

# Ipswich Motorway Upgrade

## Rocklea to Darra – Stage 1 project

### **UPDATE: Community feedback on the proposed improvements for the Reedy Road, Ipswich Road service road intersection, Oxley.**

Thank you to the members of the local community who took the time to provide feedback on the proposed changes to the Reedy Road intersection. The feedback period closed on 14 August 2020 and all responses and comments have been considered.

As a result of the community feedback, **the intersection will remain in the current arrangement** and monitoring of operation continued. Below are answers to some of your questions.

#### **Why can't the stop sign be changed to a Give Way AND access to the service road remain the same?**

The stop sign is required as per Australian standards and for safety. Traffic coming off the roundabout wanting to cross Reedy Road to get to Ipswich Road service road (westbound) must cross two lanes of traffic and under certain traffic conditions visibility to approaching vehicles is insufficient. A STOP sign ensures all motorists, at all times, can properly assess the situation and wait for a safe gap to cross.

#### **When the adjoining section of the motorway is upgraded, will this intersection change again?**

Yes. Please note that while the upgrading of the remaining 3kms of the Ipswich Motorway from the Oxley Road interchange to the Centenary Motorway interchange has been planned, funding for implementation of future stages has not been allocated.

#### **Why can't the Rudd Street exit ramp be re-opened?**

As originally planned, the Rudd Street exit ramp has been permanently closed in 2019. Removal of this exit ramp was necessary to enable construction of the new longer Reedy Road entry ramp and is part of the strategy to rationalise interchanges.

The 2012 planning study found that traffic congestion, extensive delays and a poor safety record were contributed to by the high number of access ramps and closely spaced interchanges. Key causes of the poor safety record included that the high number of closely spaced on and off ramps encouraging weaving and merging manoeuvres by motorists.

For the safety of over 85,000 road users on the motorway each day, the existing Rudd Street **exit** ramp needed to be permanently closed as it was unsafe to have both entry and exit ramps operating at once in such close proximity. It will not be reopening.



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**I have seen a number of vehicles complete a U-turn on Reedy Road or use the new Amart carpark to turn around to avoid the build up of traffic from the roundabout. What can you do about this?**

A U-turn at this location is illegal and potentially dangerous. For everyone's safety and to avoid unnecessary trauma on our roads, we encourage motorists to abide by the road rules. This feedback has been given to Queensland Police to assist in enforcement activities.

**The stop sign causes a build up of traffic into the roundabout at times, can this be removed, and the intersection realigned?**

The stop sign at the end of the service road is necessary for safety and compliance with Australian design standards at intersections.

A driver shouldn't enter and block the roundabout if the road beyond the roundabout, for example the service road leading to the stop sign, is blocked by queuing traffic.

Drivers in this situation have the option of exiting the roundabout southbound on Blunder Road, then turning right into Reedy Road toward their desired destination. There are other alternative routes also that drivers may choose rather than compromising safe operation within the roundabout.

**Why not just take additional land from surrounding properties and create an extra lane or realign the intersection?**

Scarce funding for upgrades is carefully planned and prioritised to maximise safety and efficiency outcomes. Where possible, the Department of Transport and Main Roads avoids costly land resumptions. Impacts on landowners and their property or business must be carefully considered. The realignment of Reedy Road has already impacted local businesses. There are no plans to impact local properties further.

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# Reedy Road, Ipswich Road service road intersection and motorway entry-ramp

