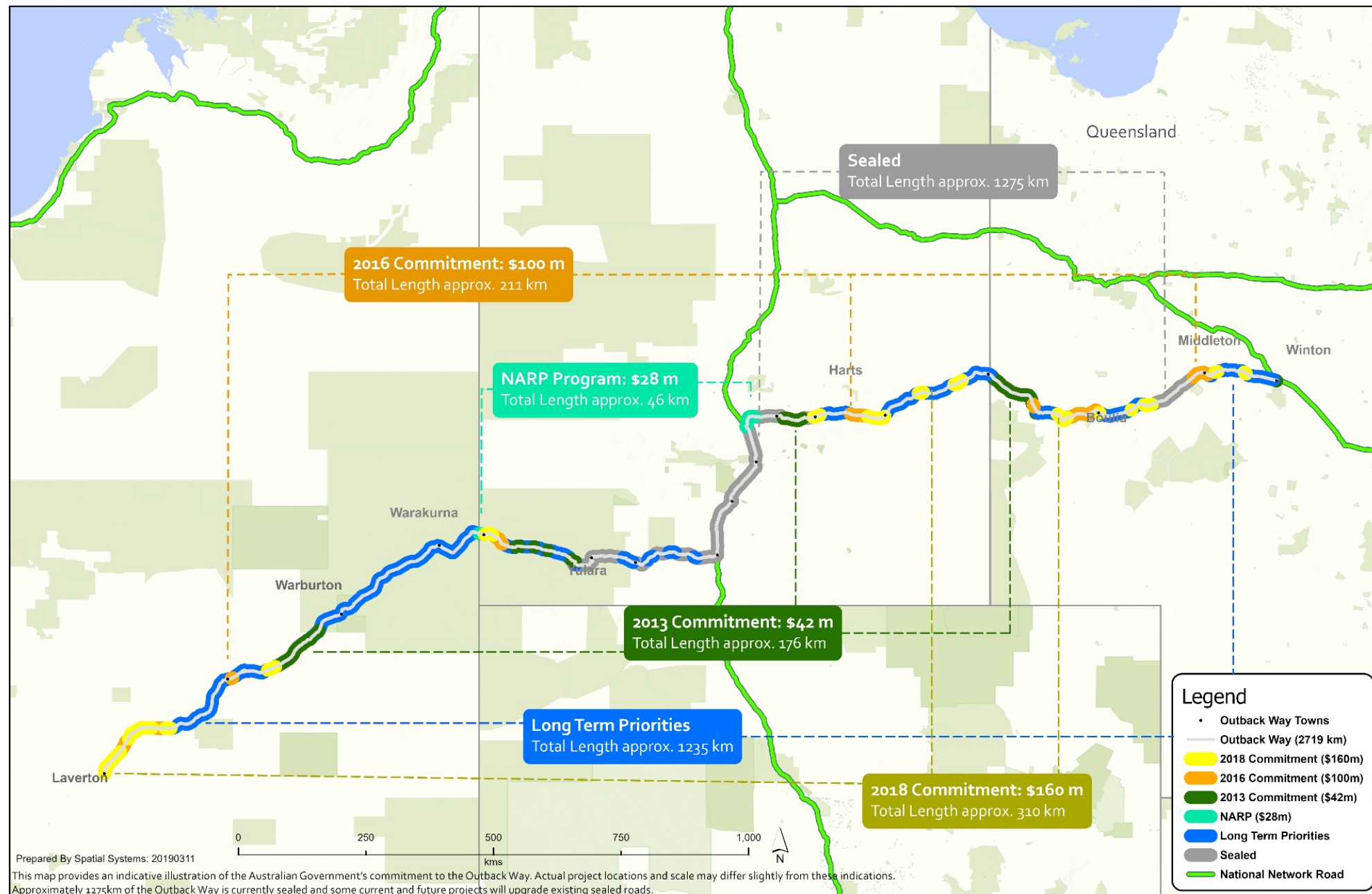
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\$330 MILLION AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO THE OUTBACK WAY



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Regional Development and Communications**
To: The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP (for decision)

cc: Mr Simon Atkinson, Secretary

cc: David Hallinan, Deputy Secretary

cc: Mr Philip Smith, First Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Investment Division

Infrastructure Investment Program – Outback Way Funding Options for Donohue Highway
Action required by: 27 Aug 2021

Reason: To approve a funding arrangement to progress upgrades to the Outback Way.

Recommendations:

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Noted / Please Discuss

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Agreed / Not Agreed

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Signed / Not Signed

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Date: 3-9-21

Comments:
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Ref: MS21-002853

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Outback Way – Western Australia Future Priorities

Western Australia

Australian Government Funding: \$476.50 million

This includes \$400.0 million of additional funding provided in 2021-22 MYEFO.

Western Australia Government Contribution: \$119.13 million.

Total: \$595.63 million

Project description

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This funding is part of the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to sealing and upgrading the Outback Way. The additional funding will enable the full length of the Outback Way in Western Australia to be sealed.

Jobs supported

- This project is expected to support 1084 direct and indirect jobs.

