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Joint Media Statement

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Ipswich Motorway Upgrade flying through

A mammoth roads project set to make life easier for people living west of Brisbane is a step closer to completion, with detailed design for the \$400 million Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Rocklea to Darra – Stage 1, now finalised.

Flyover footage showing what the project will eventually look like has also been released to mark the occasion.

Federal Urban Infrastructure and Cities Minister Paul Fletcher said the project had hit the ground running, with construction ramping up since starting in October last year.

“Relief is in sight for the 85,000 motorists who use the Ipswich Motorway daily, including more than 12,000 trucks that are experiencing delays that are currently putting pressure on our freight network and increasing the risks associated with road accidents,” Mr Fletcher said.

“This project will also support 470 direct and indirect jobs – yet another great example of how the Australian Government’s \$14.1 billion investment in infrastructure across Queensland is creating jobs and delivering the roads communities and businesses need to thrive.”

State Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said the upgrade would help reduce congestion and improve safety for the thousands of motorists who used the motorway every day.

“We know that Ipswich is booming, and that’s why this project is so vital,” Mr Bailey said.

“Creating an easier, quicker commute is a key concern for so many people who live in this area, and I’m proud to say we are getting closer to completing this upgrade.”

Mr Bailey said he was pleased with the progress of the upgrade works so far, and welcomed the release of the digital flythrough footage.

The flyover can be viewed at <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Projects/Name/I/Ipswich-Motorway-Upgrade-Rocklea-to-Darra-Stage-1-Granard-Road-to-Oxley-Road>.

The Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Rocklea to Darra - Stage 1 is jointly funded by the Australian Government and the Queensland Government on a shared 50:50 basis and is expected to be completed in late 2020.

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