

LOWER FITZROY RIVER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Gogango (Capricorn Highway) Intersection Upgrade Questions & Answers

What does the Gogango intersection upgrade involve?

The proposed upgrade to the Capricorn Highway intersection at Gogango includes the realignment of the intersection to increase line of sight, widening of sections and upgrade of lighting to meet current standards (see initial draft concept over page).

Why is the upgrade and change of alignment required?

The upgrade is required as part of the State Government's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) conditions for the Rookwood Weir project. If the Rookwood Weir project goes ahead, increased traffic movement on the Capricorn Highway during construction and will require safety upgrades to the relevant Standards.

What if the Rookwood Weir doesn't get approved – will the upgrade still go ahead?

No - if the Rookwood Weir project does not proceed, there will be no requirement (or need) to upgrade the Capricorn Highway intersection. The Rookwood Weir Business Case requires approval from Building Queensland, the State Government and the Federal Government before the project is approved to proceed.

How long will the intersection take to construct?

The construction period is estimated to take approximately six months and will be constructed using locally sourced Department of Transport and Main Road (DTMR) approved material.

Will increased lighting be included at the intersection?

Currently there is a single light at the Capricorn Highway intersection. As part of the concept and final design process, a lighting survey will be completed. A lighting plan will be developed and implemented to meet the DTMR and Australian Standards for such an intersection.

What traffic interruptions should be expected throughout the intersection upgrade?

There will be reductions in highway speed limits during the intersection upgrade. Traffic control will be implemented as per the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) required as part of the EIS conditions issued by the Coordinator General. Access to the school and properties will be maintained.

What will be done with the old intersection area to reinstate it after the new alignment is complete?

The old intersection with the Capricorn Highway will be closed off and full rehabilitation will be conducted as per the DTMR and Rockhampton Regional Council (RRC) standards. These roadworks will be a contributed asset for DTMR and RRC, so these organisations will have final sign off and approval of the finished standard of works.

Who will be managing the upgrade project?

GAWB / Sunwater are joint proponents of the Rookwood Weir project and intend to engage private contractors to undertake the intersection upgrade.