Project benefits

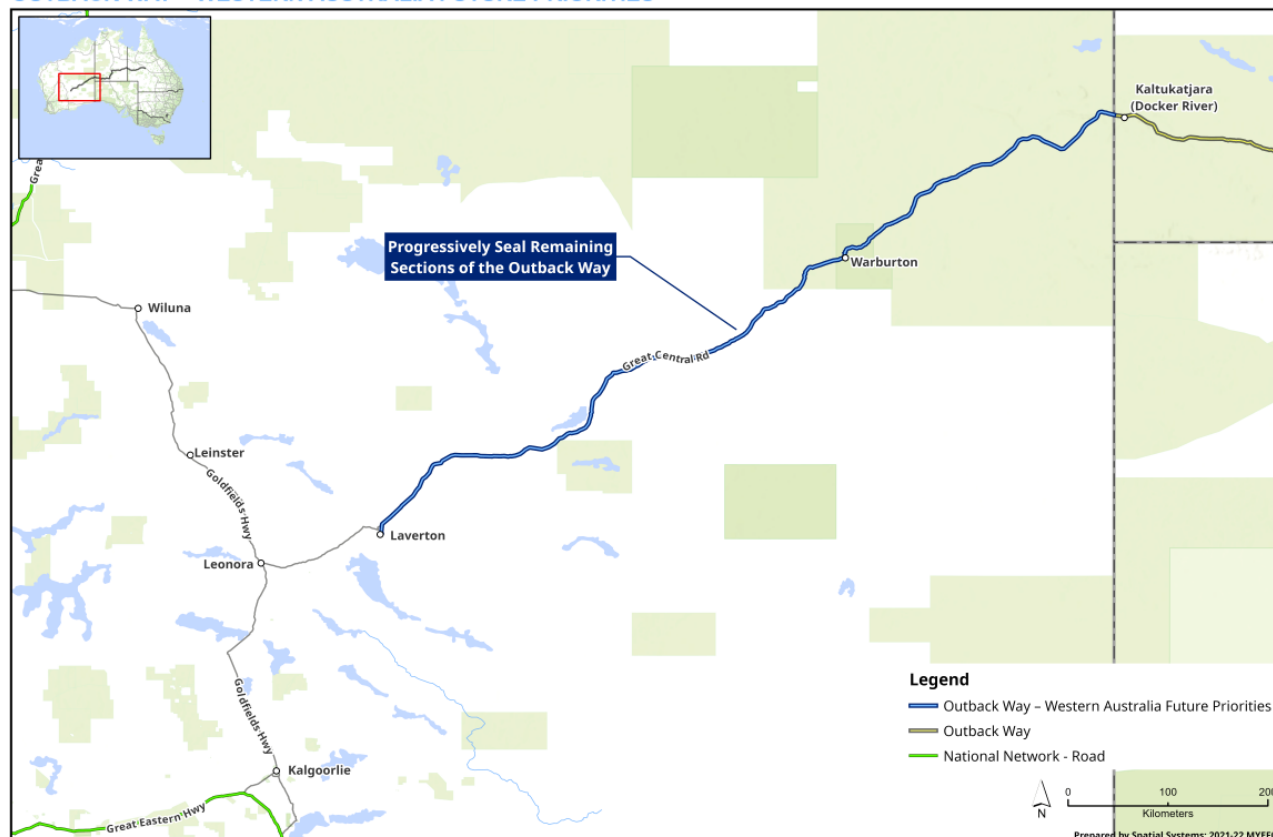
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Project timelines

- This project is expected to start construction in mid 2022 and be finished construction by mid 2031.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM OUTBACK WAY – WESTERN AUSTRALIA FUTURE PRIORITIES

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Outback Way – Northern Territory Future Priorities

Northern Territory

Australian Government Funding: \$174.00 million

This includes \$124.0 million of additional funding provided in 2021-22 MYEFO.
Northern Territory Government Contribution: \$43.50 million.

