

## Paradise Dam

### Fact Sheet: Paradise Dam Road upgrades

January 2024

#### Overview

Sunwater is planning for a new Paradise Dam wall on the Burnett River to ensure a safe and secure water supply for the Bundaberg region for future generations. This will be a large, multi-year project that will require significant traffic movements to and from the dam for haulage of construction materials and equipment.

Three road upgrades are planned to improve the safety, reliability and efficiency of project traffic movements. They will also provide long-term improvements for local road users.

The packages are:

- Package 1: Paradise Dam Road upgrade
- Package 2: Degilbo Creek crossing upgrade
- Package 3: external road upgrades, including Booyal-Dallarnil/Bruce Highway intersection and the Booyal-Dallarnil/Paradise Dam Road intersection.

Sunwater has engaged CMC Group to undertake Package 1, which commenced in January 2024. Design work is nearing completion for packages 2 and 3. A contractor for this work has not yet been selected.

#### Package 1: Paradise Dam Road upgrade

For this package, approximately 10 of the 17-kilometre Paradise Dam Road will be upgraded to improve road geometry, property access, line of sight for road users, selected crest sections and alignment of some road curves.

Package 1 works will start at Paradise Dam and move toward the intersection with Booyal-Dallarnil Road. No significant detours or diversions are planned at this stage. All road works will be conducted within the road corridor.

Specifically, works will include:

- vegetation clearing
- excavation and filling – with excess material to be stockpiled close to Paradise Dam
- road re-alignment new pavement
- signage and line marking
- new drainage.

CMC Group has established a work compound at Paradise Dam and may approach landowners on Paradise Dam Road to request temporary access for the storage and parking of equipment.

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## **Property access improvements**

The upgrade of Paradise Dam Road will include improvements for nine access points to private properties. The improvements will be undertaken in the road reserve up to property boundary fencing for eight of these access points, and inside the property boundary for one. Sunwater and CMC Group are planning meetings with impacted landholders and will ensure advance notice of these works is provided.

## **Work timing**

Work on Paradise Dam Road commenced in January 2024 and is expected to be completed by the end of the year, weather permitting. As work progresses, Sunwater will continue to engage with local landholders and road users.

## **Keeping safe**

Road users are urged to always drive to the road conditions and adhere to signage at all times.

## **Contact Sunwater**

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