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Hi [REDACTED]

We've received some additional intel from our QLD colleagues that may be of interest the PMO for their July travel....

One of QLD largest infrastructure projects is nearing completion – **Bruce Highway Upgrade, Cooroy to Curra, Section D** (AG contributed \$929,600,000 to the \$1,162,000,000 project). [REDACTED]

- While the project won't be completed by mid-July, there is an opportunity to encourage people to attend the Community Open Day for the Gympie Bypass. The Open Day is proposed to be a major event coordinated by TMR for the community with the project team soon releasing information for people to register their interest so they can get an idea of numbers interested in attending.
- The August event will celebrate the completion of the massive 62km Bruce Highway Upgrade, Cooroy to Curra program of works which has delivered four sections of new four lane highway between Cooroy and Curra (construction began in 2009). They advised there could be a media event on site (photo of the completed Flood Road interchange attached where the event could be held).
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Many thanks and kind regards,
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It has! Sorry, I sent this email as the plane was taking off last night.

@Media did you have outlook issues all morning?

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Can you confirm that this has been sent to Qld minister Bart Mellish's office?

Many thanks for your assistance.

Kind regards

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Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii), I have a cleared version I'm just in IT purgatory and en route to the airport.

Hopefully I can send to them ASAP.

Thanks for that update, s47C

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Our QLD colleagues were chasing the attached JMR, as they were keen to open registrations for community members for the Gympie Bypass Open Day.

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Given the new announcement option, would you be comfortable progressing this JMR for release?

Kind regards

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Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii) <[REDACTED]>
 No matter.
 We'll progress this as usual process.
 Kind regards
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You can tell how well I read it!

Qld haven't mentioned anything to me about timing other than yes the title which I am now reading but seems quite strange!

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

No problem, I will work on it.

I'm assuming we ignore the embargo of today's date in terms of urgent release for today - as the Community Open Day is planned for Saturday, 17 August 2024?

Kind regards

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, but please could you have an initial crack at making it a JMR. With a quote for AM This too please.

Thanks!

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Subject: FW: Bruce Highway Upgrade (Cooroy to Curra) Gympie Bypass Event - Saturday 17 August 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Joint Event Form (commissioning) final 1.docx; Event location map_Commissioning_17Aug2024_RD.pdf
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Good Afternoon s22(1)(a)(ii),

We have been advised of a Bruce Highway Upgrade (Cooroy to Curra) Gympie Bypass Media Event (commissioning) proposed for **Saturday 17 August 2024** – please find joint Event form and Event location map attached. TMR advise the project team has listed all potential elected representatives in the Key Stakeholders Invited table.

Grateful if you could advise if there is any Ministerial/AG Rep availability to attend this Event.

Many thanks and kind regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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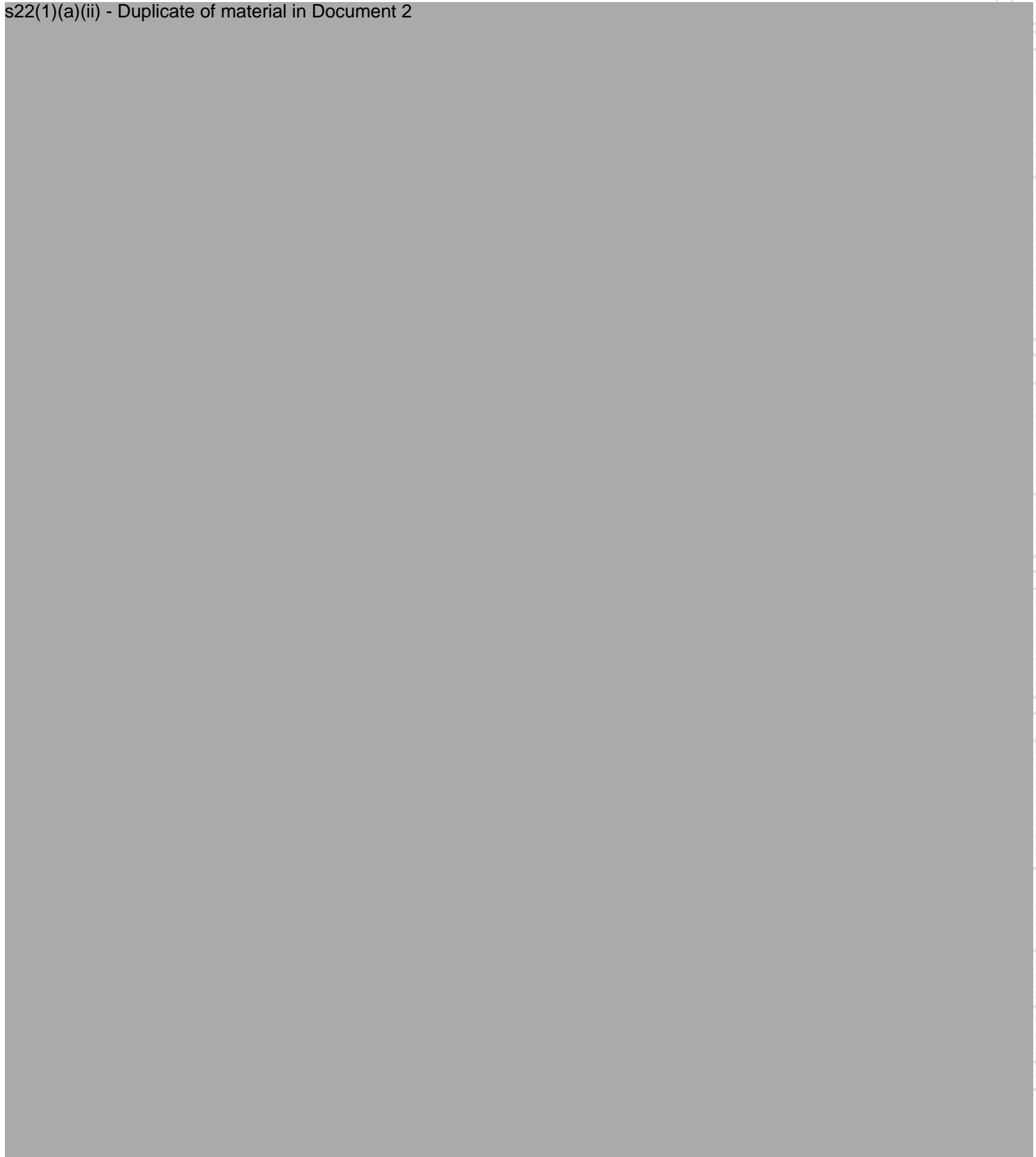
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Many thanks s22(1)(a)
(ii)

Kind regards
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Subject: FW: Bruce Highway Upgrade (Cooroy to Curra) Gympie Bypass Event - Saturday 17 August 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good Afternoon Nikkie,

Thank you for your email and advising Assistant Minister the Hon Anthony Chisholm MP has confirmed his availability to attend the **Bruce Highway Upgrade (Cooroy to Curra) Gympie Bypass Event** scheduled for **Saturday 17 August 2024**.

