

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1575**

**Asked on 29 October 2008**

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

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister provide information to the people of the Bundamba Electorate about the upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway, between Goodna and Dinmore, including estimated cost, appointed contractors and estimated completion dates?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Bundamba for the question.

Construction on the upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway between Dinmore and Goodna is expected to commence in early 2009 and be completed by the end of 2012.

A \$92.2 million contract has been awarded to the project team for vital early works on the major project, including the supply of pre-cast concrete barriers, relocating public utility services, and environmental investigations.

The Dinmore to Goodna project is being delivered by Origin Alliance, comprising of the Department of Main Roads, Abigroup, Fulton Hogan, Seymour Whyte Constructions, SMEC Australia and Parsons Brinckerhoff.

The project team is currently building its site office on Chalk Street at Redbank and the site will be ready for occupation in January 2009.

Upgrading the Dinmore to Goodna section of the motorway will provide for safer, more reliable motorway with significant benefits for local communities, long-distance travelers and freight haulers both in the short and long term.

Work will include:

- an upgrade of approximately eight kilometres of dual carriageway to a minimum of six lanes between Layard Street, Goodna and Abedare Street, Dinmore
- provision for future dynamic lane management, which will enable change of speed limits and lane configurations to optimise the performance of the road
- grade separated interchanges at the Warrego and Cunningham Highways and at Redbank
- a network of new service roads and bridges, as well as upgrades to existing service roads.

Benefits to the community include:

- improved safety on the Ipswich Motorway between Dinmore and Goodna
- reliability and improved travel time on this section of the Ipswich Motorway, with improved and more consistent traffic flow
- better connectivity between each side of the motorway to enable easier pedestrian and cyclist movement
- improved route accessibility for surrounding residents
- upgrading of this section of the Ipswich Motorway to national highway standards.

The project is also expected to employ more than 300 people at the site office, and about 1000 on-the-ground construction staff during the next four years.

The project will be funded by the federal government. The cost of the project is presently being finalised by Main Roads.

This congestion busting project demonstrates the high level of coordination between the federal and state government, in their joint commitment to service the needs of the growing western corridor region.

The western corridor is one of the key growth areas in South East Queensland. It extends from Wacol through Ipswich to Amberley. This project is one of a number of major transport projects underway that are transforming the western corridor.