## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## **Further sealing for Richmond-Winton Road**

Work has finished on a \$1.78 million project to seal another section of the Richmond-Winton Road in western Queensland.

Department of Transport and Main Roads District Director (Central West) Eric Denham said the works, about 117 kilometres north-west of Winton, had increased the amount of sealed road by an additional four kilometres.

"This is a step closer to progressively sealing all of Richmond-Winton Road," Mr Denham said.

"The road is a key link between the Landsborough and Flinders highways. Increasing the amount of sealed surface will improve safety, efficiency and reliability, which is essential to the movement of people and freight."

Mr Denham said the project had provided job security for council work crews.

"The project was delivered by Winton Shire Council, with local people carrying out the work."

Winton Shire Council Mayor Gavin Baskett said the project completion had come at a welcome time with the recent revival of tourism.

"We have seen more and more visitors which is terrific after such a tough start to the tourism season," Cr Baskett said.

"As I have said before, tourism really is everyone's business and it is good to know the State Government is making sure we have the road network needed to prosper now and in the future."

For more information about the project, visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au

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