We will begin work on material to support the Assistant Minister's attendance and have it to you prior to the Event.

Many thanks and kind regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

AM Chisholm will attend on Saturday 17 August 2024 for 10am commissioning.

Thanks
Nikkie

Nikkie Gazebeek

Chief of Staff
Office of Senator Anthony Chisholm
Assistant Minister for Education
Assistant Minister for Regional Development
Assistant Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Deputy Manager of Government Business in the Senate
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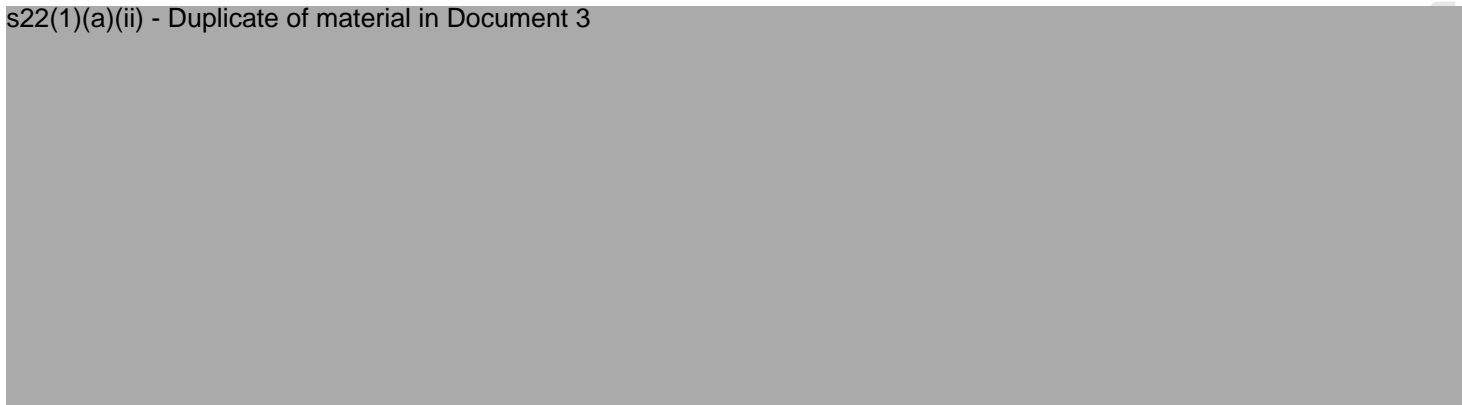
We can't make it to this one over the next month. Can AM Chisholm please attend, even if it means asking TMR to change the date?

Regards,

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Subject: Event materials: Bruce Highway Upgrade (Cooroy to Curra) Gympie Bypass Event - Saturday 17 August 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Event Brief - Gympie Bypass - 17 August.docx; Factsheet - Bruce Highway - Gympie Bypass - Cooroy to Curra - Section D - August 2024 - cleared.docx; Talking Points - Bruce Highway - Gympie Bypass - Cooroy to Curra - Section D - August 2024 - cleared.docx; Parking Permit - Commissioning - Media Alert.pdf
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Good afternoon s22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see attached event brief, factsheet and TPs to support the Assistant Minister at the **Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra), Gympie Bypass** event on Saturday. Also attached is a Parking Permit for the event.

We understand a JMR has been sent to King’s office from the QLD MO for this event.

This document has been cleared by the applicable line area. If you require any further clarification on the content please contact the following person for direct advice.	
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Kind regards,

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Event Brief: Bruce Highway Upgrade – Cooroy to Curra, Section D (Gympie bypass) Formal commissioning event

Date and Time	Saturday 17 August 2024
Location	10am - 11am (9.45am for a 10am start)

Purpose / type of event	Media event, commissioning
Meeting point	New Flood Road interchange (see below aerial image and location map), East Deep Creek, Queensland, 4570.
Met by	Ms Ann-Maree Knox, Department of Transport and Main Roads, s22(1)(a)(ii) @tmr.qld.gov.au
Ground contact	Mrs Toni Ryan, Department of Transport and Main Roads, s22(1)(a)(ii) @tmr.qld.gov.au
Parking	Parking will be available at the site, detailed map attached. Parking permit provided.
Attendees/VIPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm MP, Assistant Minister for Education; Regional Development; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry • Hon. Bart Mellish MP, Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services • Mr Tony Perrett MP, State Member for Gympie • Cr Glen Hartwig, Mayor, Gympie Regional Council • Ms Ann-Maree Knox, General Manager (Program Delivery and Operations), TMR, Confirmed as Master of Ceremonies • Mr Bill Lansbury, Regional Director (Southern Queensland), TMR • Mr Mark Asang, Project Director (Gympie Bypass), TMR
Attire	Full PPE is not required.
Activities	Formal event, speech and photo opportunity, ribbon cutting (and 'first' cars on the highway will be vintage). This commissioning event will be followed by a public Community Open Day. The Open Day will run between 11am and 4pm. Attendees to the commissioning are welcome to remain on site and attend the Community Open Day. A security plan has been put in place for the commissioning and the open day to ensure the safety of attendees and the public.
Lectern/AV etc.	Lectern, microphone/speaker
Project signage	Open Day directional signage including Building Australia logo
Wet/hot weather plan	A marquee will be set up for the representatives to make speeches
JMR	With King MO
Additional details	A state and federal ribbon will be available for cutting/media opp. Maps/large layouts will be at the event site

Run sheet

Time	Action
9:45am	Australian and Queensland Government Representatives and guests arrive
10:00am	Introduction by Ann-Maree Knox, General Manager of Program Delivery and Operations for TMR and the event's Master of Ceremonies, welcomes representatives and introduces Norm Bond (or another representative) of the Kabi Kabi People's Aboriginal Corporation who represent the Kabi Kabi Traditional Owners
10:00 – 10:05am	Mr Bond (or a representative) will deliver a Welcome to Country on behalf of the Kabi Kabi Traditional Owners
10:05 – 10.10am	Ann-Maree Knox, Master of Ceremonies provides an overview of the entire Cooroy to Curra program of projects and talks to the fact that we are here to commission the new Gympie Bypass. Ms Knox then welcomes the next speaker.
10:10am	Australian Government Representative speech
	Queensland Government Representative speech
10:30am	Ann-Maree, Master of Ceremonies thanks everybody for their attendance and introduces two representatives of the Kabi Kabi Traditional Owners, who will conduct an Official Smoking Ceremony to cleanse the lanes of traffic/new bypass prior to the ribbon cutting. Ms Knox advises there will be a ribbon cutting after the Kabi Kabi ceremony.
10:40 – 10:45am	AG/QG Representatives to cut the ribbon to officially commission the highway. Photos/video opportunity, four pairs of scissors will be available for ribbon cutting. Six vintage cars will proceed through the ribbon and drive south along the new Gympie Bypass.
10:45 – 11:00am	Australian and Queensland Government Representatives media Q&A
11:00am	Commissioning event concludes
	The public Community Open Day will begin at 11am at the northern end of the site. Those who wish to exit and not attend the public open day must leave site now.

