

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## New exit to open as Diverging Diamond takes shape

The latest milestone for the Bruce Highway Caloundra Road to Sunshine Motorway upgrade is in sight with the new northbound exit to Steve Irwin Way about to open to traffic.

Transport and Main Roads Director General Neil Scales said the current northbound Exit 188 loop from the Bruce Highway to Caloundra and Landsborough would be permanently closed early next week (weather permitting) and replaced with a new exit about 600 metres to the south.

"This new Exit 188 will be part of Australia's first Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI), which is rapidly taking shape at Caloundra Road," Mr Scales said.

"The exit will join Steve Irwin Way at a signalised intersection where motorists can either continue towards Landsborough and the hinterland or turn right to towards Caloundra and the beach."

Mr Scales said the existing Exit 188 loop and Steve Irwin Way between the Caloundra Road interchange and Mooloolah Connection Road will be closed for one night to facilitate the opening of the new exit.

"Traffic detours will be in place and motorists are advised to follow directional signage and allow extra travel time," he said.

"Temporary lane closures are also necessary prior to the exit opening to allow for pavement works, signage installation and line marking to be completed."

Police and traffic controllers will be on hand to assist motorists if required.

Mr Scales said further traffic changes are programmed for the project over the coming months.

"I strongly encourage the community to subscribe to the free SMS and email service to stay up to date on the project," he said.

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This \$812.95 million project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments on an 80:20 basis.

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