

Bruce Highway Upgrade

Caboolture-Bribie Island Road to Steve Irwin Way (Exit 163)

Construction notice
April 2021
Ref: CN07

Project update – April 2021

Recent rain has soaked the project site between Caboolture-Island Road and the Pumicestone Road interchange, with delays experienced after over 350mm of rain fell during March.

Most night works had to be postponed, with time also lost during the day as wet weather restricted the completion of activities such as earthworks, rock placement, and constructing piling pads. Not only does work get delayed when it is raining, work sites need to dry out before work can safely recommence.

With the Bureau of Meteorology predicting less rain in April and May, the project should start to make steady progress.



The result of over 100mm of rain at the site on Monday 22 March 2021.

Upcoming activities

The following construction activities are scheduled for April.

Bruce Highway southbound

- Continuing earthworks for lane widening, including for the new southbound exit ramp to Caboolture-Bribie Island Road. This will include the placement of rock material, drainage installation, importing general earthworks material and final vegetation clearing.
- Progressing a significant retaining wall associated with the new southbound exit ramp to Caboolture-Bribie Island Road.
- Continuing drainage installation beneath the existing D'Aguilar Highway fly-over.
- Starting to remove an existing travel-time sign adjacent to the southbound traffic lanes near Old Toorbul Point Road to facilitate lane widening.



Australian Government

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Pumicestone Road interchange

- Continuing earthworks and starting asphaltting for road widening in the Bruce Highway centre median and in the existing northbound and southbound lanes.
- Constructing new concrete traffic barriers in the centre median.
- Ongoing drainage installation beneath the Bruce Highway and construction of associated drainage pits. Minor traffic impacts are expected on Old Toorbul Point Road during the day while undertaking these works.

King John Creek and Lagoon Creek

- Continuing foundation works for new southbound bridges.
- Mobilising a large piling rig adjacent to King John Creek and starting bored piling works for the new southbound bridge. Once complete, the piling rig will be relocated to Lagoon Creek to commence bored piling works.
- Due to the proximity of bridge works to live traffic and the equipment being used, some activities will be carried out at night and may generate audible noise and low levels of localised vibration.

Bruce Highway northbound

- Continuing earthworks for the new northbound Bruce Highway exit ramp to the D'Aguilar Highway, which is expected to open to traffic in May, weather permitting.

All works are subject to weather and construction conditions.

Sign up for traffic alerts and information

To stay updated on construction activities via the free project SMS or email, register by:

- scanning the QR code to go to the project webpage
- entering your details at the "subscribe to updates" section.



Contact us

Free call: 1800 430 800*

Email: brucehwc2siw@tmr.qld.gov.au

* Charges may apply for calls from mobile phones and pay phones. Check with your service provider for call costs.



Queensland Government

Bruce Highway Upgrade

Caboolture-Bribie Island Road to Steve Irwin Way (Exit 163)

How am I affected?

The project team is doing its best to limit impacts on residents by using dust control measures and by not carrying out high level noise activities at night. There may be some limited impacts as follows:

- **Traffic control:** Localised traffic changes include reduced speed limits, road shoulder and lane closures, temporary lane re-alignments, changes to traffic flow and short-term disruptions. Traffic control will be in place to direct road users.

For live information on road closures and traffic conditions, go to www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au or call **13 19 40** or check the **QldTraffic app** (download for free from the App Store or Google Play).

- **Increased construction traffic:** Residents can expect increased construction traffic near works.
- **Noise, dust and vibration:** Audible noise, possible dust, localised vibration and heavy machinery can be expected. Reversing alarms and flashing lights are a safety requirement and are used at all times.
- **Temporary lighting:** Generator-powered lighting towers are used to light up work areas when night works are required.
- **Access changes:** Motorists are advised to follow directional road and temporary traffic signage as access to and from the Bruce Highway and its feeder roads may change.

When is work happening?

Works are being completed during the day whenever possible. However, due to the nature of the works and the proximity to live traffic, some activities need to be completed at night when traffic volumes are lower. This will ensure the safety of motorists and workers.

Working hours are:

- **Day works:** from 6am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday.
- **Night works:** from 7pm to 5am, Sunday to Friday.

The project team will continue to keep nearby residents, businesses, motorists, and key stakeholders updated throughout construction.

We thank you for your patience and co-operation while we deliver this significant Bruce Highway upgrade.

We are protecting our koalas

A local koala rescue group is working with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to ensure no koalas are impacted by construction works during the Bruce Highway Upgrade - Caboolture-Bribie Island Road to Steve Irwin Way (Exit 163) - C2SIW.

Volunteers from the group were pleased to have been consulted early in the delivery phase of the project. They offered their services on a volunteer basis for any koala health assessment or rescue operation.

They are planning to run a koala rescue awareness session for C2SIW major construction contractors.

All parties agreed there was a very low risk of a koala interaction and the group was not aware of any koalas rescued in the project area in recent years.

Detailed ecology inspections held during the design and pre-construction phases of the C2SIW project have not shown any evidence of koalas, although koala habitat exists within the area.

Environmental controls in place throughout the project site include fauna fencing, frog fencing and the deployment of fauna spotter-catchers during vegetation clearing works.

All vegetation clearing along the southbound carriageway has now been completed, while northbound clearing is less extensive and will take place in 2022.



A koala rescue volunteer in action