Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Rocklea to Darra – Stage 1

Bridge demolition and piling construction work over Little Doris Creek and Oxley Creek, Oxley

March 2019

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) advises that from early April we will be constructing the new wider and higher motorway bridges, eastbound, over Little Doris Creek and the Oxley Creek.

Bridge demolition work

The first step involves demolition of the existing eastbound bridges. This work will be done during the day, from 7am to 5pm Monday to Saturday, for at least two weeks.

Demolition work will be carried out in stages and involve:

- Carefully cutting and lifting off the existing bridge decks;
- Safely and securely removing the decks from the work site with the supporting bridge structures being demolished off site.

Foundation and Piling works

As part of these works, pre-cast (or pre-made) concrete piles will be driven into the ground until the pile hits a pre-determined level of resistance. Positioning the piles ready for driving isn’t easy. This will be done at night between 8pm and 5am, with the nearest traffic lane closed as a safety buffer. To keep noise and vibration to a minimum, we will wait until the next morning to drive the piles into the ground as a repetitive banging sound may be heard. Piling works for the new eastbound bridges are planned for completion in July 2019, weather permitting.

For more information about piling works please visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Projects/Name/I/Ipswich-Motorway-Upgrade-Rocklea-to-Darra-Stage-1-Granard-Road-to-Oxley-Road/Piling-works.

What can I expect?

This work creates noise, dust and vibration. We apologise for this and will do our best to minimise these impacts. Safety will be carefully managed, and specialist demolition and piling contractors will perform the works. At night, traffic may be reduced to one lane each direction for your safety. The timing of all works is subject to weather and construction conditions.

If you would like further information about the project, please call 1800 204 990, email contactus@r2d1.com.au or visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/rocklea2darra.

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