Total: \$217.50 million

Project description

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Project benefits

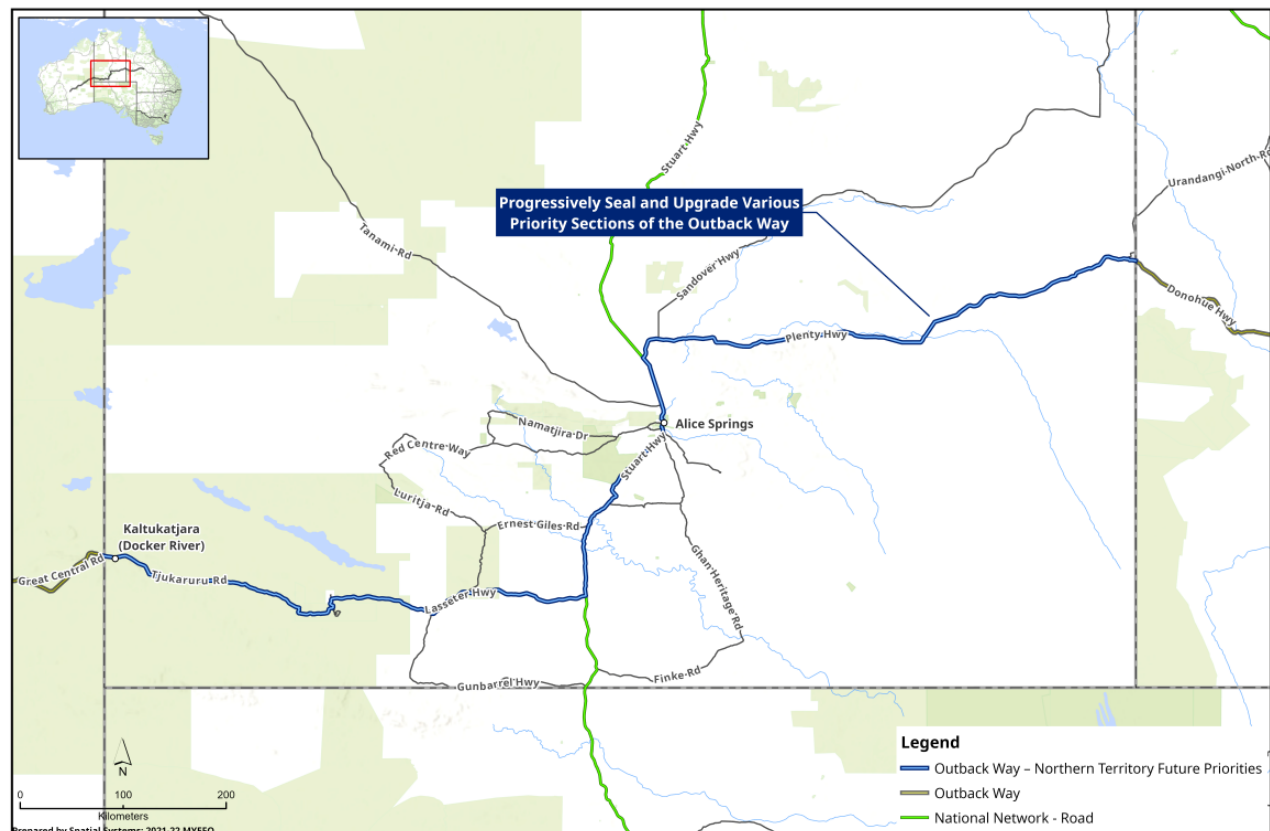
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Outback Way – Queensland Future Priorities

Queensland

Australian Government Funding: \$146.0 million

This includes \$112.5 million of additional funding provided in 2021-22 MYEFO.
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Total: \$182.5 million

Project description

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Jobs supported

- This project is expected to support 547 direct and indirect jobs.

Project benefits

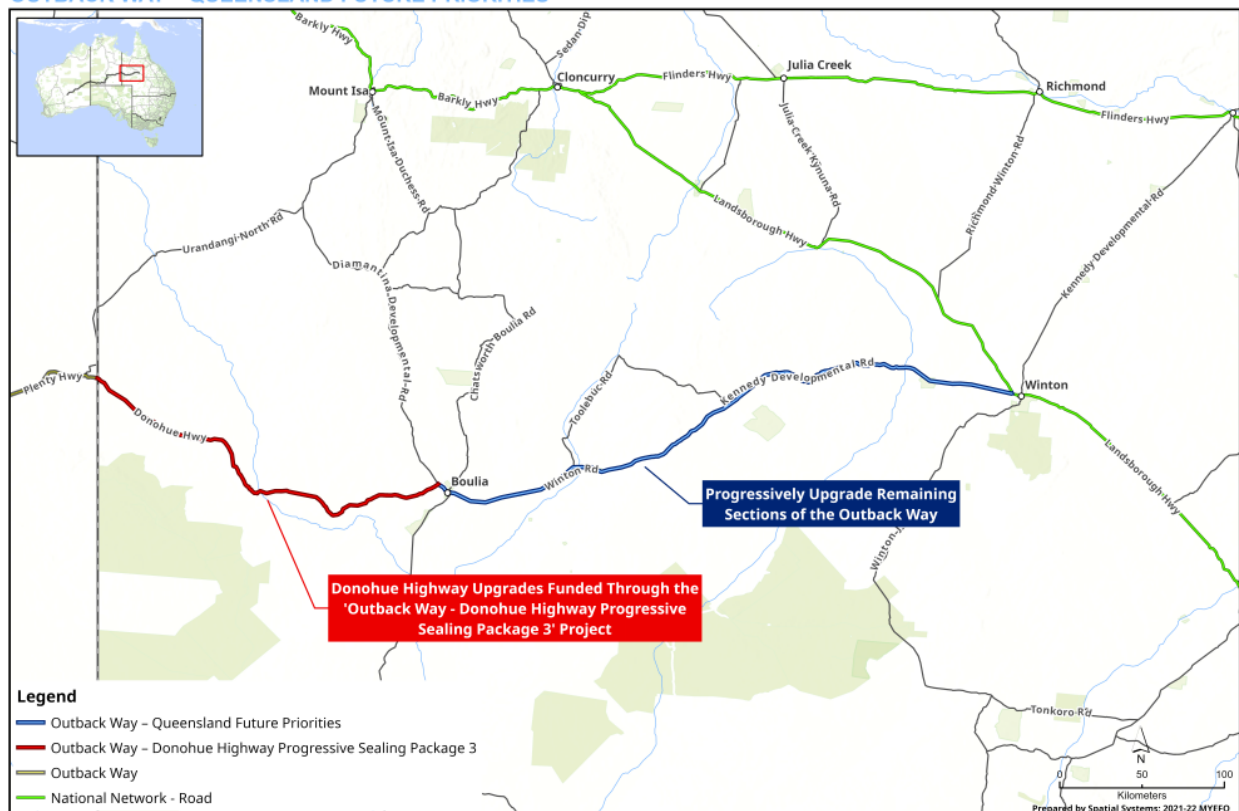
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Project timelines

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INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM OUTBACK WAY – QUEENSLAND FUTURE PRIORITIES

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Outback Way – Donohue Highway Progressive Sealing Package 3
Queensland

Australian Government Funding: \$41.5 million

Total: \$41.5 million

Project description

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Jobs supported

- This project is expected to support 124 direct and indirect jobs.

