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#### **HOWARD PREPARES TO WALK AWAY FROM IPSWICH MOTORWAY**

“The Howard Government is set to walk away from the Commonwealth responsibility to upgrade the Ipswich Motorway,” Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan warned today.

“For years now, the Howard government has been ducking and weaving and doing everything in its power to get out of the Federal government’s decades old responsibility for the Ipswich Brisbane corridor,” Ms Nolan said.

“Now, as traffic conditions on the road worsen daily, the Howard government appears to be in final preparation for walking away completely.”

Ms Nolan made her comments in response to remarks from the Member for Moreton Gary Hardgrave opposing six-laning the Ipswich Motorway.

“For months now, Gary Hardgrave’s position on the Ipswich Motorway has been a wishy washy, gooey mess. Now today, we see him falling into line with the Federal government’s silly option of bypassing half the Ipswich Motorway from Dinmore to Logan Motorway interchange at Gables.

“The Howard Government needs to understand that the Ipswich Motorway does not end at Gables and that 80% of vehicle traffic, including the vast majority of freight, continues down the Ipswich Motorway to Brisbane.

“A half-bypass will not stop strangulation of the Ipswich economy. The only thing that will is six-laning the existing Ipswich Motorway. This is common sense and it is what Ipswich people want.

“It is outrageous that the Federal government is now setting the ground to walk away from its responsibility to Ipswich people.”