

Question on Notice

No. 1856

Asked on 26 November 2008

DR FLEGG asked the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (MR PITT) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the current construction of a much needed cycle/pedestrian overpass near the Toowong roundabout on the Western Freeway.

1. What will be the impact of the Northern Link tunnel at the Toowong roundabout on the overpass structure currently under construction for cyclists and pedestrians to cross the Western Freeway?
2. Will the cycle overpass need moving/dismantling because of the tunnel construction?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Moggill for the question.

The Bligh Government is creating a healthier Queensland and tackling congestion with our comprehensive plan to expand pedestrian and bikeways. The cycle and pedestrian overpass currently being constructed over the Western Freeway near the Toowong roundabout, linking Mt Coot-tha Road to the Western Freeway Bikeway, is expected to be completed towards the end of February 2009, weather permitting. I acknowledge the efforts of the Member for Mount Coot-tha who has been a strong advocate for this vital piece of infrastructure.

The Northern Link tunnel is proposed to be a tolled road tunnel linking the Western Freeway at the Toowong roundabout to the Inner City Bypass.

As you are aware, the Northern Link tunnel is a Brisbane City Council project.

I am advised that the Department of Main Roads has supplied documents (including construction plans of the cycle/pedestrian overpass) to council for the proponents' reference in preparing its bids.

Possible impacts on the cycle/pedestrian overpass is dependent on the bidders' proposals. These will be based on council's conditions in the Northern Link Project Deed in regards to both the structure and connectivity across the Western Freeway during construction.

However, as Northern link is a council project, the Member for Moggill may wish to seek clarification and confirmation from council that its project will not impact on the infrastructure concerned nor impede connectivity across the Western Freeway.