

Question on Notice

No. 1709

Asked on Thursday 2 September 2010

MRS MILLER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide information on the public art incorporated in the Mine Street Bridge which is part of the Ipswich Motorway upgrade at Redbank?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Bundamba for the question, and acknowledge her ongoing support of the \$1.95 billion upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway between Dinmore and Goodna.

This project is being funded by the Australian Government and delivered by Origin Alliance on behalf of the Queensland Government. The project is well on track and making significant progress along the eight kilometre section of motorway.

Designing and upgrading a major arterial road through densely populated suburbs requires more than building concrete structures and kilometres of pavement—it's also about striking the right balance between vital infrastructure and community living.

Innovative urban design has played a significant part in transforming the motorway into a modern and efficient piece of infrastructure which reflects the heritage of the community it serves. It is an important objective for the motorway upgrade.

Feature panels through the Mine Street interchange at Redbank will depict a coal seam in recognition of the historical significance of mining in the region and Queensland's first mine in the Redbank area.

Along the motorway at Redbank is a miners' mural that depicts the faces of the men of the mining era—the design of the Mine Street interchange will build on this theme.

The project's Visitor Experience Centre located at Redbank also pays homage to this important part of our history.