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CONSTRUCTION ON CLEM7 CONTINUES AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Construction of the Clem Jones Tunnel (CLEM7) is one step closer following the unveiling of the first completed section of the tunnel and the entrance canopy at Bowen Hills

The unveilings represent an important milestone for the CLEM7 as the tunnel nears completion in early 2010.

RiverCity Motorway Group CEO Flan Cleary said construction of the CLEM7 remained well ahead of the October 2010 Contract Completion date.

“CLEM7 represents one of Brisbane’s greatest ever engineering achievements and we’re delighted with the progress that has been made,” Mr Cleary said.

Construction progress update:

- The final road surface inside the tunnel is complete
- All three tunnel entrance canopies are complete, including the 63 metre long structure at Bowen Hills
- Completion of civil fit-out of all cross passages
- The smoke duct ceiling is complete
- Installation of mechanical and electronic equipment is almost 90% complete
- More than 70% of concrete traffic barriers have been installed
- 50% of wall panels are now installed
- Testing and commissioning is under way

“The Group remains optimistic that the tunnel will open to traffic before the end of April 2010.”

Mr Cleary said the Design and Construction Contractor is obliged to provide 20 business days notice of its planned completion date.

“When that advice is received RiverCity Motorway can be confident that the major challenges are over and the indicative opening date will be achieved,” he said.

“The opening date will be announced following the receipt of the 20 business day notice from the Design and Construction Contractor,” he said.

The 6.8 kilometre CLEM7 will connect Bowen Hills in the north with 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.

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