Key people invited

Name, title and position	Organisation	Confirmed/TBC
Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm MP	Assistant Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (ALP)	Confirmed
Hon. Bart Mellish MP	Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services (ALP)	Confirmed
Mr Llew O'Brien MP	Federal Member for Wide Bay (LNP)	TBC
Mr Tony Perrett MP	State Member for Gympie (LNP)	TBC
Cr Glen Hartwig	Mayor, Gympie Regional Council	Confirmed
Ms Ann-Maree Knox	General Manager (Program Delivery and Operations), TMR	Confirmed as Master of Ceremonies
Mr Bill Lansbury	Regional Director (Southern Queensland), TMR	Confirmed
Mr Brendan Clancy	District Director (Wide Bay Burnett), TMR	Confirmed

Mr Mark Asang	Project Director (Gympie Bypass), TMR	Confirmed
Mr Grayden Curry	Project Manager (Gympie Bypass), TMR	Confirmed
s47F	Administrator - GHD (Contract Administration Joint Venture)	Confirmed
	Manager Infrastructure Delivery - GHD (Contract Administration Joint Venture)	Confirmed
	Team Lead Construction Manager - Aecom (Contract Administration Joint Venture)	Confirmed
	Group Executive Director - BMD (Contract 1 BBJV Joint Venture)	Confirmed
	Contractors Representative Contract 1 – GHD (Contract Administration Joint Venture)	TBC
	Contractors Representative Contract 2 – GHD (Contract Administration Joint Venture)	Confirmed
	Contract Support Team Lead – GHD (Contract Administration Joint Venture)	Confirmed
	Executive General Manager - BMD (Contract 1 BBJV Joint Venture)	Confirmed
	Managing Director - Bielby (Contract 1 BBJV Joint Venture)	Confirmed
	Operations Manager - Bielby (Contract 1 BBJV Joint Venture)	TBC
	Project Director (Contract 1 BBJV Joint Venture)	TBC
	General Manager QLD & PNG - CPB Contractors (Contract 2)	Confirmed
	Executive General Manager QLD, PNG, WA, SA & NT - CPB Contractor (Contract 2)	TBC
	Civil & SMP Operations Manager - CPB Contractors (Contract 2)	Confirmed
	Project Manager – CPB Contractors (Contract 2)	Confirmed
Gympie Officer-in-Charge - Queensland Ambulance Services	TBC (attendance is to hand over a previous C2C ceremonial shovel to TMR)	

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Bruce Highway Cooroy to Curra – Section D - Factsheet

Project cost: \$1.162 billion

Australian Government: \$929.6 million

Queensland Government: \$232.4 million

Start date: September 2020

End date: Construction Completion expected in October 2024 (Official Commissioning Event in August 2024)

Project Description

- The project will deliver a new bypass east of Gympie between Woondum Interchange and Curra.
- The project is the final section of a 62-kilometre, \$2.549 billion program of works to upgrade the Bruce Highway between Cooroy and Curra. Construction of the first section of the Cooroy to Curra program began in September 2009.

Scope of works

- The project will deliver 26 kilometres of four-lane bypass.
- The bypass includes 42 new bridges at 23 locations.

Milestone description

- The Queensland State Government has arranged a Community Open Day planned for Saturday 17 August 2024 at the site of the new Flood Road Interchange. The Open Day will occur prior to any traffic switching onto the new Gympie Bypass, which will occur shortly after this event.

Benefits

- The project will increase freight efficiency, with heavy vehicles able to use the bypass. Additionally, it will support the transport needs of the Gympie and Sunshine Coast communities well into the future.
- The project will improve flood immunity, compared with the old highway, which has traditionally experienced frequent closures due to flooding.

Sensitivities:

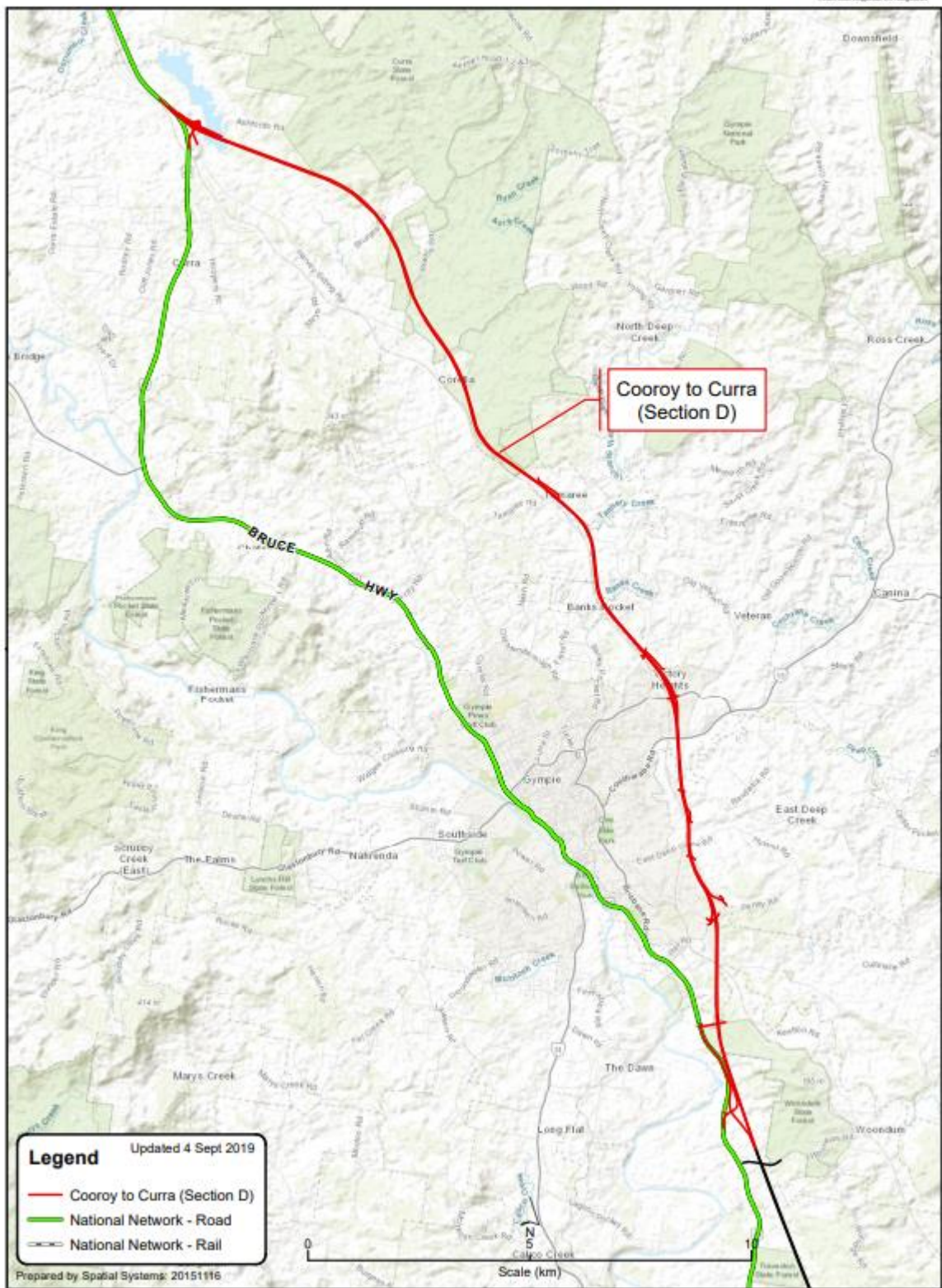
- Construction was halted in the Rocky Ridge area of the project due to protests over the cultural heritage significance of the area. Protesters launched an EPBC claim to prevent the project from continuing, this claim was investigated by a private assessor and was deemed unfounded.
- Due to the protests and the EPBC claim the project experienced delays (completion initially expected in December 2023).
- At the 2023-24 Budget the Australian Government committed an additional \$129.6 million to address the project cost pressure.

