



15 January 2009

UPGRADE TO COMMENCE ON COOROY-NOOSA ROAD (Map attached)

Member for Noosa Glen Elmes advises that work to upgrade Cooroy-Noosa Road between Swift Drive and Hayward Road West is scheduled to start next Tuesday, 20 January, weather permitting with construction generally being performed from 7.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Saturday.

“The work is necessary to improve the condition of the road and provide a smoother driving surface for motorists. Work will involve rehabilitating and widening the road to provide two 3.5m lanes with a 2.0m shoulder on each side and enhancing the road surface by laying a new asphalt pavement.

“Traffic controllers and traffic signals will be present for the duration of the project to ensure the safety of workers and the public so I would remind motorists to slow down, drive carefully and follow the instructions of road workers and signage.”

Glen Elmes said that Main Roads would be notifying residents of the impending works through a letterbox drop.

“11,000 vehicles per day use this road and while I welcome the news that this section is going to be upgraded, I am extremely disappointed that the Minister has not set aside any funding to upgrade that section of Eumundi-Noosa Road between Dean Road and the Doonan Emu Mountain Road roundabout which is in an extremely serious state of disrepair and is dangerous for motorists, particularly those not familiar with the road.

“Department of Main Roads is carrying out a strategic planning study on three roads under consideration for the preferred east-west connection to the northern Sunshine Coast between the Bruce Highway and the coastal road network and one of these is Eumundi-Noosa Road.

“Even before this strategic planning study commenced DMR should have been aware that the Eumundi-Noosa Road was in urgent need of an upgrade to bring it to an appropriate safety standard – now - and not wait for the completion of future planning studies which may or may not include Eumundi-Noosa Road.

“As a consequence, the necessary funds to conduct this work were not allocated which means that there are no plans to upgrade this road in the near future: this is negligent in the extreme.

“I have been urging the Minister to recognise the urgent need to upgrade this road to an appropriate safety level and I will continue to do so.

ENDS

For further information contact: Glen Elmes MP on 5449 8988 or 0400 800 114

CB05 Noosa Civic, 28 Eenie Creek Road PO Box 1849, Noosaville BC Q 4566
Ph (07) 5449 8988 FreeCall 1800 818 396 Fax (07) 5449 9719

EMAIL: noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au