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#### **CENTENARY HIGHWAY PLANNING TIMELINE REVEALED**

The expected timeframe for the planning of the extension of the Centenary Highway from Springfield to Ripley has been revealed.

In response to a question from Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan, Transport Minister Paul Lucas has told Parliament that the final stage of the **corridor study is expected to be completed by August this year.**

When the route is finalised the community will be informed through a newsletter to be sent to all landowners and residents in the study area.

The Centenary Highway extension was a major Beattie Government election commitment with \$120 million to build the road as much as 20 years ahead of original plans.

Consistent with that commitment, detailed planning of the road will commence as soon as the final route is chosen.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan welcomed the Minister's commitment to a timeline for finalising the route saying it would provide certainty for residents.

"The Centenary Highway extension is a key piece of infrastructure for better managing South East Queensland's future growth," Ms Nolan said.

"It will create a second route from Ipswich to Brisbane to the south – where the population will be."

"It's a great shame the Federal Government aren't following the Beattie Government's lead by actually committing the serious dollars needed to fix their road – the Ipswich Motorway."