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## Swanbank Road's new lease on life one step closer

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan is pleased to announce that safety improvement works on Swanbank Road were on track to begin early next year after the tender process to deliver the project was announced today.

"This is a project which I have lobbied for on residents' behalf and I am pleased to see it's now ready to start," Ms Nolan said.

"Swanbank Road is a vital link to the Swanbank Power Station and carries more and more traffic each day due to industrial growth in the booming Western Corridor.

"These works will improve safety and provide a smoother road surface for motorists.

"The Swanbank Road resurfacing project will involve a \$1.3 million asphalt overlay, from Station Road to approximately 270 metres before the Parkhead Street and Fisher Street intersection.

"More than 550 metres of existing asphalt will be replaced and the pavement structure from both approaches of the Swanbank Road overbridge to nearby intersections with on and off ramps will be strengthened," Ms Nolan said.

"This is important preventative maintenance that saves money in the long run as it protects the roads against wear and tear from weather and traffic, prolonging the roadway's life.

"Other benefits include strengthening the structural stability of the road surface over the Swanbank Road bridge and protecting the roadway by replacing the current surface."

Tenders for the project close on 27 October, and all prequalified contractors are encouraged to apply.

Ms Nolan said the works were being partly funded by significant contributions collected by industry located along the upgrade route.

"The Bligh Government is committed to working closely with industry to help connect Queensland and its communities," she said.

"This investment in the road network is another example of how the Government is meeting the needs of south-east Queensland's growing population.

"Our road maintenance program is built around knowing the network, identifying deficiencies and acting accordingly.

"Preserving our road asset is a priority and we are committed to improving the efficiency of the road network for all motorists."

Works are scheduled to begin in February 2010, weather permitting.