



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Gladstone State Development Area, Services Corridor

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Stafford—ALP) (Minister for Infrastructure and Planning) (10.15 am): I would like to announce more infrastructure jobs for Gladstone. Late last month the government approved the development of the Gladstone State Development Area services corridor, which will secure a 21-kilometre strategic pipeline and services corridor for the future industries of Gladstone. Today I announce that the Bligh government will immediately commence \$2.98 million of design work for the project, that will lead to a \$20 million construction project and the creation of 7,400 person weeks of employment in 2010. There will also be ongoing maintenance work once complete. This funding is provided via the Estates Construction Fund.

The project will deliver a strategic infrastructure link and surety of access for industry in the Gladstone State Development Area. The corridor is 110 metres wide in total and will accommodate pipelines associated with future projects including the Rio Tinto Yarwun alumina refinery expansion, the Gladstone Pacific Nickel project and the Stanwell-Gladstone water pipeline. The project is led by the Property Services Group within the Department of Infrastructure and Planning, with input from the State Development Area team and Gladstone Ports Corporation. All land required for the corridor is already owned by the state or by Gladstone Ports Corporation.

In 2009-10 design and planning for the 21-kilometre corridor will be complete and construction of the eastern eight-kilometre section will begin in early 2010. During the election the government committed to keeping the \$17 billion infrastructure program going above all else. This project reiterates its commitment to that promise; a promise that applies to our regions as well as the south-east. The procurement of professional engineering services for the civil design of the project is currently progressing through a registration of interest and invitation to offer process which is expected to be completed by early 2010.