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Main Roads, Fisheries and Marine Infrastructure **The Honourable Craig Wallace**

Monday, May 23, 2011

Locals part of Park Ridge Connector Study

Seventeen representatives from various local interest and community groups will help guide corridor planning of the Park Ridge Connector.

A Community Stakeholder Reference Group (CSRG) was recently selected by Main Roads Minister Craig Wallace and Logan City Council's Planning and Development Committee Chairperson, Councillor Cherie Dalley.

The Park Ridge Connector CSRG will be coordinated by Transport and Main Roads and Logan City Council and provide information to inform the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) document which is intended to be available for public display late this year.

"This is a unique approach to corridor planning which integrates state network planning, local land use planning, and community values in a single process," Mr Wallace said.

"The CSRG will allow the values and concerns of the community to directly influence the planning process and provide essential insights that can only come from a grassroots perspective."

Cr Dalley said close consideration had been given to selecting the membership of the CSRG to

ensure it represented a cross-section of the community, including residents, businesses and environmental groups.

“The communities within the planning study area are culturally diverse,” she said.

“The composition of the Park Ridge Connector CSRG will ensure local community views about future transport planning in Logan represent the city’s diversity.”

The Park Ridge Connector CSRG will meet at least five times between May and August and work in partnership with Logan City Council and Transport and Main Roads technical advisors who will help them consider the road corridor proposals by providing specialist information.

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