Jobs: Unable to report on jobs number.

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Mobile: s22(1)(a)(ii)

BRUCE HIGHWAY: COOROY TO CURRA (SECTION D)



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Talking Points

Bruce Highway Cooroy to Curra - Section D (Gympie Bypass) - Commissioning Event

Acknowledgements

- I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today. I would also like to pay my respects to Elders past and present.
- Representatives of the Kabi Kabi People's Aboriginal Corporation who represent the Kabi Kabi Traditional Owners.
- Hon. Bart Mellish MP, Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services
- Mr Tony Perrett MP, State Member for Gympie
- Cr Glen Hartwig, Mayor, Gympie Regional Council
- Delivery partners from TMR, GHD, Aecom, BMD, Bielby, CPB Contractors.

Key Project Messages

Commissioning Event

- I'm honoured to be here today to officially commission the Gympie Bypass and celebrate its completion with the community.
- This is the culmination of 15 years' worth of construction on the 62-kilometre Bruce Highway upgrade, and it's a privilege to celebrate this massive achievement.
- Not only will this stretch of highway improve safety, flood resilience and capacity for motorists, it will also meet the transport needs of the Gympie and Sunshine Coast communities well into the future.
- This Open Day will provide the community with a unique opportunity to walk on the new Gympie Bypass before it is open to traffic.

- The Cooroy to Curra Section D project is the fourth and final stage of a 62-kilometre divided highway that runs from Cooroy. The first stage began in 2009, and the four stages together have cost \$2.549 billion, with the Australian Government contributing \$1.89 billion.
- The Section D project started in September 2020 and is expected to be fully completed in October 2024.
- The Gympie Bypass will improve safety and capacity through the separation of long-distance traffic from local traffic. This will reduce traffic volumes on the highway travelling through Gympie, with around 50% less heavy vehicles.
- The project will increase freight efficiency, as heavy vehicles will now be able to bypass Gympie.
- The Australian Government has committed \$929.6 million to the \$1.162 billion Cooroy to Curra Section D project. The Queensland Government provided the remaining \$232.4 million.
- The project is part of the Government's \$10 billion commitment to the Bruce Highway, of which \$5.6 billion is for the Bruce Highway South Corridor

Sensitivities

- Construction was halted in the Rocky Ridge area of the project due to protests over the cultural heritage significance of the area. Protesters launched an EPBC claim to prevent the project from continuing, this claim was investigated by a private assessor and was deemed unfounded.
- Due to the protests and the EPBC claim the project experienced delays (completion initially expected in December 2023).
- At the 2023-24 Budget the Australian Government committed an additional \$129.6 million to address the project cost pressure.

Project Facts

- More than 6 million cubic metres of earth has been moved from cuts to fill areas. This raises the new section of highway to a level that will increase the flood immunity to withstand a 1-in-100-year flood event.
- A key design feature of this project is the bypass includes 42 new bridges at 23 locations.

VEHICLE ENTRY PASS

GYMPIE BYPASS COMMISSIONING

Please PRINT and PLACE ON YOUR VEHICLE DASHBOARD to gain access to the Gympie Bypass commissioning event and Community Open Day.

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 9:24 AM
To: Media
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Media materials - Gympie Bypass commissioning event (17 August 2024) - for approval [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Attachments: Event location map_Commissioning_17Aug2024_RD.pdf; Joint Event Form (commissioning) final 1.docx; Media Statement - SQR - Completion date announced for Gympie Bypass mcq edits.docx

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii) @ministerial.qld.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 5 August 2024 2:55 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) @mo.infrastructure.gov.au; s22(1)(a)(ii) @mo.infrastructure.gov.au; s22(1)(a)(ii) @mo.infrastructure.gov.au; s22(1)(a)(ii) @MO.infrastructure.gov.au
Subject: FW: Media materials - Gympie Bypass commissioning event (17 August 2024) - for approval

And another one! With a bit more notice this time

- A media statement about the commissioning and announcing a completion timeframe for the project
- A joint federal/state event form
- Event location map

Let me know if release is ok and if your Min has availability...

Thanks

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Australian Government

Joint Government Funding Event details form

Event details

Project name	Bruce Highway Upgrade – Cooroy to Curra, Section D (Gympie bypass) Formal state and federal commissioning event
Day & date of event	Saturday 17 August 2024
Time of event	Between 10am and 11am (9.45am for a 10am start)
Type of event	Media event, commissioning
Actions for Representative	Formal event Speech and photo opportunity Ribbon cutting (and 'first' cars on the highway will be vintage)
Location:	
Street address	New Flood Road interchange (see attached aerial image and location map)
Town/state/postcode	East Deep Creek, Queensland, 4570.
Parking and directions	Parking will be available at the site, detailed map attached
Additional Details	This commissioning event will be followed by a public Community Open Day. The Community Open Day will run between 11am and 4pm. Attendees to the commissioning are welcome to remain on site and attend the Community Open Day. A security plan has been put in place for the commissioning and the open day to ensure the safety of attendees and the public.

Media

Event specific media content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media statement • Media Alert • A state and federal ribbon will be available for cutting/media opp • Maps/large layouts will be at the event site
Relevant social media links	https://www.facebook.com/TMRQld/ https://twitter.com/TMRQld www.tmr.qld.gov.au/cooroytocurra ('Section D' webpage).

