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Leighton Contractors to build the next major link for Queensland's Bruce Highway

Leighton Contractors will build the next major link in the upgrade of the Bruce Highway after winning the \$109 million construction contract for works between Uhlmann Road and the Bribie Island overpass.

The link will complete the Federal Government's plan to upgrade the Bruce Highway between Brisbane and Caboolture, improving safety and reducing traffic congestion.

The project involves the widening of the highway to six lanes, upgrading the Caboolture/Bribie Island Road split interchange, and widening of the Caboolture River bridges and Bribie Island overpass bridge.

Peter McMorrow, Managing Director of Leighton Contractors, said the successful design and construction of major road projects was one of the company's core strengths.

"In Queensland Leighton Contractors is working on a number of important road projects, including the South West Transport Corridor, Ipswich Logan Interchange Upgrade and the Northern Access Road at the Brisbane Airport," Mr McMorrow said.

"These projects demonstrate our strong commitment to the continuing growth and liveability of the Sunshine State, and we are proud to be part of the team bringing them to life."

Darren Weir, General Manager of Leighton Contractors in Queensland, said the latest project would build on earlier successes in the area, including earlier upgrades to the Bruce Highway, and the Caboolture Bypass which was opened in December 2007 by the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government Warren Pitt.



“Leighton Contractors values the great relationships we have formed with the local government, residential and business communities,” Mr Weir said.

Leighton Contractors will initially concentrate works on the Caboolture/Bribie Island Interchange and the Bruce Highway towards the south, in an effort to provide improved vehicle access.

The final project will also include pedestrian and cyclist access to the overpass, allowing safe passage over the Bruce Highway.

Initial works on the project began in December 2007 and the project is expected to conclude by mid to late 2009.

Other Queensland Leighton Contractors’ projects include; the North South Bypass Tunnel, Gateway Upgrade Project and the Inner Northern Busway in Brisbane.

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