



Access and Intersections

Question

- Will there be an overpass for the Ring Road at Beck Drive?

Answers

- The Ring Road will be the new route for the national highway through Townsville and Thuringowa. The aim of building this new route is to improve traffic flow for through traffic and to provide the safety needed for increased highway and local traffic volumes. It is therefore being designed with limited access to nearby local roads.
- Beck Drive is a local road meant for local traffic. To retain that status and prevent an unwarranted increase in traffic, the Ring Road will overpass Beck Drive, and there will be no connection from Beck Drive to the Ring Road.
- The original concept was for Beck Drive to overpass the Ring Road. However, a design review showed benefits for pedestrians, cyclists, drainage and services if Beck Drive is retained at its current level and is overpassed by the Ring Road (still with no motorway access from Beck Drive).
- Work around Beck Drive will consist of building an overpass or bridge over Beck Drive and realignment of the drain that runs parallel to the Ring Road. A new drain will be built under Beck Drive.

Question

- How will the Ring Road overpass across Beck Drive affect Carlyle Gardens?

Answers

- During construction of the bridge over Beck Drive and changes to the drain that runs beside the Ring Road, there may be some disruption to traffic.
- All efforts will be made to ensure that Beck Drive remains open at all times.
- Construction of the bridge over Beck Drive will have some effect on nearby residents, but all efforts will be made to minimise these effects, through Environmental Management Plans (see Environment).

Question

- What type of intersection will there be at Hervey Range Road?

Answers

- Hervey Range Road is a major arterial road and will be one of the major connections to the Ring Road
- The Ring Road will overpass Hervey Range Road.
- The Hervey Range Road interchange will provide full access to and from the Ring Road via entry and exit ramps.
- The interchange will improve safety by separating the major crossing movements of both roads and allow Hervey Range Road traffic to safely enter and interact with Ring Road traffic.

Question

- How will people get to the hospital from Carlyle Gardens?

Answer

- To get from Carlyle Gardens to the hospital, people will continue to do what they do now. They can use Gouldian Avenue to access the Ring Road at the Upper Ross River Road interchange.

Question

- How will people access the Ring Road from Beck Drive?

Answer

- Access to the Ring Road from Beck Drive can either be via Gouldian Ave and then Upper Ross River Road or via Hervey Range Road.

Question

- Why is there a roundabout in Beck Drive?

Answers

- Roundabouts have been provided on Beck Drive at points that will provide access for existing and future developments. Beck Drive is managed by Thuringowa City Council.
- The first roundabout on Beck Drive was constructed to provide access to future development between Hervey Range Road and the Ring Road.

Questions

- Will the Ring Road be fenced? Can we still access the back gate at Teal Street?

Answers

- For safety reasons, the Ring Road will be fenced, and there will be no property or pedestrian access.
- "Back gate" access will not be safe once the Ring Road is open, because of the high volumes of high-speed traffic.
- Access to the Ring Road will only be allowed at Upper Ross River Road, Hervey Range Road and Dalrymple Road.

Questions

- Why is there no access to Riverside Gardens? Why is there no access to the Douglas residential area?

Answers

- In 1995, Main Roads decided that entry and exit ramps providing direct access into Riverside Gardens could not be justified as a cost to the taxpayer, given that they only provided an additional access for local traffic (a relatively low traffic volume). Main Roads advised the developers of this change in 1995.
- The Department also advised the developers that land had been reserved so that entry and exit ramps could be built to service Riverside Gardens, should the developers wish to fund their construction in the future.
- The three overpasses in the Douglas Arterial design were clearly shown during a 2000 public display organised by Main Roads to obtain community and stakeholder feedback.
- Riverside Gardens residents can access the Douglas Arterial via Angus Smith Drive West.

Question

- How will people get from the Ring Rd to the Bohle?

Answer

- Connectivity across new developments in the Bohle Plains will be provided by the developers, working with Thuringowa City Council and Main Roads.