Workplace health and safety requirements

Nil PPE required. The event is on the new highway alignment, however the site will be set up for this event and public access.

Note to Ministers' office: Please ensure all Media Alerts include that there are NIL PPE requirements

Contact

Onsite contact on the day:	
Name	Mrs Toni Ryan
Organisation	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Phone number	s22(1)(a)(ii)
Mobile number	s22(1)(a)(ii)
Email	s22(1)(a) @tmr.qld.gov.au
Representative met by:	
Name	Ms Sally Stannard
Organisation	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Phone number	s22(1)(a)(ii)
Mobile number	s22(1)(a)(ii)
Email	s22(1)(a)(ii) @tmr.qld.gov.au
Location	Refer location map

Key stakeholders invited

Name, title and position	Organisation	Confirmed/TBC
Hon. Anthony Albanese MP	Prime Minister of Australia (ALP)	TBC
Hon. Catherine King MP	Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (ALP)	TBC
Hon. Bart Mellish MP	Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services (ALP)	TBC
Mr Llew O'Brien MP	Federal Member for Wide Bay (LNP)	TBC
Mr Tony Perrett MP	State Member for Gympie (LNP)	TBC
Cr Glen Hartwig	Mayor, Gympie Regional Council	TBC
Mr Robert Jennings	Chief Executive Officer, Gympie Regional Council	TBC
Ms Sally Stannard	Director-General, TMR	Confirmed
Ms Julie Mitchell	Deputy Director-General (Infrastructure Management and Delivery), TMR	TBC
Ms Ann-Maree Knox	General Manager (Program Delivery and Operations), TMR	TBC
Mr Bill Lansbury	Regional Director (Southern Queensland), TMR	Confirmed
Mr Brendan Clancy	District Director (Wide Bay Burneet), TMR	Confirmed
Mr Mark Asang	Project Director (Gympie Bypass), TMR	Confirmed
Mr Grayden Curry	Project Manager (Gympie Bypass), TMR	Confirmed
s47F	Administrator - GHD (Contract Administration Joint Venture)	TBC
	Manager Infrastructure Delivery - GHD (Contract Administration Joint Venture)	Confirmed
	Team Lead Construction Manager - Aecom (Contract Administration Joint Venture)	TBC

s47F	Contractors Representative Contract 1 – GHD (Contract Administration Joint Venture)	TBC
	Contractors Representative Contract 2 – GHD (Contract Administration Joint Venture)	Confirmed
	Contract Support Team Lead – GHD (Contract Administration Joint Venture)	TBC
	Group Executive Director - BMD (Contract 1 Bielby BMD Joint Venture - BBJV)	Confirmed
	Executive General Manager - BMD (Contract 1 BBJV)	Confirmed
	Managing Director - Bielby (Contract 1 BBJV)	Confirmed
	Operations Manager - Bielby (Contract 1 BBJV)	TBC
	Project Director - BMD (Contract 1 BBJV)	TBC
	General Manager QLD & PNG - CPB Contractors (Contract 2)	TBC
	Executive General Manager QLD, PNG, WA, SA & NT - CPB Contractors (Contract 2)	TBC
	Civil & SMP Operations Manager - CPB Contractors (Contract 2)	TBC
	Project Manager – CPB Contractors (Contract 2)	TBC
Gympie Officer-in-Charge – Queensland Ambulance Services	TBC (attendance is to hand over a previous Cooroy to Curra ceremonial shovel to TMR)	

Event run sheet

Time	Name and title	Action (do not include names in this section)**
9.45am	<i>Australian and Queensland Government Representatives and guests</i>	<i>Arrive</i>
10.00am	<i>Sally Stannard, Master of Ceremonies, welcomes representatives and introduces Norm Bond of the Kabi Kabi People's Aboriginal Corporation who represent the Kabi Kabi Traditional Owners</i>	<i>Introduction</i>
10.00am to 10.05pm	<i>Mr Bond will deliver a Welcome to Country on behalf of the Kabi Kabi Traditional Owners</i>	<i>Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement</i>
10.05am to 10.10am	<i>Sally Stannard provides an overview of the entire Cooroy to Curra program of projects and talks to the fact that we are here to commission the new Gympie Bypass. Sally then welcomes the next speaker</i>	<i>Speech and introduction for next speakers</i>

Time	Name and title	Action (do not include names in this section)**
TBC	<i>Prime Minister [if present]</i>	<i>Speech</i>
TBC	<i>Australian Government Representative</i>	<i>Speech</i>
TBC	<i>Queensland Government Representative</i>	<i>Speech</i>
10.30am	<i>Sally Stannard thanks everybody for their attendance and introduces two representatives of the Kabi Kabi Traditional Owners. Ms Stannard advises there will be a ribbon cutting after the Kabi Kabi ceremony.</i>	<i>Official Smoking Ceremony and/or Blessing of the Land and Water</i>
10.40am to 10.45am	<i>AG/QG Representative to cut the ribbon to officially commission the highway. Several vintage cars will proceed through the ribbon and drive south along the new Gympie Bypass.</i>	<i>Photos</i>
10.45am to 11.00am	<i>Prime Minister, Australian and Queensland Government Representatives</i>	<i>Media Q&As</i>
11.00am	<i>All attendees</i>	<i>Commissioning event concludes</i>
11.00am	<i>NOTE to all attendees. The public Community Open Day will begin at 11am at the northern end of the site</i>	<i>Those who wish to exit and not attend the public open day must leave site now.</i>

Commented [TR1]: Depending on how many elected reps we have confirmed and making speeches, there is an opportunity for the Gympie Mayor to be included in speeches.

Information for State Minister for Main Roads

Funding breakdown	<i>(If no money involved, please indicate n/a)</i>	
	Federal Govt: \$929.6 million	Federal electorate/s: Wide Bay
	State Govt: \$232.4 million	State electorate/s: Gympie
	Local Govt: Gympie Regional Council	Division/Ward/s: Nil

Issues to note:

Nil.

