



MEDIA STATEMENT



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Yeppoon-Rockhampton road plans driving forward

A business case to accelerate the duplication of the Yeppoon to Rockhampton road will start next month and should be completed by August 21, the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said today.

Ms Lauga said the road, which has clocked 11,000 vehicle a day, is in Keppel electorate heartland and has been the subject of much debate by local commuters.

“Opportunities to accelerate the start of the detailed design and works are already being investigated,” she said.

She said the \$80 million Yeppoon Road Upgrade project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments on an 80:20 basis through Roads of Strategic Importance Initiative (ROSI).

“Part of the designated state freight network, this B-double route fulfills an important role in supporting defence, forestry, tourism and commuter traffic demands in the region.

“Key benefits are increased economic productivity, improved road safety, increased route capacity and flood immunity.

“It will develop investment options for the Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road from the connection with the Bruce Highway, Parkhurst, to the Tanby Road roundabout, Yeppoon.”

Ms Lauga said community engagement with key stakeholders, including 1500 properties in the project footprint, local businesses and road users, was undertaken in August 2020 using an online engagement platform.

She said 64 per cent of the responses identified with the safety theme.

This was followed by local access and local connections (15.4 per cent) and network reliability and efficiency (9.5 per cent).

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“There is a general community expectation to duplicate the length of Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road.”

She said the Australian and Queensland governments are delivering two additional projects including Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road strengthening and resilience project funded under the Regional Economic Enabling Fund (REEF) program and Yeppoon Road Safety Improvements at the intersection of Artillery Road and Dairy Inn Road.

“Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road provides a valuable role in the future economic growth of central Queensland, and we are committed to looking to the future to ensure the road network is safe and fit for purpose,” said Ms Lauga.

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