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Works are underway to upgrade two stopping bays on the Gregory Developmental Road (Belyando - Charters Towers) (Llanarth)

- Works include the construction of a new southbound stopping bay and widening of the existing northbound stopping bay.
- The safety upgrades will contribute towards effective fatigue management for heavy vehicle operators and other motorists.
- Works are jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments under the Australian Government's Road Safety Program.

Works have commenced on two stopping bays along the Gregory Developmental Road (Belyando - Charters Towers) (Llanarth), an important inland freight link servicing the mining and livestock industries.

A range of safety treatments will also be delivered, including provision of a one metre clear separation between the edge of the traffic lane and stopping bay edge, and advanced warning signage.

The upgrades will provide greater confidence and contribute towards effective fatigue management for heavy vehicle operators and other motorists.

The works include:

- Construction of a new southbound stopping bay to provide capacity for one Type 2 Road Train, in addition to two smaller heavy vehicles and passenger cars/cars towing trailers/caravans.
- Pavement upgrades and widening of the existing northbound stopping bay to provide capacity for two Type 2 Road Trains, in addition to two smaller heavy vehicles and passenger cars/cars towing trailers/caravans.
- Upgraded signage and stopping bay line marking to clearly define vehicle parking and access.

The \$3 million project is funded by the Australian and Queensland governments, as part of the Australian Government's Road Safety Program.

During construction, road users should expect changed traffic conditions, including lane closures and the closure of the affected northbound stopping bay, clear directional signage of alternative northbound stopping bays, and other traffic control measures to ensure the safety of motorists and road workers, and to carry out the works as efficiently as possible.

Works are expected to take about six months to complete, weather permitting.

For up-to-date information about state-controlled roads, visit the QLDTraffic website or call 13 19 40.

Quotes attributable to Transport and Main Roads Regional Director Ross Hodgman:

"These works will assist drivers manage fatigue by providing safer places to stop along this section of the Gregory Developmental Road"

"Heavy vehicle stopping bays allow truck drivers to effectively manage their fatigue by planning their journey and knowing where they can safely stop and rest."

"Stopping places provide motorists with opportunities to take a break and stretch their legs, to manage fatigue on longer journeys."

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