

Upgrading Centenary Highway Interchange

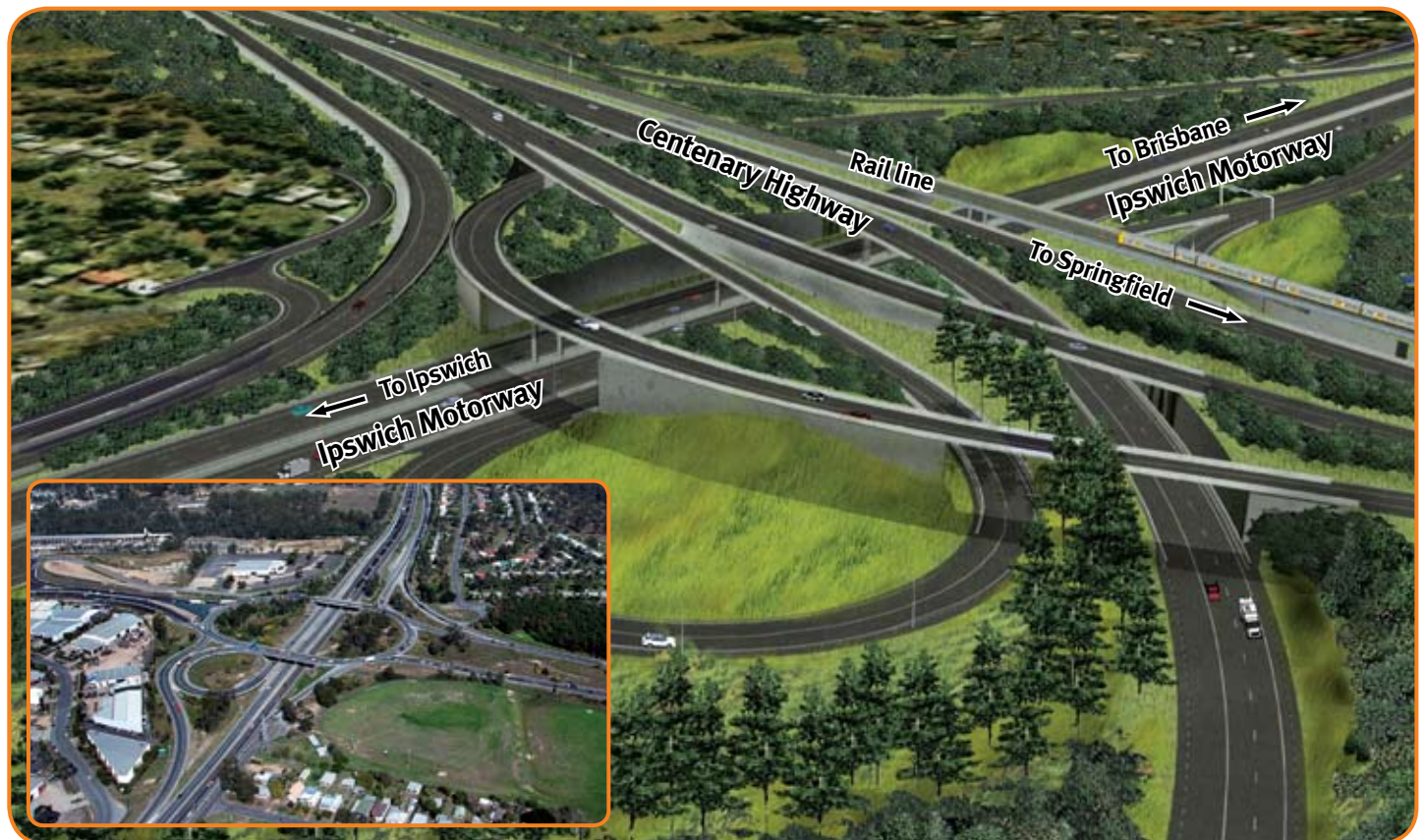
The Australian Government has committed \$700 million to the first section of the Wacol to Darra upgrade, which will relieve congestion along this section of the motorway and improve safety and reliability for motorists.

For construction purposes the project has been divided into two sections.

Construction of the first section, east of Progress Road in Wacol (Jervis Street, Darra to Sandy Creek, Wacol) will commence in early 2008.

It involves a major upgrade of the Centenary Highway Interchange and will widen the Ipswich Motorway from four to six lanes, with provision for eight lanes in the future. It is expected to be complete by late 2010.

Prior to the commencement of section two works, west of Progress Road (Sandy Creek, Wacol to the Ipswich Logan Motorway Interchange, Gailles) Main Roads will engage the community about future traffic impacts for this section.



Artist's impression of the new Centenary Highway multi-level system interchange.

Inset: the current Centenary Highway Interchange.

Changes to local road access

To improve safety and traffic flow some existing on and off ramps will be permanently closed along the Centenary Highway and Ipswich Motorway.

During the construction phase the following local connections to the Centenary Highway Interchange will be progressively removed.

- » Bullockhead Street at Sumner - around July/August 2008 (section one)
- » Bakery Road - around August 2008 and Kelliher Road - around January 2009 at Darra (section one)
- » Campbell Avenue and Akenside Street at Wacol (section two) – timeframes will be confirmed closer to the time

Access for the local road network will be available via service interchanges.



Service interchanges in the local road network are located at Harcourt Road, Progress Road, Sumners Road and Garden Road. Motorists and the community will be informed well in advance of all closures.

Did you know?

Interchanges can be classified into two categories:

- » system interchanges, and
- » service interchanges.

A system interchange is a connection between two major roads such as a motorway or highway. The interchange provides free traffic flow between both major roads.

A service interchange is a link between a major and minor road. Service interchanges provide access for local traffic to a motorway or highway from residential, commercial and industrial areas with lower traffic volumes.

Development of a system interchange

The many benefits which complement the design of a system interchange include:

- » improved safety on the Ipswich Motorway between Wacol and Darra
- » reduced congestion
- » improved and consistent traffic flow, and
- » increased reliability and better travel times.

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The Department of Main Roads would like to thank you for your cooperation and patience during this important program.

Work is subject to weather and construction conditions with dates subject to change.