Lendlease to deliver one-kilometre-long bridge on Pacific Highway

A new one-kilometre-long bridge over the Richmond River at Broadwater is a step closer following today’s announcement of Lendlease Engineering as the preferred contractor to deliver the project.

Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester said the bridge was part of the 155-kilometre Woolgoolga to Ballina section of the Pacific Highway upgrade.

“The bridge over the Richmond River at Broadwater is the second of two major new crossings on this section of the upgrade, along with the new Clarence River bridge at Harwood,” Mr Chester said.

“More than 100 bridges, including new or replacement bridges over existing creeks, underpasses and overpasses, will be built as part of this transformational and life-saving project, which has already helped halve fatalities on the Pacific Highway since the upgrade commenced.”

Federal Member for Page Kevin Hogan said the progress made on the bridges was just one sign of the momentum in the Woolgoolga to Ballina section.

“Between Woolgoolga and Ballina, work is now underway on 104 kilometres of the...
upgrade, with the remaining 51 kilometres in planning. Work is well advanced between Woolgoolga and Glenugie, with this 26-kilometre section of the upgrade on track to progressively open to traffic in 2017, weather permitting,” Mr Hogan said.

Member for Clarence Chris Gulaptis said the announcement was great news for the local community.

“The Pacific Highway corridor is a critical link for hundreds of thousands of motorists travelling on the east coast each year. The tender will provide local opportunities, which is always welcome,” Mr Gulaptis said.

New South Wales Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey said the upgrade was Australia’s largest regional infrastructure project.

“This upgrade of the existing highway from Woolgoolga to Ballina to a four-lane divided road will be the final link in the duplication of the Pacific Highway by 2020, and this section remains a hive of activity,” Mrs Pavey said.

“Soft soil works, which are being carried out before major work begins, are continuing at a number of locations along the length of the upgrade, including around Maclean and Woodburn,” Mrs Pavey said.


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