

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Steve Irwin Way safety improvements planned

Steve Irwin Way is set to receive safety upgrades as part of the Australian and Queensland governments \$415 million economic stimulus package.

Transport and Main Roads Director General Neil Scales said \$18 million would be spent on safety works between Beerburrum and Palmview.

“The stimulus package will support infrastructure construction jobs across Queensland by delivering projects and priority safety works to help the economy as it recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic,” Mr Scales said.

“This funding will support local jobs and businesses, while delivering lasting infrastructure to help Queensland bounce back.”

Mr Scales said the upgrades would boost jobs and improve safety.

“We are keeping work flowing for Queenslanders during this difficult period by investing in projects like this one and many others,” he said.

“These improvements are estimated to support an average of 58 direct jobs over the life of the project, when they are needed most.

“The works will involve widening the road, installing wide centre lines, clearing roadside hazards like vegetation and installing dedicated right-turn lanes.

“We have prioritised these works on the section between Landsborough and Beerwah.”

A works program will be rolled out progressively as each design package is finalised.

This project is joint funded by the Australian and Queensland governments, with the Australian Government contributing \$14.4 million and the Queensland Government contributing \$3.6 million.

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