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Motorway Funding Long Overdue

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today welcomed the Howard Government promise of funding for the Ipswich Motorway but said it was long overdue.

“It’s the wrong decision and it’s too late but it’s better than no decision at all,” Ms Nolan said.

“Ipswich’s growth has been constrained by the shocking state of the road for nearly a decade. This improvement to the road network – albeit overpriced – should contribute to the local economy finally taking off.”

Ms Nolan said it was disappointing that after 6 years of stalling it had taken the prospect of a close federal election to get the federal government to act.

“This is not the best outcome for the people of Ipswich. The bypass is \$1 billion overpriced and as the press release Mark Vaille issued today acknowledges, its main purpose is to get trucks past Ipswich not to provide a link to Brisbane for local people.”

“The Federal Member for Blair, Cameron Thompson, has single-handedly held up this process for the last six years. He has got more front than a Mac Truck to now seek credit for this belated announcement.”