



Environment

Question

- What will be the effects on the environment?

Answers

- Main Roads has employed an independent consultant to develop an Environmental Management Plan on how to minimise potential effects on the environment.
- The plan dictates measures to protect the environment that must be considered during the design and construction of the Ring Road.

Question

- Will the Ring Road affect wildlife?

Answers

- The road design will incorporate measures to maintain water quality and minimise the impact on the flora and fauna of the area.
- Clearing of some vegetation along the route and some disturbance of fauna is unavoidable.
- Main Roads will undertake compensatory habitat planting, possibly including trees grown from seeds harvested on site.
- The Department will seek to establish revegetation programs with community and/or council support in order to enhance further the remaining habitat and minimise the spread of weed species.
- Main Roads has already adjusted part of the Condon Section alignment to enable the saving of two very large old-growth paperbarks on a channel of the Bohle River.
- Main Roads will also install various bird nesting boxes and habitat boxes.
- The design engineers will assess and provide for fauna connectivity (the ability of native animals to move safely within their habitats), wherever possible, along rivers and major watercourses.

Question

- What will be the effect of fumes?

Answer

- Because the Ring Road will be a non-stop link, it is anticipated that vehicle fumes will be kept to a minimum and will not impact on flora, fauna or human populations.

Bicycles and Pedestrians

Question

- Why are cyclists not allowed on the Ring Road?

Answer

- The Ring Road will be a high-speed highway with a reasonably high volume of traffic. This environment is not safe for cyclists, especially as this could include younger cyclists, such as children. It is not possible to put an age limit on cyclist access.

Question

- What provisions will be made for cyclists?

Answers

- The project will consider alternative, efficient routes for cyclists.
- Main Roads is developing cycle route strategies in conjunction with Thuringowa City Council.
- Cycle routes may include Gouldian Avenue, Beck Drive, Gregory Street, Hervey Range Road and other off-motorway links that may be constructed in conjunction with the project.

Question

- What provisions will be made for pedestrians?

Answers

- Given the high volumes of high-speed highway traffic, it will not be safe for pedestrians to walk along the motorway or to cross it, except at traffic lights.
- Pedestrians will cross under the motorway using Beck Drive or Hervey Range Road, which will also have traffic lights for pedestrians.

Questions

- Who will be responsible for finishing the cycle path at the Douglas Section of the Ring Road?
- When will the walkway under the Douglas Bridge be open?

Answer

- The cycle path on the Douglas Section has been finalised by the local developer as the Riverside Gardens development extends to the footbridge. The footbridge and cycle path are now open.