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Local jobs get preference in access upgrade

The vast majority of jobs at the Rockhampton Northern Access Upgrade (RNAU) are local, the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said today.

She said the $157 million Upgrade is made up of two projects being delivered under one contract:

- $121 million RNAU
- $36 million Terranova Drive.

She said the RNAU supported an average of 260 direct jobs over the life of the project.

“The Terranova Drive section supports an average of 165 direct jobs over the life of the project, with 16 local businesses engaged. Hearteningly some 70 per cent of the workforce is local.”

Ms Lauga said local business suppliers include earthmoving plant and crane hire, concrete, metal fabrication, electrical, steel, surveying, fencing, quarry and asphalt products, traffic management, surveying, landscaping, environmental services, sign writers, printing and stationery.

“So this project not only delivers highly valuable infrastructure, but it also supports hundreds of jobs for local people doing local work,” she said.

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