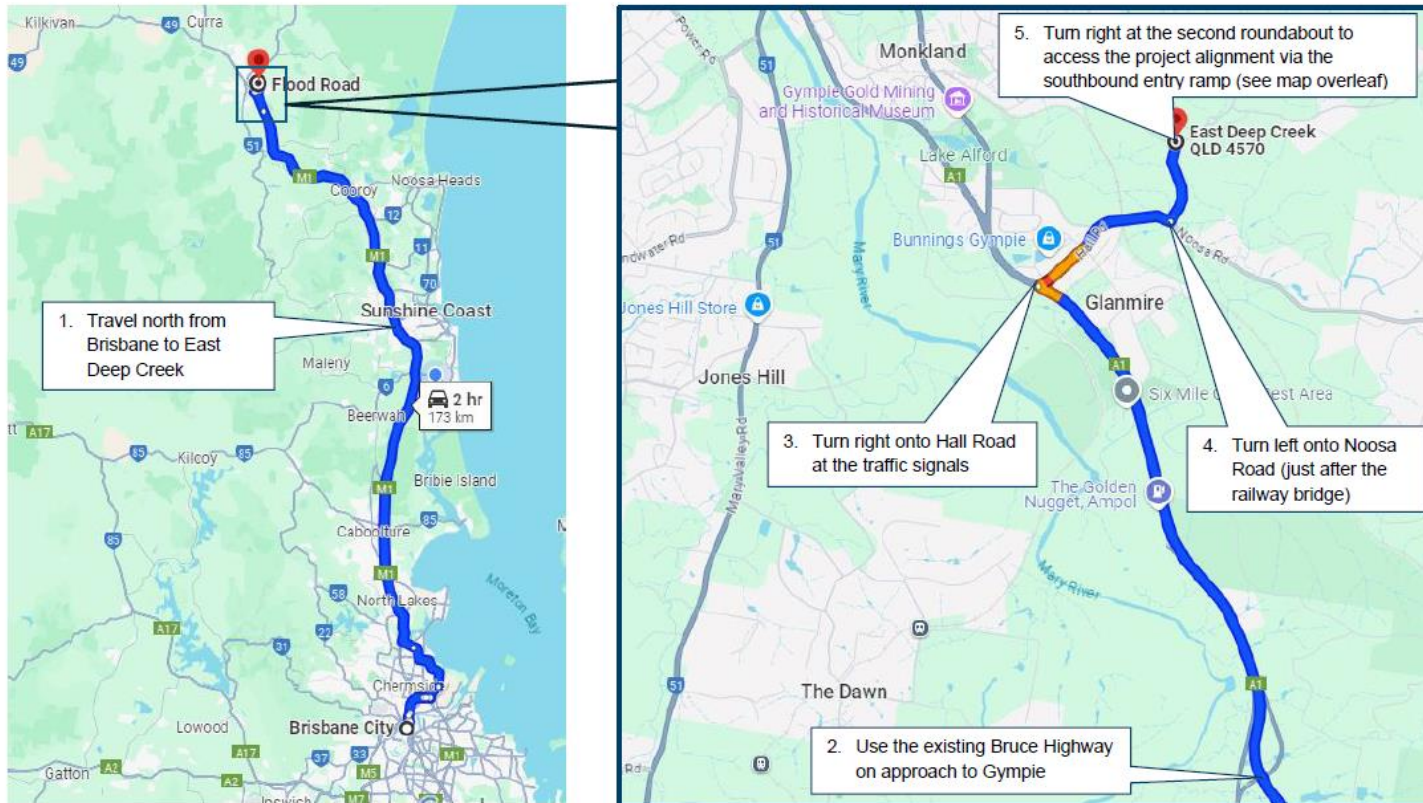
Project/event location/parking map

See overleaf

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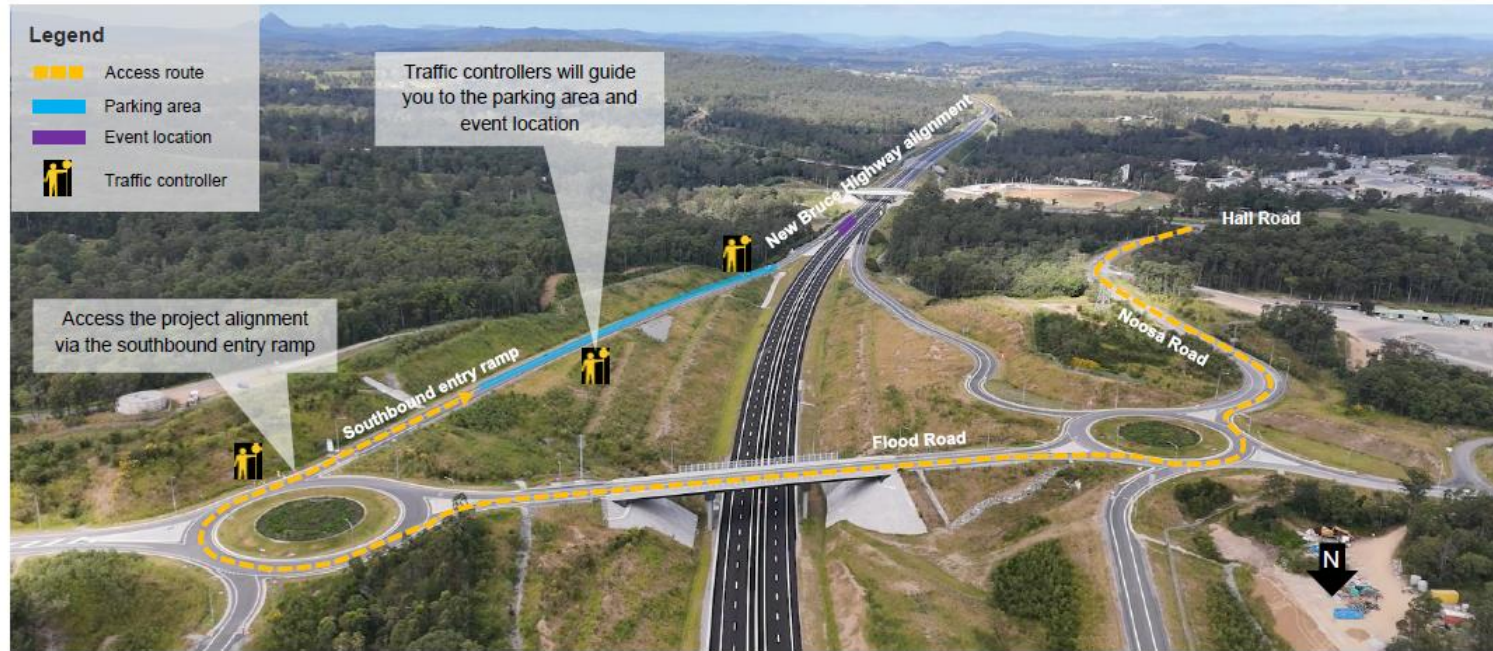
Event location: **Flood Road interchange, East Deep Creek, then onto the project alignment (see maps below and overleaf)**

- Approximately 175km from Brisbane City (2 hour car trip)
- Approximately 200km from Bundaberg (2.5 hour car trip)



