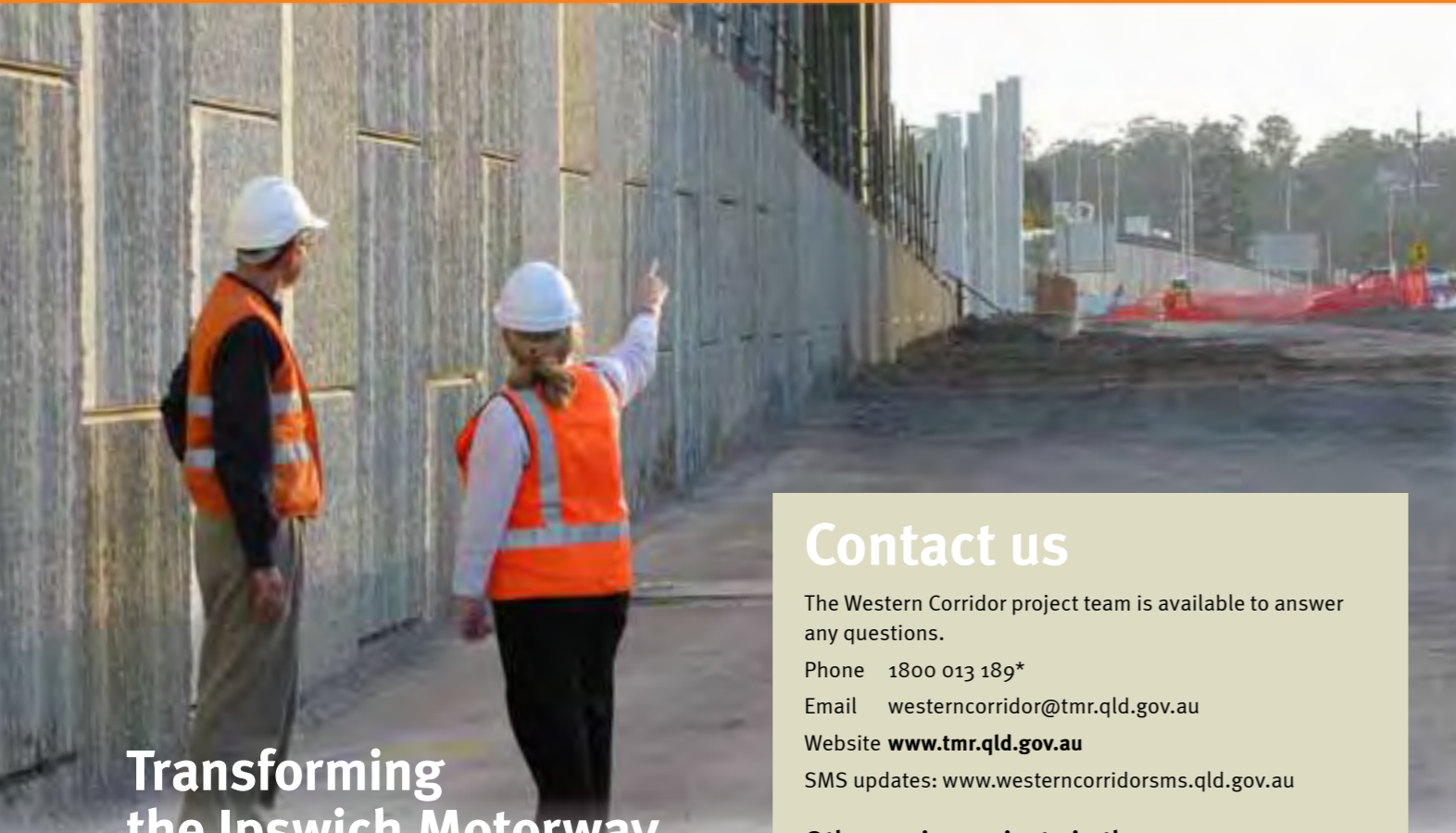


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Transforming the Ipswich Motorway

The federal and state governments are upgrading the Ipswich Motorway as part of their infrastructure planning for south-east Queensland.

Other Ipswich Motorway projects currently underway include:

Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Wacol to Darra

This project involves a major upgrade of the Centenary Highway Interchange and a five kilometre section of Ipswich Motorway between Darra and the Ipswich/Logan Interchange. Completion is expected around mid 2010.

Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Dinmore to Goodna

This project involves a major upgrade of an eight kilometre section of the Ipswich Motorway between Dinmore and the Ipswich/Logan Interchange. Completion is expected around late 2012.

More transport projects are underway to transform the Western Corridor. These projects are being constructed in stages and as each project moves towards completion motorists will begin to experience greater efficiency, reliability and safety as they travel through the corridor.

For more information about the projects currently underway in the Western Corridor, please phone or email the projects directly or visit the websites.

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The Western Corridor project team is available to answer any questions.

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Other major projects in the area

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A vital link between Ipswich and Brisbane is now complete.