Project benefits

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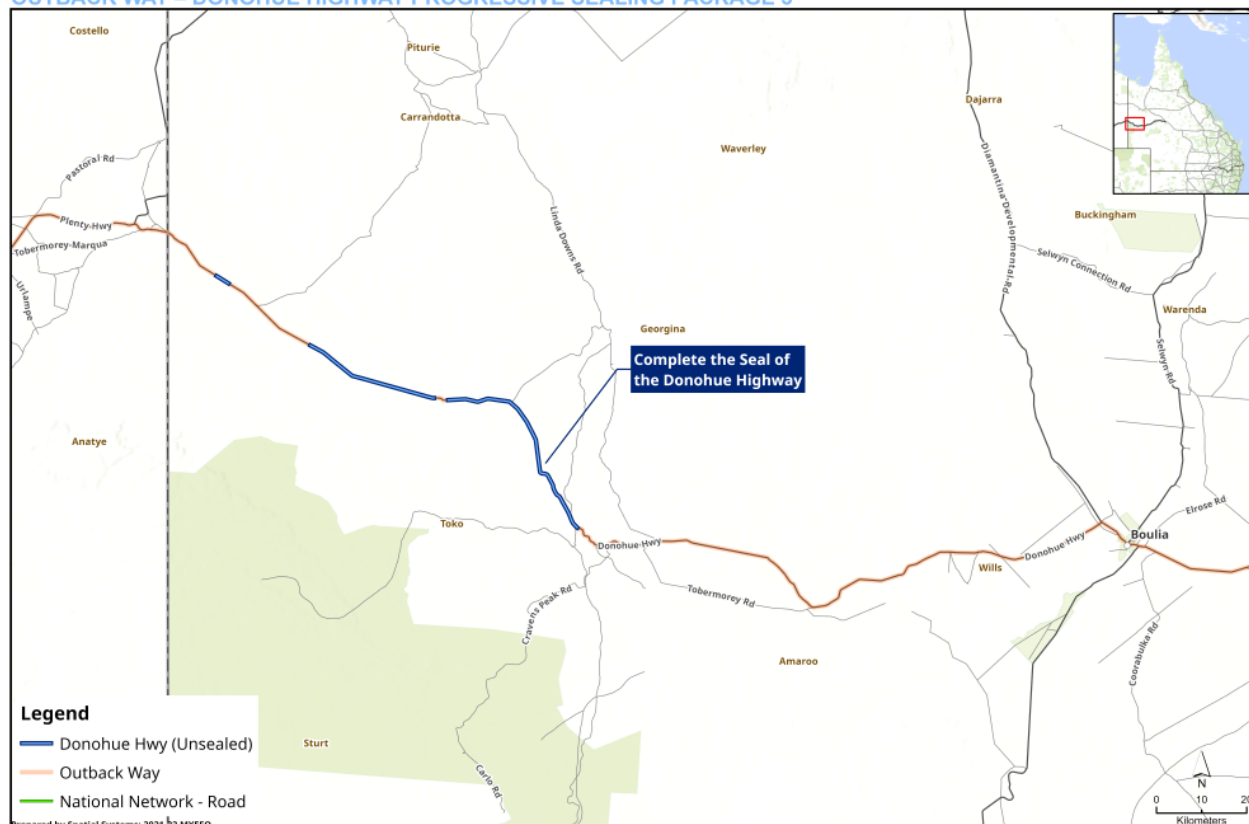
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INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

OUTBACK WAY – DONOHUE HIGHWAY PROGRESSIVE SEALING PACKAGE 3



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Hi s47E

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Please let me know if you need any other information, regards

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I have read the minutes from the OHDC AGM and the IA single pager on the initiative.

Cheers and thanks

s47F

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Existing Programs - since 2013/14

Figures as at Budget 2021-22 ^{s 47C}

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NT	Outback Way - 2016 Election Commitment - NT - Plenty Highway Progressive Sealing	Under Construction	\$ 5,000,000
NT	Outback Way - 2016 Election Commitment - NT - Plenty Highway upgrade and seal beyond Harts Range	Under Construction	\$ 500,000
NT	Outback Way - 2016 Election Commitment - NT - Tjukururu Road Progressive Sealing	Completed	\$ 4,400,000
QLD	Outback Way - 2016 Election Commitment - QLD - Diamantina Developmental Road Pavement Widening	Completed	\$ 820,000
QLD	Outback Way - 2016 Election Commitment - QLD - Donohue Highway Progressive Sealing Package 1	Completed	\$ -
QLD	Outback Way - 2016 Election Commitment - QLD - Donohue Highway Progressive Sealing Package 2	Completed	\$ 2,700,802
QLD	Outback Way - 2016 Election Commitment - QLD - Kennedy Developmental Road Pavement Widening Package 1	Completed	\$ 1,100,000
QLD	Outback Way - 2016 Election Commitment - QLD - Kennedy Developmental Road Pavement Widening Package 2	Completed	\$ 2,860,000

