

## FAQ's

### Ipswich Motorway Upgrade Wacol to Darra

#### What does the upgrade involve?

Section one of the upgrade: east of Progress Road in Wacol (Jervis Street, Darra to Sandy Creek, Wacol) will include:

- widening three kilometres of the Ipswich Motorway from a minimum of four to six lanes with auxiliary lanes and service roads
- a major upgrade of the Centenary Highway Interchange to a multi-level system interchange
- new bridges over Bullockhead and Sandy Creeks
- removal of motorway access and exit points at Bakery Road and Kelliher Road at Darra and Bullockhead Street at Sumner to improve safety and traffic flow
- new bridges over the Ipswich rail line (Centenary Highway)
- new pedestrian and cyclist paths
- earthworks and bridgeworks for a new rail line from Darra to Springfield passing through the new Centenary Highway Interchange.

Section two of the upgrade: west of Progress Road is presently being planned and the community will be engaged as planning progresses.

#### Who is delivering the Wacol to Darra upgrade?

Main Roads established SAFElink Alliance to deliver the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade from Wacol to Darra.

SAFElink Alliance consists of five partners including Main Roads, Leighton Contractors, BMD Constructions, Maunsell Australia and Arup.

#### How was the final design for the Wacol to Darra upgrade determined?

In December 2000 the Main Roads undertook concept planning for the upgrade of the entire Ipswich Motorway from Rocklea to Dinmore. The study involved extensive consultation with the community and major stakeholders throughout the entire corridor.

The subsequent plan developed by Main Roads in 2002 represented a comprehensive, integrated and sustainable transport solution. This plan recognised the contribution rail made to the corridor and enhanced access to rail stations. It provides for pedestrians and cyclists and includes additional service roads to remove local trips from the motorway.

The final design has been chosen based on Main Roads requirements, including Australian standards for road safety design, improved safety, reduced congestion, increased reliability and travel times, and improved and more consistent traffic flow.

### **What are the benefits of the upgrade?**

Benefits of the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade between Wacol and Darra include:

- improved safety on the Ipswich Motorway between Wacol and Darra
- reduced congestion
- improved and consistent traffic flow
- increased reliability and better travel times.

### **Why is this particular section of the Ipswich Motorway being upgraded?**

Part of the government's commitment to a full upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway from Dinmore to Rocklea is the section between Wacol and Darra. This section is heavily congested and the high volumes of freight that use the motorway presents a major safety concern for commuters.

The upgrade will reduce congestion and improve safety, travel times and reliability of this section of the motorway.

Due to an increase in freight and traffic volumes, major interchanges located on Centenary Highway and Progress Road are now deficient in terms of capacity and design standards. The upgrade of the Centenary Highway Interchange will improve safety, reduce congestion and improve traffic flow.

### **What is the timeframe of the project?**

Construction of section one works (Jervis Street, Darra to Sandy Creek, Wacol) which includes the Centenary Highway Interchange will commence by April 2008 with anticipated completion in late 2010.

### **How much will the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade between Wacol and Darra cost?**

The Australian Government has committed \$700 million to the first stage of the Wacol to Darra Upgrade.

The State Government has committed \$70 million to the Springfield rail component through the Centenary Highway Interchange.

### **How will the upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway between Wacol and Darra benefit road users and the community?**

The Ipswich Motorway Upgrade will improve safety, relieve congestion and enhance reliability. Other key benefits to road users and the community include:

- improved connection across the motorway between suburbs
- keeping local traffic on local roads and through traffic on the motorway
- improved safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists
- increased reliability and better travel times
- improved and more consistent traffic flow
- improved connectivity between the Ipswich Motorway and Centenary Highway
- new pedestrian and cyclist paths
- noise barriers

### **How will the traffic flow under construction on the Ipswich Motorway?**

The construction of the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade between Wacol and Darra is staged in a way that minimises disruption to traffic. There is a minimum of two lanes open each way during peak times of the day.

### **What works are being undertaken at Centenary Highway Interchange?**

The works will involve:

- a transformation of the current roundabout to a multi-level system interchange (motorway to motorway)
  - removal of Centenary Highway northbound movement onto Ipswich Motorway westbound (towards Ipswich).
  - removal of Ipswich motorway eastbound movement onto Centenary Highway southbound (towards Springfield).
  - access for these two movements will be provided via Progress Road interchange
- provision of local road access via service interchanges at Harcourt Road, Progress Road, Sumners Road and Garden Road.

