

# Bruce Highway widening and overtaking lanes (Mailman Road to Mackenzie Creek)

## Construction Update: June 2020

The Bruce Highway safety upgrades between Mailman Road and Mackenzie Creek, at Cromarty, are progressing to schedule.

### Works from March – May

Works between March and May 2020 included:

- continued works at a number of culverts between St Margaret Creek and Mackenzie Creek
- continued pavement widening
- continued earthworks and pavement works as part of the new southbound overtaking lane
- commenced the intersection upgrade at Cromarty Siding Road.

Multiple single lane closures have been required to accommodate the above works.

Regular audits have shown that these lane closures have resulted in a maximum eight minutes additional travel time through the length of the project.

While we appreciate the inconvenience this has, these short delays are well within acceptable levels. We would like to thank motorists for the patience they have shown in obeying the traffic changes.

### Temporary closure of Bruce Highway overtaking lane

In late April we were required to close a single lane in each direction of the Bruce Highway overtaking lanes between Cape Cleveland Road and Mackenzie Creek (immediately north of the project area).

This closure was required to ensure the safety of motorists and road workers while drainage works were completed.

If further overtaking lane closures are required during the remainder of the project, we will continue to confirm details through the QLD *Traffic* service (available by phone on 13 19 40, online at [www.QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au](http://www.QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au) and via the free app for Apple and Android devices).



**Above:** pavement excavations are ongoing throughout the project.

**Below:** safety improvements are continuing at the Cromarty Siding Road intersection



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**Left:** The new southbound overtaking lane between Cromarty Siding Road and Emmett Creek is taking shape.

Overtaking lanes aim to reduce the risk of drivers undertaking unsafe passing manoeuvres.

### Upcoming Works – June to September

Subject to further wet weather, between June and September 2020 we will continue:

- excavation and earthworks for constructing culverts
- pavement works between St Margaret Creek and Mackenzie Creek, including in the area of the new southbound overtaking lane (*pictured, above left*)
- upgrades at the Bruce Highway intersection with Cromarty Siding Road, including re-profiling of the highway approaches.

These works will require further lane closures and contraflow traffic arrangements, under the direction of traffic controllers.

We would like to again thank residents and motorists for their patience during these works.

We continue to monitor traffic delays through the project, and to make adjustments where possible (and required).



**Left:** Works at sites one through three of the Mailman Road to Mackenzie Creek project (from Mailman Road to north of the St Margaret Creek bridge) were completed in late 2019.

Works at sites four through six (between the St Margaret Creek bridge and the Mackenzie Creek bridge) are ongoing.

#### For further information and to provide feedback

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