WA	Outback Way - 2016 Election Commitment - WA - Great Central Road Progressive Sealing	Under Construction	\$ 9,600,000
NT	Outback Way – Northern Territory Section	Completed	\$ -
QLD	Outback Way – Queensland Section	Completed	\$ -
WA	Outback Way - WA	Under Construction	\$ -



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From: s47E

Sent: Thursday, 2 December 2021 4:47 PM

To: s47E

Cc: MEAGHER Benjamin ; s47E

Subject: s34(3)

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From: s47E [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 2 December 2021 4:08 PM
To: s47E [Redacted]
Cc: MEAGHER Benjamin <Benjamin.Meagher@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: Outback Way Projects [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Archived: Wednesday, 30 March 2022 10:18:25 AM
From: ROSENGREN Shona
Sent: Sat, 19 Feb 2022 21:04:38
To: s 47E
Subject: Email 19/02/2022 - RE: Current - Outback Way - cash flows for new funding.docx [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]
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Hi s47

The final version is the table I sent earlier for the new \$678m AG funding. (below)

If you want to include the existing \$160m from the 2018 commitment yet to be allocated (the \$796.5m on the map) the existing cash flows look like

Outback Way 2018	Total AG commitment (m)	21-22 (\$m)	22-23(\$m)	23-24(\$m)	24-25(\$m)	25-26(\$m)
QLD	33.5m	5	10	10		8.5
WA	76.5	25	51.5			
NT	50	4	15	15	16	

New \$678m AG announcements

	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	Total
NT – AG				4	20	20	20	20	20	20	124
NT share				1	5	5	5	5	5	5	31
WA – AG			50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	400
WA share			12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	100
QLD – AG	0	0	0	6.5	10	20	20	20	18	18	112.5
QLD Share				1.625	2.5	5	5	5	4.5	4.5	28.125
Donohue - 100% AG only	5	10	10	10	6.5						41.5

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From: s47E
Sent: Saturday, 19 February 2022 7:37 PM
To: ROSENGREN Shona
Subject: Current - Outback Way - cash flows for new funding.docx [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Hi Shona,

Do you have the final version of the attached?

Kind regards,

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Outback Way – Donohue Highway Progressive Sealing Package 3
Queensland

Australian Government Funding: \$41.5 million

Total: \$41.5 million

Project description

The Outback Way is a 2,720 kilometre route linking Laverton in Western Australia to Winton in Queensland, via Alice Springs in the Northern Territory.

This project is fully funded by the Australian Government and will be led by Boulia Shire Council to progressively seal the remaining unsealed sections of the Donohue Highway. The Donohue Highway is currently unsealed and in poor condition in various sections.

A sealed route will increase the safety, accessibility and reliability of the route and improve the inter-jurisdictional transport network. Upgrades will open opportunities for numerous industries along the corridor, including freight, pastoralism, agriculture, mining and tourism. A sealed route will also deliver social and economic benefits for communities by improving access to goods and services and increased employment opportunities.

This project is part of the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to sealing and upgrading the Outback Way.

Jobs supported

- This project is expected to support 124 direct and indirect jobs.

Project benefits

- Improved travel times and safety.
- Improved efficiency and route reliability.
- Improved freight productivity.
- Improved connectivity between people with jobs and services, and goods with markets.

Project timelines

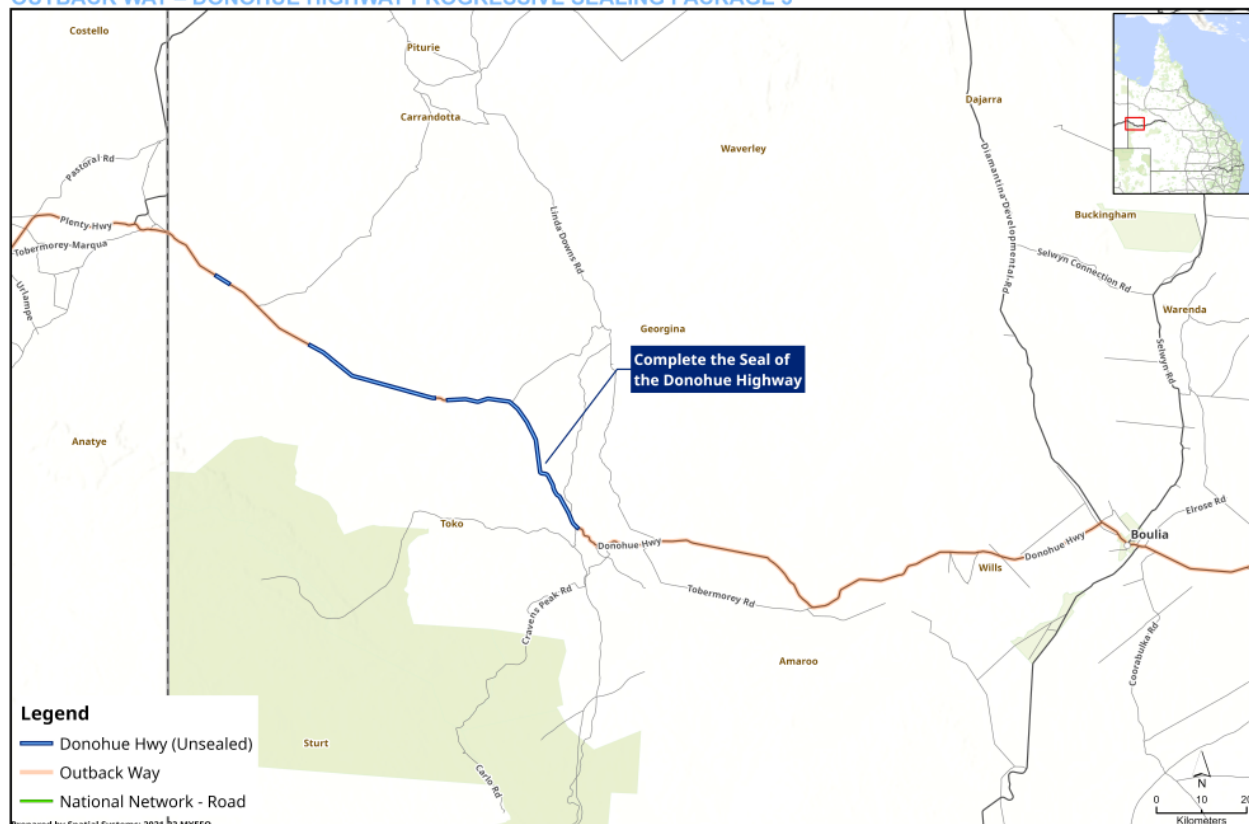
- This project is expected to start construction in mid 2022 and be finished construction by mid 2028.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