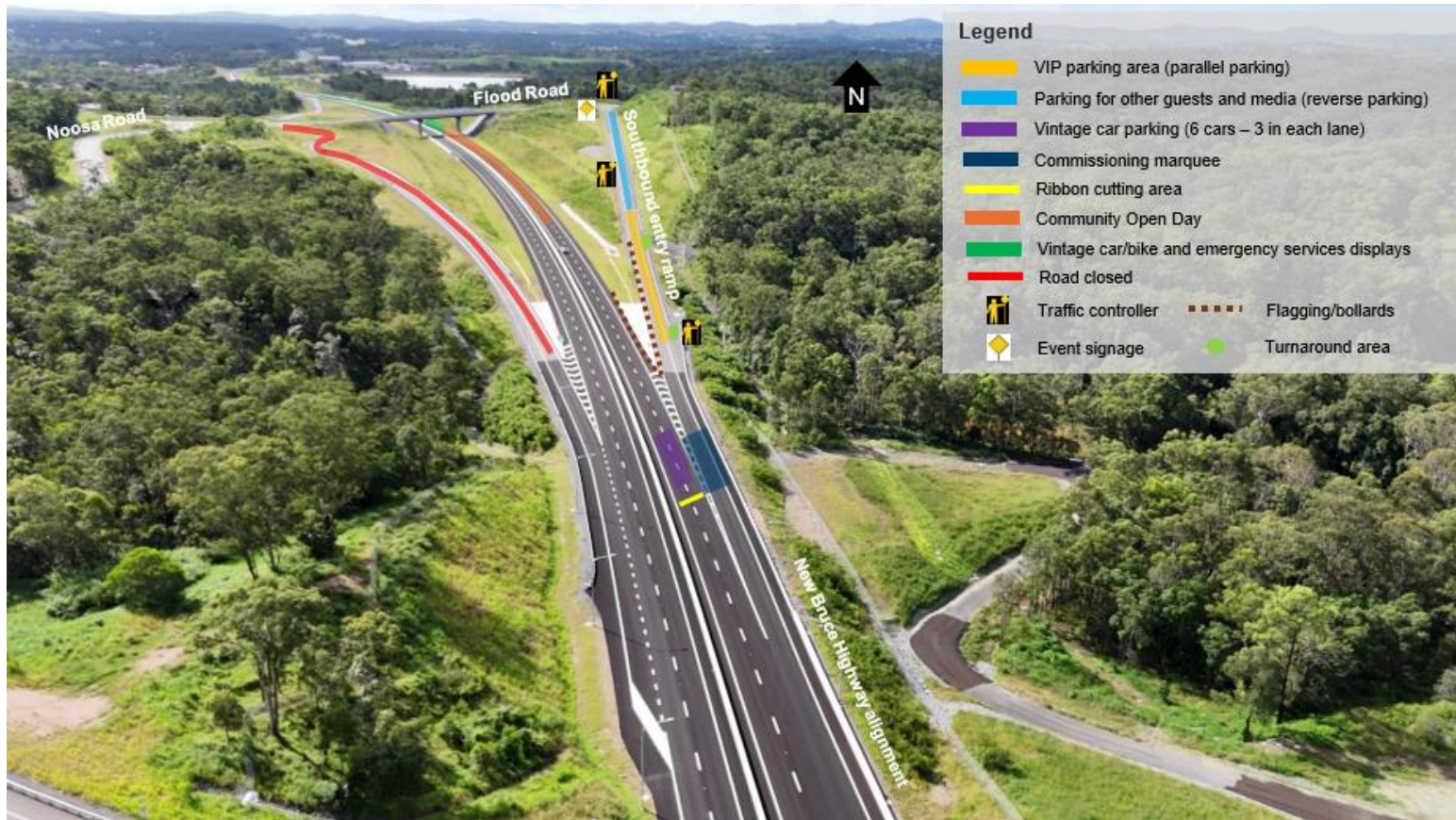
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Event location: **Flood Road interchange, East Deep Creek, then onto the project alignment (see image below)**



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Commissioning event location and site layout: Flood Road interchange, East Deep Creek



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MEDIA STATEMENT

Subject	Completion date announced for Gympie Bypass		
Due date (expiry date for release or embargo date)	17 August 2024 (for release after commissioning event)	Media Release (MR) number	
Written by	Name: Jess Walker Position: Community Relations Manager Division/Region: Southern Queensland Region Date: 22 July 2024	Approved by	Name: Bill Lansbury Position: Regional Director Division/Region: Southern Queensland Region Date: 25 July 2024
For release by	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transport and Main Roads Minister <input type="checkbox"/> Department	Media and Issues contact	
Background	A Community Open Day will be held on Saturday, 17 August 2024 between 11am and 4pm to celebrate the completion of the Bruce Highway Upgrade – Cooroy to Curra, Section D (Gympie Bypass) project. An official commissioning event will occur at 10am on the day, just before the Community Open Day begins. This is an opportunity for a completion timeframe to be announced for the project.		
Funding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Government - Has federal approval been received for release of media statement? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Council QTRIP ID: 686965 Details: The \$1.162 billion Gympie Bypass (Bruce Highway, Cooroy to Curra, Section D) is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments in an 80:20 funding split.		
Impacted stakeholders	N/A		
Electorate/s	Gympie (State); Wide Bay (Federal)		

VISUAL ASSETS – Required for all media opportunities

Have visual assets been provided with statement? **Not required as media will be attending the commissioning event.**

- Photos
- Concept images
- Project designs
- Video/VNR/Drone (If not, please contact TMR Graphic Design to arrange)
- Fly-through animations

SOCIAL MEDIA PITCH (also send to [s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@tmr.qld.gov.au))

- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn

- **Social Media proposed copy content:**

N/A

- **Social Media tags**

N/A



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Subject: Checked and cleared: JMR - 17 Aug 24 - C King Mellish - Completion date announced for Gympie Bypass [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

See attached, checked and cleared: JMR - 17 Aug 24 - C King Mellish - Completion date announced for Gympie Bypass.

