

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**22 May 2025**

### **Construction milestone for Mackay Ring Road to Bald Hill Road Connection project**

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Bald Hill Road has reopened to traffic with a left-in/left-out access at the intersection of the Bruce Highway.

Southbound vehicles are not permitted to turn right into Bald Hill Road whilst median works are completed. Southbound access to Bald Hill Road is part of the final intersection configuration and this access will be operational once the work is finalised.

Motorists are advised a detour is available via Hill End Road for southbound highway traffic.

The Mackay Ring Road to Bald Hill Road Connection project is a continuation of the Mackay Ring Road construction project (completed in 2020), and is expected to be completed by mid 2025.

The \$497.3 million project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments with the Australian Government contributing \$397.84 million and the Queensland Government contributing \$99.46 million.

When delivered, the project will improve road safety and increase capacity in this location by duplicating the section of highway between Mackay Ring Road and Bald Hill Road. The Mackay Ring Road project is estimated to support an average of 534 direct jobs over the life of the project.

The Mackay Ring Road to Bald Hill Road Connection project also forms part of early works for the Mackay Port Access – Slade Point Road project, which will provide a direct link for freight movements between the Bruce Highway's intersection with Mackay Ring Road in Glenella and Mackay Port.

Intermittent works will continue on the project including median and ancillary bridge works.

Motorists are reminded to drive carefully through roadworks, be aware of changed traffic conditions and follow the direction of traffic controllers on site.

Changed traffic conditions at roadworks sites, such as reduced speed limits and lane closures are essential for the safety of both roadworkers and motorists.

The safety of roadworkers and the road users through roadworks sites is a high priority for TMR.

For more information on road works and conditions across the state, visit [www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au](http://www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au), call 13 19 40 or download the QLDTraffic app.

For more information about this project, visit: <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/mackay-ring-road>

**Quotes attributable to Transport and Main Roads Central Queensland Regional Director Dave Grosse:**

“The Mackay Ring Road to Bald Hill Road Connection project is a significant upgrade for the Bruce Highway, delivering safety and efficiency improvements for this key freight route.

“This switch moves traffic onto a new section of the Bruce Highway in Glenella.

“As works continue, road users should expect changed traffic conditions in the area.

“Managing traffic through this busy corridor is an important part of delivering the project and every effort will be made to minimise impacts to traffic flow.

“TMR thanks motorists for their patience while these essential works are delivered.”

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