

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Queensland says goodbye to Tugun Bypass Tunnel

The Queensland Government will hand over a section of the Tugun bypass tunnel to the New South Wales Government after 10 years of overseeing its operation.

Queensland Transport and Main Roads Director General Neil Scales said the section of tunnel would be handed over to New South Wales Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

“It is time to hand over the four-kilometre New South Wales section of the Tugun bypass to RMS,” Mr Scales said.

“Motorists won’t notice any difference to their journeys along the bypass when New South Wales takes over.

“For many years we have worked closely with RMS if there are any incidents along or near the bypass and this will continue after the handover.

“In previous years, we have allocated on average \$7 million per annum for maintenance of the tunnel and entire bypass.”

Mr Scales said funding to maintain the remaining three-kilometre Queensland section of the bypass would be significantly less.

“I look forward to working closely with our New South Wales neighbours,” he said.

“This agreement has worked tremendously well and we are always pleased to deliver good outcomes for all road users.

“We cannot guarantee we will afford the same comradeship this week when we take the field for the State of Origin!”

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