

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Safer intersections for the Wide Bay Burnett

- The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will commence construction on three rural intersections in the Wide Bay Burnett district from May this year.
- The improvements are jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Road Safety Program (RSP).
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The intersection upgrades will improve road safety and access to side roads, on what are important transport links to the freight and farming industries and rural residents in the Wide Bay Burnett district.

The upgrades include:

Bundaberg Region

- Widening and re-sealing the Goodwood Road, Coach Road and Muller Road intersection
- Installing right and left turn lanes into Coach Road, and a right turn lane into Muller Road
- Widening and re-sealing Bundaberg-Gin Gin Road and Kookaburra Park Drive intersection
- Installing right and left turn lanes into Kookaburra Park Drive.

South Burnett Region

- Widening and re-sealing the Bunya Highway and Chinchilla-Wondai Road intersection
- Installing right and left turn lanes into Chinchilla-Wondai Road

The Australian Government has invested \$255.7 million in the program across 2023-25, with the Queensland Government also providing \$255.7 million, sourced through the Camera Detected Offences Program, bringing the total investment to \$511.4 million.

Quotes attributable to Transport and Main Roads Regional Director (Southern Queensland) Bill Lansbury:

"These intersection upgrades are amongst 71 projects that will be delivered across Queensland under the Road Safety Program.

"The works are all about maintaining the safety of motorists on the state's road network and will support an average of 700 jobs, at a time when jobs and jobs security are more important than ever.

"Widening and adding dedicated turn lanes to the intersections will improve safety on vital transport links in the Wide Bay Burnett district.

"Works are expected to get underway in May 2024, weather and other conditions permitting.
"We thank motorists for their patience during the upgrades."

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