### **What is a system interchange?**

A system interchange is a connection between two major roads such as a motorway or highway and provides free traffic flow between both major roads.

### **Will there be changes to local road access?**

Yes. To improve safety and traffic flow, some existing on and or off ramps will be permanently closed along the Centenary Highway and Ipswich Motorway. During the construction phase the following local connections to the Centenary Interchange will be progressively removed:

- Bakery and Kelliher Roads at Darra
- Bullockhead Street at Sumner – temporarily from around October - December 2008 (section one) and will close permanently from late 2009
- Bakery Road – September 2008 and Kelliher Road – early 2010 at Darra (section one)
- Service road exit point from Centenary Highway to Darra
- Campbell Avenue and Akenside Street at Wacol (section two) – timeframes will be confirmed closer to the time.

Access to the local road network will be available via service interchanges, located at Harcourt Road at Darra, Progress Road at Wacol, Sumners Road at Sumner and Garden Road at Richlands. Motorists and the community will be informed well in advance of all closures.

### **What's happening with the Progress Road Interchange?**

Main Roads is currently developing concept plans and associated estimates for a new service interchange at Progress Road.

### **Will there be impacts to my property or business and parking during and after construction?**

Main Roads aim to minimise impacts to residents and businesses in the area and will maintain access to parking where possible.

### **There are many transport and infrastructure projects occurring throughout the western corridor, who is responsible for these?**

There are several large-scale projects happening throughout the area including:

- Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Ipswich/Logan Motorway Interchange (ph: 1800 703 093)
- Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Dinmore to Goodna (ph: 1800 465 682)
- Corinda to Darra Rail Upgrade (ph: 1800 680 385)
- Darra to Springfield Transport Corridor (Road and Rail) (ph: 1800 887 464)
- Centenary Highway Extension: Springfield to Yamanto (ph: 1800 500 544)
- Western Corridor Recycled Water Project (ph: 1800 997 464)

### **Who has been consulted as part of this Wacol to Darra upgrade?**

Residents and businesses whose properties had the potential of being affected by the upgrade from Wacol to Darra were contacted during the initial stages of consultation in 2002.

This initial consultation was conducted to inform them of the details, seek their opinions and help the project team to understand the benefits and challenges of each option.

### **How has the community been consulted?**

The community was first engaged regarding the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade in 2002 and again in 2006. Findings from the phases of this consultation have helped shape the projects direction.

### **Will further community engagement occur?**

Further community engagement regarding construction activities of the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade from Wacol to Darra commenced in March 2008 and will continue until the end of construction.

Information will be provided to the community through a number of initiatives including:

- Advertisements in local newspapers
- Community displays
- Community engagement van
- Community meetings
- Construction notification flyers and letters
- Main Roads website
- Newsletters
- Radio announcements
- SMS updates to registered people
- Visitor's information centre

### **How was the final design for the Wacol to Darra upgrade determined?**

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### **Will there be noise barriers, and where will they be located?**

A detailed noise study has been undertaken. This study has identified the projected noise levels at various locations along the construction site.

Where noise levels exceed Main Roads standards, noise treatments will be considered in consultation with the affected property owners.

## What will the final speed limit be after the upgrade? What will the speed limit be during construction?

- Once the new works are completed the motorway will have a 100km per hour speed limit.
- During construction two lanes will be available for traffic in each direction and a speed limit of 60-80km/hour will apply.

## Where can I find more information?

SAFElink Alliance's Community Engagement Team is available to answer any queries you may have about the project.

### Phone

1800 605 410\*

\*Higher rates apply from mobile phones and pay phones. If calling from outside of Queensland, STD rates will apply.

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### SMS updates\*

[www.wacol2darra.com.au](http://www.wacol2darra.com.au)

\*Visit the website to receive free project updates direct to your mobile phone.

### Website

[www.mainroads.qld.gov.au/wacol2darra](http://www.mainroads.qld.gov.au/wacol2darra)

### Visitor's Information Centre

Centenary Highway Park (via Warrender Street)  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Groups welcome, bookings essential - 1800 605 410