OUTBACK WAY – DONOHUE HIGHWAY PROGRESSIVE SEALING PACKAGE 3



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Infrastructure Investment Program

Outback Way – Northern Territory Future Priorities

Northern Territory

Australian Government Funding: \$174.00 million

This includes \$124.0 million of additional funding provided in 2021-22 MYEFO.
Northern Territory Government Contribution: \$43.50 million.

Total: \$217.50 million

Project description

The Outback Way is a 2,720 kilometre route linking Laverton in Western Australia to Winton in Queensland, via Alice Springs in the Northern Territory.

This investment will progress the seal and upgrade of the Northern Territory section on Plenty Highway and Tjukururu Road. Funding will be allocated to specific sections of the roads as planning progresses.

A sealed route will increase the safety, accessibility and reliability of the route and improve the inter-jurisdictional transport network. Upgrades will open opportunities for numerous industries along the corridor, including freight, pastoralism, agriculture, mining and tourism. A sealed route will also deliver social and economic benefits for communities by improving access to goods and services and increased employment opportunities, particularly for Indigenous communities.

This funding is part of the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to sealing and upgrading the Outback Way. The additional funding will enable priority works to be progressed.

Jobs supported

- This project is expected to support 422 direct and indirect jobs.

Project benefits

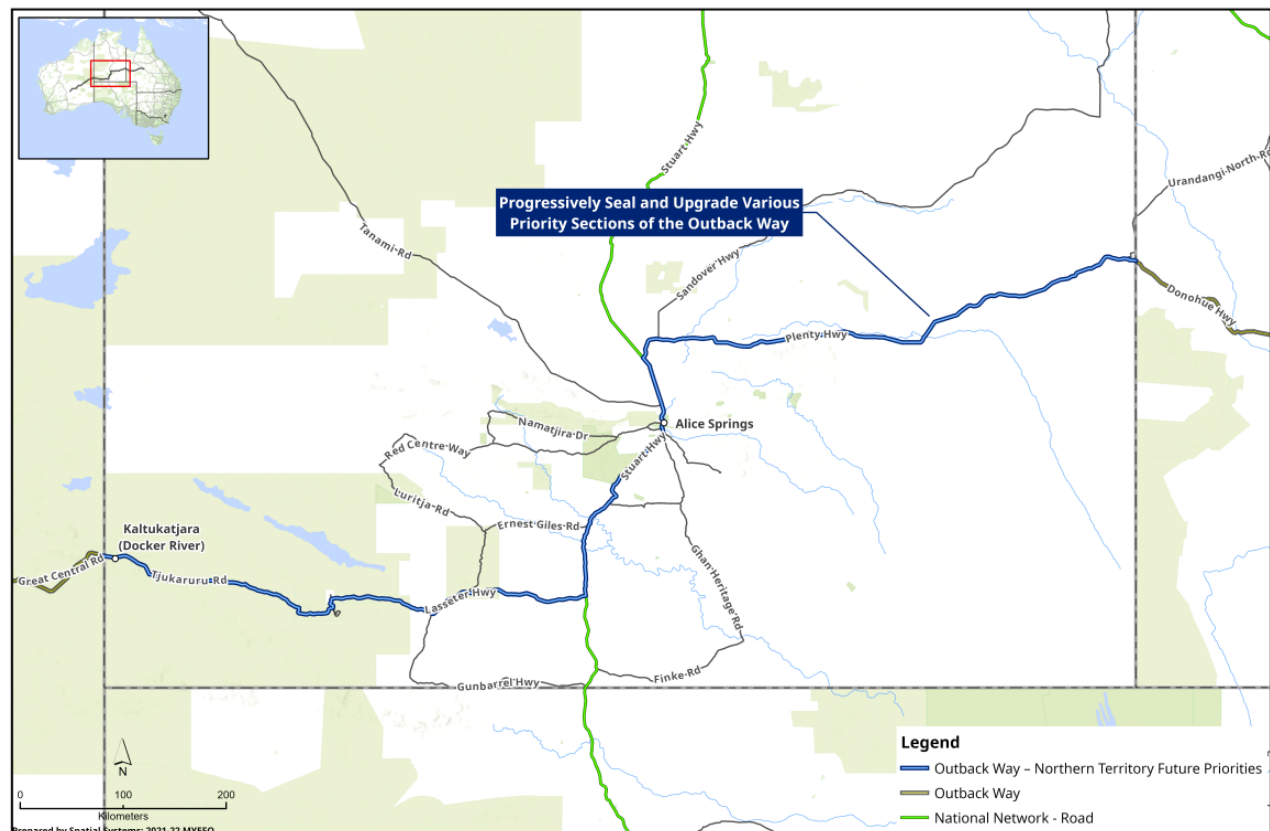
- Improved travel times.
- Improved efficiency and route reliability.
- Improved freight productivity.
- Improved connectivity between people with jobs and services, and goods with markets.

