

Question on Notice

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Asked on 24 May 2005

MRS SULLIVAN asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS) -

QUESTION:

How will the recent State Government announcement of \$170m benefit the Bribie Island – Caboolture road users?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Pumicestone for the question.

The announcement of \$170m for upgrading Caboolture – Bribie Island Road under the South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program will assure the users of the Caboolture – Bribie Island Road that their travel needs are recognised and will be provided for.

The \$170m (\$2005) will provide for completion of the duplication of the road from two lanes to four lanes between the Bruce Highway and the Pumicestone Passage.

The estimated cost has been based on upgrading the existing road through Ningi; however, should a decision be made for a bypass of Ningi, this estimate would need to be reviewed.

No decision has been made on a bypass of Ningi – the results of the recent community survey have been independently analysed and I will review the report prior to making a decision.

These enhancements to the Bribie Island Road will improve safety by providing substantial improvements in overtaking opportunities as well as reducing congestion and travel time for motorists using the road.

The upgrade planning will start in 2005-06 and preliminary works (including land acquisition and relocation of public utility plant) will follow.

A substantive start to construction is planned for 2009-2010.

The priority will be for duplication from the Bruce Highway to the start of a current four lane section at Saint Road. This will include the Shell Service Station.

Priorities for the remaining section will be developed as part of the consultation for the planning study.