

Cairns Bruce Highway Upgrade Sheehy Road (Forest Gardens) to Ray Jones Drive

Fact sheet number two

About the project

The upgrade of 3.4km of the Cairns Bruce Highway between Sheehy Road (Forest Gardens) and Ray Jones Drive is in progress and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2013, weather permitting.

CairnsConnect, a joint venture between BMD Construction and Albem Operations Pty Ltd, has been contracted to design and construct the \$150 million upgrade.

These works are the first stage of the 30 year Cairns Bruce Highway Upgrade master plan, and form part of the Australian Government's \$8.6 billion investment in Queensland's land transport infrastructure.

Benefits of the project

- Financial benefit to the local economy, as the project is being delivered by local resources, suppliers and subcontractors that amount to more than 85% of the construction value being invested locally.
- Improved safety for road users, pedestrians and cyclists.
- The provision of a dedicated pedestrian and cycle over-bridge at Anderson Road and five new grade separated bridges throughout the project.
- Reduced traffic signals along the highway which will reduce travel times and carbon emissions.
- Removal of the open level rail crossings at Sheehy Road and Anderson Road.
- Additional capacity and improved freight efficiency.
- Improved safety, functionality and reliability of the Bruce Highway through the construction of new service roads and improved intersections at Rigg Street, Anderson Road and Kate Street.
- The provision of 7km of on and off-road cycle lanes to the wider Cairns cycleway network.
- Improved pedestrian and cycle safety, linking access across the highway.
- Improved pedestrian safety around the Red Hill cane railway line.
- The provision of safe and reliable Queensland Rail operations during and after construction.
- The provision of noise walls at various locations throughout the 3.4km project.
- Existing pavement and drainage upgrades.
- Removal of overhead power lines and installation of underground lines at several locations.
- Minimised maintenance costs.
- Minimised future upgrade costs by innovative design techniques.





Artist's impression of Sheehy Road (Forest Gardens) interchange.

Project information

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