



## Batchlers Road safety upgrade

Bundaberg Regional Council has committed \$542,000 to improve Batchlers Road between Moore Park Road and Loeskow Street.

Last year the Federal Government announced \$308,000 in Black Spot funding towards the \$850,000 project.

Council's roads portfolio spokesman Cr Bill Trevor said Batchlers Road is an important rural access route, which supports farming operations.

"The road from the Moore Park Road end to the curve is a single-lane bitumen seal, which is in a poor state and needs repair," he said.

"On the eastern end, there is a 1km section of gravel road.

"There have been four crashes, including one fatality, in just over five years on the eastern section of Batchlers Road.

"Improvements will include sealing and widening the road to six metres and reconstructing the curve for better visibility."

Cr Trevor said traffic numbers on the improved road will be monitored to determine if additional safety measures might be needed.

Mayor Jack Dempsey thanked the Federal Government for supporting the project.

"The federal funding contribution enabled us to include the works in the 2020-21 Council budget," he said.

"The Black Spot Program funds important safety measures where a number of serious crashes have occurred and we're grateful for this assistance."

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