Project timelines

- This project is expected to start construction in mid 2022 and be finished construction by mid 2031.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM OUTBACK WAY – NORTHERN TERRITORY FUTURE PRIORITIES

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Outback Way – Queensland Future Priorities

Queensland

Australian Government Funding: \$146.0 million

This includes \$112.5 million of additional funding provided in 2021-22 MYEFO.
Queensland Government Contribution: \$36.5 million.

Total: \$182.5 million

Project description

The Outback Way is a 2,720 kilometre route linking Laverton in Western Australia to Winton in Queensland, via Alice Springs in the Northern Territory.

This investment will complete the widening upgrades of the Queensland section of the Outback Way. Funding will be allocated to specific sections of the road as planning progresses.

A sealed and upgraded route will increase the safety, accessibility and reliability of the route and improve the inter-jurisdictional transport network. Upgrades will open opportunities for numerous industries along the corridor, including freight, pastoralism, agriculture, mining and tourism. A sealed route will also deliver social and economic benefits for communities by improving access to goods and services and increased employment opportunities.

This funding is part of the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to sealing and upgrading the Outback Way. The additional funding will enable the full length of the Outback Way in Queensland to be upgraded.

Jobs supported

- This project is expected to support 547 direct and indirect jobs.

Project benefits

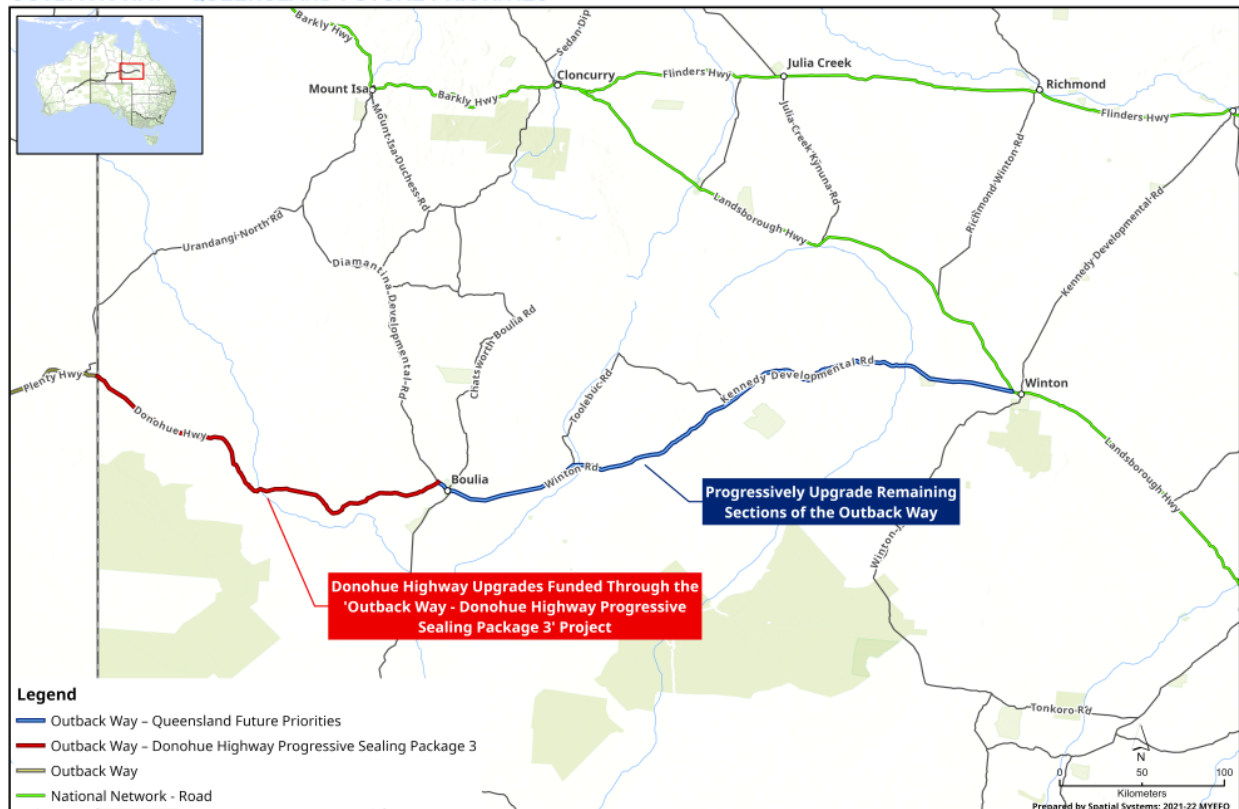
- Improved travel times and safety.
- Improved efficiency and route reliability
- Improved freight productivity.
- Improved connectivity between people with jobs and services, and goods with markets.

