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## **TOLLING AND ROADSIDE OPERATIONS ON-TRACK FOR EARLY OPENING OF CLEM7**

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RiverCity Motorway Group remains confident that the company will open the Clem Jones Tunnel (CLEM7) before the end of April 2010, well ahead of its October 2010 Contract Completion date.

Chief Executive Officer, Flan Cleary, said the Group was continuing to make positive progress across construction, tolling and customer service, and roadside operations and maintenance.

### **Construction**

Leighton Contractors and Baulderstone Bilfinger Berger Joint Venture (LBB JV) is in the final stages of construction.

The final road surface inside the tunnel is complete, wall panels have been installed inside the tunnel and line marking is under way.

Civil construction is nearing completion at the three tunnel entrances with the erection of traffic signs, landscaping and connections to existing roads nearing completion.

Installation of mechanical and electronic equipment is almost 95% complete and testing and commissioning is well advanced.

### **Tolling and customer service**

In December 2009, the Group launched its FLOW Tolling website ([www.flowtoll.com.au](http://www.flowtoll.com.au)) and commenced issuing electronic tags. To date, approximately 1,600 FLOW Tag and Business Accounts have been established.

The FLOW Tolling call centre is now open seven days a week and will operate 24 hours per day on road opening.

In January 2010, advertising commenced on television, radio, billboards and online. Advertising and other marketing activities will increase in the lead-up to road opening.

### **Roadside operations and maintenance**

Brisbane Motorway Services (BMS) has completed recruitment of all roadside operations and maintenance personnel. The team is now working from Tollway Control Centre located at the tunnel's northern entrance. Roadside operations and maintenance plans and procedures are also substantially complete and training of personnel is under way.

### **Determining the road opening date**

Under the Design and Construction Contract, LBB JV is required to provide RiverCity Motorway Group 20 business day's notice of its intended completion date, and then advise when the road and tolling system are complete. The road and tolling system must also be certified by the project's Independent Verifier prior to road opening.

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*The 6.8 kilometre CLEM7 will connect Bowen Hills in the north with Kangaroo Point and Woolloongabba in the south, bypassing up to 24 sets of traffic lights. It will connect with Lutwyche Road, Inner City Bypass, Shafston Avenue, the Pacific Motorway and Ipswich Road.*