The Australian and Queensland Governments are transforming the Western Corridor with a record building program.

The Australian and Queensland Governments' road network investment in the Western Corridor will improve safety, travel reliability, and reduce travel time for motorists. The upgrades throughout the corridor will improve the standard of living for communities by providing motorists with better connectivity to major and local road networks as well as encouraging future growth and prosperity for the Ipswich region and beyond.

The \$255 million Australian Government funded Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Ipswich/Logan Interchange project is now complete. This is a key milestone in the upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway.

The interchange upgrade project linking the Ipswich and Logan Motorways includes new bridges, service roads and underpasses.

A major part of the new Ipswich/Logan Interchange has been replacing all right-side ramps with free-flowing left-side ramps providing motorists with a safer and more reliable motorway system.

New design features of the upgrade

- upgrade of the 2.2 kilometre section of the Ipswich Motorway between Goodna and Gables from four lanes to a minimum of six lanes
- twelve new bridges and three underpasses including two cross motorway connections
- a new service road on the southern side of the Ipswich Motorway
- new cycle lanes and footpaths
- extensive landscaping and planting of native trees.



Works underway August 2008



Artist's impression of Henry Ellerton Bridge, the new bridge linking Old Logan Road to Wilruna Street

Bridge names honour...

Two of the project's bridges have been officially named as part of the Queensland Government's Q150 initiative, celebrating the State's 150th anniversary since separation as a colony from New South Wales in 1859.

The project's signature bridge from Old Logan Road to Wilruna Street has been officially named the Henry Ellerton Bridge and was proposed by local Councillor Paul Tully.

The Ipswich Motorway bridge over Woogaroo Creek has been officially named Kurrajong Bridge and was proposed by the late Lloyd Bird.

The Q150 Bridge Naming Project involved asking the community to provide name suggestions for more than 50 bridges throughout Queensland during 2009.

For more information on bridge names announced as part of the Q150 celebrations, please visit: www.tmr.qld.gov.au



Construction Challenges

The Ipswich Logan Interchange project is one of the most complex motorway upgrades ever undertaken in Queensland. With about 90,000 vehicles using the Ipswich Motorway each day – 12% of which are commercial vehicles – a major challenge was building the motorway upgrade while maintaining safe and efficient traffic flow through the interchange and surrounding local road network.

A significant part of the works on this project involved constructing temporary lanes to carry traffic while permanent sections of the interchange were built. This required over 50 major and often complicated traffic realignments to keep the motorway flowing. A significant amount of the works were undertaken at night to minimise impacts on motorists.

The Minister for Main Roads, the Hon. Craig Wallace, said the 90,000 motorists who travel through this area every day have assisted construction by driving safely through the roadworks and the often changing traffic arrangements.

The Department encourages motorists to continue to drive safely at all times. Safety is our number one priority. During construction, speed limits and signage are in place to safely guide you through busy work sites and play a crucial role in the safety of road workers and road users.

A job well done

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has a proven record of technical excellence and world-class infrastructure solutions.

The Department would like to thank its industry partners including major contractors Leighton Contractors Pty Limited, consultants SMEC Australia Pty Ltd and the many project staff, subcontractors and suppliers who have successfully delivered the Ipswich/Logan Interchange project.

Looking after our environment

Over 270,000 native plants have been planted as part of the extensive landscaping and vegetation undertaken on the project. The project team worked with the Society for Growing Australian Plants to develop an indigenous species list of plants for use on the project.

As part of the project, Main Roads' industry partner Leighton Contractors regenerated a section of Woogaroo Creek, upstream of the works zone in Goodna with the cooperation of Ipswich City Council to improve the long-term future of the waterway.

Woogaroo Creek is an important and diverse waterway, with a history of deep environmental significance. While working in the area, the project team identified that vegetation around Woogaroo Creek was highly disturbed and dominated by pest species of plants resulting in a loss of environmental value and diversity. Plants including Lomandra, White Bottle Brush and Deep Yellow Wood have been used in the revegetation.

Revegetation works underway near Woogaroo Creek



Community initiatives – more than just roads

The Department of Transport and Main Roads would like to recognise the local communities of Gables, Goodna and the surrounding areas for their ongoing patience and cooperation during the various phases of this project. In appreciation of this support, a number of community legacies will continue long after the project has finished.

Visual history commemorates heroes

Noise walls constructed as part of the Ipswich/Logan Interchange project feature murals to commemorate local army and navy veterans and will serve as a lasting legacy for the community.

The portraits of eight naval and 12 army veterans in full dress uniform together with images of the HMAS Ipswich I and II are displayed on a 150-metre section of noise wall along Brisbane Road at Gables.

Representatives from the Goodna RSL, the project's Community Liaison Group and local community members helped choose the theme for its cultural and historical significance and to recognise the contributions of these men and women to our community.

The mural was designed and produced by not-for-profit arts organisation Phantast with the involvement of local youth from the Goodna and Gables area.

