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**Construction update
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The Department of Transport and Main Roads wishes to advise that works on the \$150 million upgrade of the Cairns Bruce Highway, between Sheehy Road and Ray Jones Drive are progressing well. We are pleased to announce the completion of the bridge piling and would like to thank road users and residents for their patience and understanding during these works.

As part of the project, three monthly updates, such as this, are being provided to the community to advise about upcoming construction activities and what to expect during that time. **For the next three months**, weather permitting, specific works to be undertaken will include:

- ongoing earthworks operations at the base of Red Hill, to enable the realignment of the cane railway line
- continued construction of RSS walls and embankments on all road bridges
- continued relocation of essential services such as power, water and fibre optics
- continued installation of new road drainage and extending existing culverts
- continued construction of the new service roads on both sides of the highway
- continued bridge abutment construction
- pavement and kerbing operations
- sealing and asphalt operations
- switching of traffic to newly constructed roads
- raising of power lines at Rigg Street
- delivery and installation of the bridge deck units – some of these works will be undertaken at night due to the need to completely close the highway while the bridge deck units are lifted into place.

Normal working hours for this project continue to be between 6am and 6pm, Monday to Sunday. While the majority of works are being carried out during these hours, some works will be undertaken at night when highway traffic volumes are lower and traffic lanes can be closed to provide a clear and safe zone around the work area. Adjacent residents will continue to be given advance notice of any night works required.

Over the coming months, minor lane closures, diversions and reduced speed limits will continue to apply to most roads located within the project area, including Forest Gardens Boulevard, Progress Road, Sheehy Road, Kowinka Street, Anderson Road and Rigg Street. Off-peak lane closures, diversions and reduced speed limits will also occur along the Bruce Highway and Ray Jones Drive. Traffic controllers and signage will be in place to safeguard pedestrians, road users and road workers, with variable message signs used to provide information about detours or potential delays.

Please slow down and follow all traffic directions – roadwork safety is your responsibility too. Your patience and cooperation while these works are under way is appreciated. Please be assured that we are working hard to minimise construction impacts and the CairnsConnect project team is happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have. You can call the toll-free project information line on 1800 657 724*, send an email to cbhu@bmd.com.au or visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects. For up-to-date information on traffic disruptions please phone 13 19 40 or visit www.131940.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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