

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### Stage 5 rehabilitation works to start on the Gore Highway

- The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is continuing rehabilitation works on sections of the Gore Highway between Pittsworth and Millmerran
- Works will improve road safety and efficiency.
- A specialised machine will be employed to recycle the existing pavement materials before laying a seal over the full width of the road.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is rehabilitating sections of the Gore Highway from east of Ware Street, Brookstead to Leyburn-Millmerran Road, Yandilla; to improve safety, travel conditions and freight efficiency.

Work is scheduled to commence on 26 March 2024, operating between 6 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday, with possibility of Saturday work. Completion is anticipated within three months, depending on weather and construction conditions.

The deep, extremely reactive soils of the Condamine floodplains rapidly expand and contract under changing weather conditions, which has resulted in rough, deformed and failing pavements.

Stages one to three of the project involved trialling innovative and sustainable pavement materials and systems to rehabilitate foam bitumen pavements. Results from those trials were used to determine the construction methodology for stages four and five.

This project is being delivered under the National Land Transport Network Upgrades program, with \$18.2 million jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments on an 80:20 basis.

For up-to-date information on traffic disruptions, visit the QldTraffic website at [www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au](http://www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au) call 131940 or download the QldTraffic app from your app store.

#### Quotes attributable to Southern Queensland Regional Director, Bill Lansbury:

"The Queensland Government thanks the Australian Government for supporting this important safety improvement project.

"We have looked closely at the trial results to see what could be applied to subsequent works on this section of the Gore Highway.

"So far we have successfully rehabilitated over 30 kilometres of the highway with this new method, using between 25 per cent and 60 per cent recycled material."

For more information about the project, visit [www.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au) and search Gore Highway (Pittsworth – Millmerran) various locations, rehabilitate pavement.