

BARTON DEAKIN BRIEF: Development of Outback Way

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Overview

Yesterday, Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce announced that the Government will invest an additional \$678 million into sealing more of Outback Way. It is intended that a further 1 000km of road will be sealed, in an effort to create jobs and better connect Australia's regional and remote communities.

Key Details

- Outback Way is a series of dirt roads and tracks, totaling 2 720km, which connects regional and remote Queensland, the Northern Territory, and Western Australia.
- The series of roads connects Laverton in WA and Winton in QLD, via Alice Springs in the NT.
- [Outback Way](#) is often described as Australia's longest shortcut.
- The Government has promised to seal and improve the entire 2 720km stretch of road. Today's announcement will complete the sealing 1 000km.
- Prior to today, \$330 million has been invested, resulting in over 600km having already been sealed.
- According to the Prime Minister, the new commitment will:
 - "Our investment locks in a pipeline of works that will drive investment in regional Australia and boost economies from Winton in Queensland to Laverton in Western Australia."
- It is hoped that the funding will create a total of 2 197 jobs: 671 jobs in QLD, 1 084 jobs in WA, and 442 jobs in the NT.
- For the entire project, 80% of the funding will be provided by the Federal Government, with the remaining 20% coming from the States and Territories
- Please see the link below to find a breakdown of which roads will be sealed in the Prime Minister's Media Release.



Map of the Outback Way, supplied by [Infrastructure Australia](#)



Additional Information

You can access the Prime Minister's Media Release [here](#).

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