Project timelines

- This project is expected to start construction in late 2022 and be finished construction by mid 2031.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM OUTBACK WAY – QUEENSLAND FUTURE PRIORITIES

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Infrastructure Investment Program

Outback Way – Western Australia Future Priorities

Western Australia

Australian Government Funding: \$476.50 million

This includes \$400.0 million of additional funding provided in 2021-22 MYEFO.

Western Australia Government Contribution: \$119.13 million.

Total: \$595.63 million

Project description

The Outback Way is a 2,720 kilometre route linking Laverton in Western Australia to Winton in Queensland, via Alice Springs in the Northern Territory.

This investment will complete the seal of the Western Australian section on the Great Central Road. Funding will be allocated to specific sections of the road as planning progresses.

A sealed route will increase the safety, accessibility and reliability of the route and improve the inter-jurisdictional transport network. Upgrades will open opportunities for numerous industries along the corridor, including freight, pastoralism, agriculture, mining and tourism. A sealed route will also deliver social benefits for communities by improving access to goods and services and increased employment opportunities, particularly for Indigenous communities.

This funding is part of the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to sealing and upgrading the Outback Way. The additional funding will enable the full length of the Outback Way in Western Australia to be sealed.

Jobs supported

- This project is expected to support 1084 direct and indirect jobs.

Project benefits

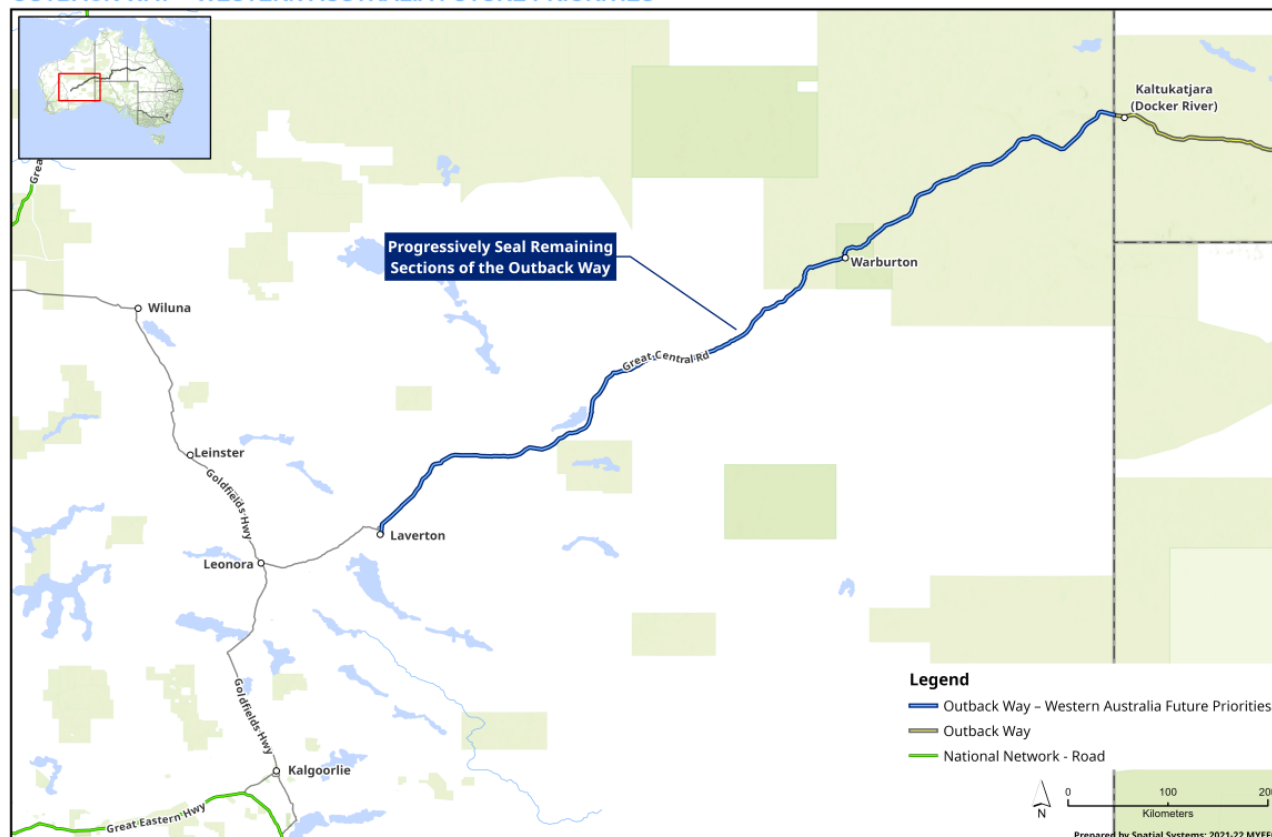
- Improved travel times and safety.
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- Improved freight productivity.
- Improved connectivity between people with jobs and services, and goods with markets.

Project timelines

- This project is expected to start construction in mid 2022 and be finished construction by mid 2031.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM OUTBACK WAY – WESTERN AUSTRALIA FUTURE PRIORITIES

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