Kind regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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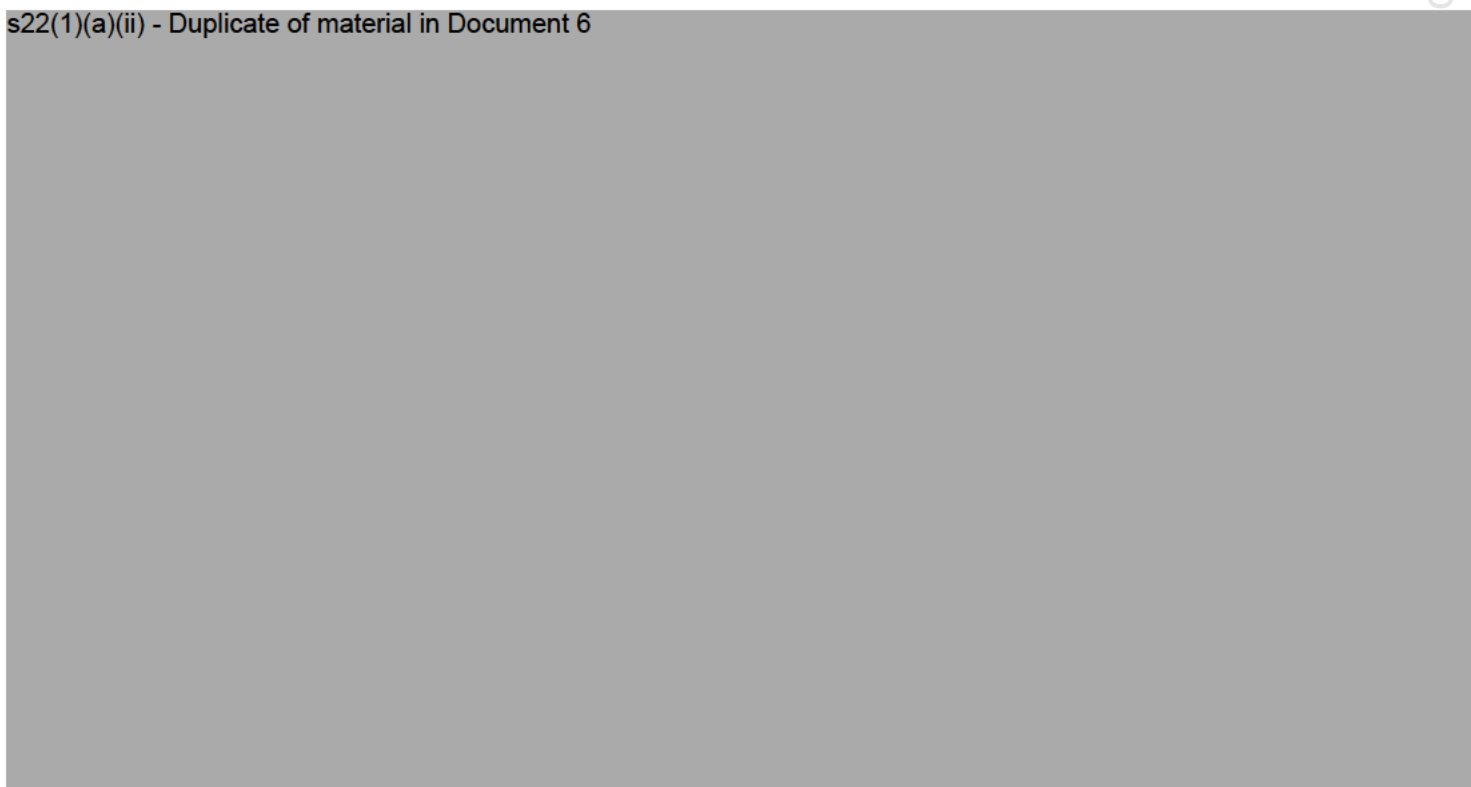
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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 16 August 2024 9:33 AM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Gympie Bypass - Saturday 17 August [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: C King Mellish - Completion date announced for Gympie Bypass FINAL.docx

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TGIF. Here is Gympie back and cleared ☺

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii) @ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 12:46 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) @mo.infrastructure.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii) @MO.infrastructure.gov.au>
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Subject: RE: Gympie Bypass - Saturday 17 August [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Amazing! And welcome back!

From: s22(1)(a)(ii) @mo.infrastructure.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 12:27 PM
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Subject: RE: Gympie Bypass - Saturday 17 August [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

I'm back - with a mainly working brain.

All good with this event. AM Senator Chisholm will be the rep.

Cheers,

s22(1)(a)(ii) (she/her)

Media Adviser • Office of the Hon Catherine King MP

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

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*I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet, work and live.
 I recognise and respect their continuing connection to the land, waters and communities.
 I pay my respects to Elders past and present, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.*

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The Hon Catherine King MP
 Minister for Infrastructure, Transport,
 Regional Development and Local
 Government

**Senator the Hon Anthony
 Chisholm**
 Assistant Minister for Regional
 Development
 Senator for Queensland



The Hon Bart Mellish MP
 Minister for Transport and Main Roads
 Minister for Digital Services

MEDIA RELEASE

COMPLETION DATE ANNOUNCED FOR GYMPIE BYPASS

Completion of the \$1.162 billion Gympie Bypass is just weeks away, with confirmation that works are on track to be finished in October 2024, weather and construction conditions permitting.

Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads Bart Mellish and Federal Assistant Minister for Regional Development, Senator Anthony Chisholm will make the announcement today at the official commissioning event at the Gympie Bypass Community Day.

More than 3,000 community members celebrated the milestone on a section of the bypass near the Flood Road interchange, getting the chance to access a part of the new highway before it opens to traffic.

The project has involved constructing a new 26-kilometre, four-lane divided highway between the existing Bruce Highway interchange at Woondum, just south of Gympie, and Curra.

It is the final section of a 62-kilometre, \$2.549 billion program of works to upgrade the Bruce Highway between Cooroy and Curra.

Construction of the overall Cooroy to Curra program began in September 2009.

The \$1.162 billion Gympie Bypass is jointly funded, with the Australian Government committing \$929.6 million and the Queensland Government contributing \$232.4 million.

Further details can be found on the Queensland Transport and Main Roads website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/cooroytocurra (select 'Section D').

Quotes attributable to Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King:

"This stretch of highway will improve safety, flood resilience and capacity for motorists as well as meeting the transport needs of the Gympie and Sunshine Coast communities well into the future."

“We know how important continued investment in major infrastructure upgrades is, and that’s why in this year’s Federal Budget we allocated a further \$467 million towards several projects along the Bruce Highway like the Gympie Bypass to ensure they get delivered for Queenslanders.”

Quotes attributable to Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads Bart Mellish:

“It’s a pleasure to be involved in celebrations for the Gympie Bypass with the community today.

“We are so close to the finish line now, with the final works underway to prepare the new highway for traffic.

“Our construction partners have built 42 bridges at 23 locations, moved more than 6 million cubic metres of earth, and laid over 142 kilometres of pavement and 610,000 tonnes of asphalt.

“This has been a monumental project for the Gympie region, and today’s community event is a way of saying thank you to everyone for their patience during construction.”

Quotes attributable to Federal Assistant Minister for Regional Development Senator Anthony Chisholm:

“Many locals would agree that this vital infrastructure project has been a long time coming. So, it’s great to be in town today to officially commission the Gympie Bypass and celebrate its impending completion with the community.

“While we’ve experienced some wet weather this week, local construction crews are determined to take advantage of the drier months and good construction conditions to have the bypass open to the public by October this year.

“This is the culmination of 15 years’ worth of construction on the 62-kilometre Bruce Highway upgrade, and it’s a privilege to celebrate this massive achievement.

“Not only will this stretch of highway improve safety, flood resilience and capacity for motorists, it will also meet the transport needs of the Gympie and Sunshine Coast communities well into the future.”

17 AUGUST 2024

MEDIA CONTACTS:

MINISTER KING – s22(1)(a)(ii)

MINISTER MELLISH – s22(1)(a)(ii)

ASSISTANT MINISTER CHISHOLM – s22(1)(a)(ii)

[Redacted contact information]