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New way to drain away camber

A new, patented drainage design which uses a gutter length grill, and was first installed in Ayr's main street last year, could provide the solution to Home Hill's parking woes according to Member for Burdekin, Dale Last.

Mr Last said that, in addition to ensuring adequate drainage, the design of the system could mean the camber of the Bruce Highway through Home Hill could be reduced, providing safer parking for residents.

"In August last year the VSlim Drain system was installed at Queen St where drainage systems have previously been put through their paces," Mr Last said. "That area was badly affected when half-a-metre of rain was recorded in one night and, if the new system can cope with that, you would think it would work in Home Hill."

That very same month that the region-first drainage was installed in Ayr, the Home Hill Chamber of Commerce described the camber of the main street as 'an accident waiting to happen' and Mr Last said it was an issue that had, to date, been ignored by the state government.

"Burdekin Shire Council undertook the work in Ayr's main street which supported jobs in the district and provided a solution that ensures ease of parking and efficient storm water management, so it's a win-win," Mr Last said.

"Council has previously said they will assess the performance of the VSlim Drain and I would think that, if that evaluation shows the system working successfully, then it may be the ideal solution for Home Hill."

"If we can approach the state government with the solution, we've done half the work for them and I would hope that would mean this can be fixed as soon as possible."

"Unfortunately, the Queensland Minister for Transport has previously said he would not take action, despite admitting the current design does not meet the national standards."

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