

Question on Notice

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MRS MILLER asked the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (MR PITT) -

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline progress on the Ipswich Motorway and Logan Motorway Interchange?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Bundamba for the question.

I am pleased to respond that construction on this very complex project is well advanced and is expected to be completed in mid 2009.

Several of the Ipswich/Logan Interchange project milestones have been reached, including:

- completion of six major traffic switches enabling upgrade works on the motorway to continue on previously trafficked sections of the motorway.
- continuing safe traffic flow with minimal disruption to motorists from the changing traffic arrangements during construction.
- the opening of the pedestrian and cycle path on the southern side of the motorway.
- completion of a section of new road on the southern side of the Ipswich Motorway and temporary diversion of Ipswich-bound motorway traffic onto this road.
- successful achievement of the most challenging stage of the Ipswich/Logan Interchange project, to have Logan Motorway traffic now travelling under the Ipswich Motorway through a new underpass.
- Ipswich Motorway traffic (Brisbane bound) travelling on the first sections of the new bridges over Woogaroo Creek and Bertha Street underpass.
- demolition of the old Logan Motorway bridge and the last section of the old Woogaroo Creek bridge planned for early December 2008, if weather permits.

There will be an extension of the Ipswich Motorway upgrade for a further 450 metres east of the interchange. The extension will deliver more of the Ipswich Motorway sooner and maximise benefits to motorists by delivering full functionality of the Ipswich/Logan Interchange earlier. This will also represent a cost benefit as well as significantly reduce the amount of works in Stage 2 of the Wacol to Darra project.

The extension will substantially shorten temporary tie in areas that will be 'dug up' soon after completion when the missing section between the Ipswich/Logan Interchange upgrade and Stage 2 of the Wacol to Darra project is constructed.

This extension will move the proposed project completion date to around mid 2009.

Through this project the Department of Main Roads has demonstrated how it will successfully upgrade the Ipswich Motorway while keeping traffic moving safely and efficiently.