

# Warrego Highway EAST

## Living and working next to a state-controlled road

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Will TMR need my property?

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has contacted landowners whose properties may be required in the future for upgrades to the Warrego Highway between Dinmore and Helidon Spa. At this point, it is unlikely that TMR will require more land than is intended to be preserved through the Warrego Highway East master plan.

#### If my property boundary is moving closer to the Warrego Highway, can I access the highway directly?

As the Warrego Highway is progressively upgraded to a motorway standard, property accesses will be directed to the highway through alternate road networks. Direct access off the highway corridor is unlikely to be provided unless there is a significant transport purpose.

#### Will my safety change if the road is getting bigger?

Maintaining community safety is a key priority for TMR. TMR plan and design roads to minimise the impact on properties from errant vehicles and changes to use of the road reserve. For more information see our Road Safety Policy available at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Road-safety/Road-Safety-Policy](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Road-safety/Road-Safety-Policy)

#### Will I experience changes to inundation during flooding as a result of future changes to the Warrego Highway?

The consultation undertaken during 2020 for the draft master plan has specifically focussed on flooding and the impact an upgraded road could have on flooding. TMR plans to have no measurable change to inundation frequency and duration resulting from upgrades on the highway. Extensive flood modelling will be undertaken that considers landowners directly adjoining the road reserve and all landowners that could be impacted.

#### Will my amenity change?

As projects are delivered, the footprint of the road may move closer to or further away from some properties which will change the amenity. TMR will carefully manage changes to amenity relating to noise, vibration, air quality, scenic amenity, liveability (that is, quality of life in relation to the built environment) and other issues important to landowners.

Every landowner has different priorities. Some landowners like to watch the highway, while others want to have their privacy managed. Some landowners just want to have a vegetated buffer so they can hear the road but not see the road. Everyone is different and everyone can work with TMR on their preferences. Working with customers is important to TMR, which is why a customer charter has been developed and why TMR is talking to landowners in the early stages of its planning.

For more information on TMR's customer charter, please visit [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/customercharter](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/customercharter).

#### How is my scenic amenity and liveability managed?

TMR is planning to implement environmental buffers between the Warrego Highway and residences. This should contribute to the amenity of properties and improve the liveability of local communities. Additionally, TMR always considers the principles of good environmental design and crime prevention through environmental design to ensure community safety.

Further details of these environmental buffers will be available as projects are funded and move into the construction phase.



### **I understand living near a highway is noisy. How will changes to noise be managed?**

TMR will assess and manage noise from the development of the Warrego Highway as it occurs. The process of assessment and management is delivered by implementing the Transport Noise Management Code of Practice (the Code), which aims to demonstrate TMR's compliance with its general environmental duty as required by the *Environmental Protection Act (1994)* (the Act). The parts of the code related to construction and vibration management are gazetted under s318E of the Act.

The Code is available for download from the TMR website [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Technical-standards-publications/Transport-noise-management-code-of-practice](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Technical-standards-publications/Transport-noise-management-code-of-practice) or a copy can be provided to you on request. There are many alternatives to treating noise from the operation of a road, including noise walls and mounds and household treatments. As projects progress, TMR will work closely with property owners impacted by noise to determine the most suitable treatment.

### **How will changes to noise be assessed?**

Road traffic noise assessments will be undertaken to measure the existing noise levels and predict the changes to the noise levels from a project for 10 years following construction. The predicted noise level will determine what measures are put in place to reduce noise.

### **Does the highway moving closer to or further away from my property change my property value?**

There are many different factors that influence the valuation of properties, TMR recommends speaking with a real estate agent or independent property valuer to understand the influences on property values in your area.

### **Will drainage from the road to my property or near my property change?**

TMR's engineering standards reflect legislative requirements to ensure the discharge of water from the road corridor is managed. This includes minimising impacts that result from road construction on neighbouring properties during severe weather events.

As projects are funded for construction, more detailed drainage investigations and community consultation will be undertaken.

### **How will the boundary between the road and property be fenced?**

TMR will work in partnership with neighbouring property owners to determine requirements for corridor fencing as part of funded construction projects.

TMR will work with you to understand how you use your property before determining the right fencing.

### **How will the environment be impacted and how will the impacts be managed?**

During recent consultation, landowners and stakeholders expressed concern about how TMR would preserve local environmental values. TMR has a detailed process to identify and manage environmental impacts including those related to amenity. The same federal and state laws that apply to the community apply to TMR.

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