

Building our Regions

Tambo Sawmill Infrastructure Upgrade



Funding

Total project cost	\$487,250
BoR funding	\$262,250
Council funding	\$225,000

* Average number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs supported by project construction (based on Queensland Treasury's Guidelines for estimating FTE jobs directly supported by the capital work program).

Tambo, situated on the Barcoo River in central western Queensland, was struggling through drought and mining downturns when Blackall–Tambo Regional Council bought the disused Tambo sawmill in 2014.

Council purchased the sawmill, secured a timber allocation and sought expressions of interest from experienced operators to lease and operate the mill—with the intention of restarting operations to create jobs and boost the local economy.

Blackall–Tambo Mayor, Andrew Martin said when operational the Tambo sawmill will support 13 jobs providing a massive boost to local employment opportunities and the local economy.

“In a small town like Tambo with 359 people, those jobs are a big jump in employment,” Councillor Martin said.

“With just over \$600,000 contributed by the federal and state governments we’re able to upgrade and recommission the mill.

“Mill operations have the potential to inject \$1 million dollars per year to the town of Tambo and the surrounding region, maybe even more with some innovative value-adding ideas that we’re currently considering—such as the addition of a planing room to enable polishing tongue-and-groove, shrink-wrapped firewood, and producing mulch.”

