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Leighton Contractors in Alliance to deliver Ballina bypass project

Leighton Contractors has been appointed as an alliance team member by the Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) to deliver the Ballina bypass project where preliminary site work is now underway.

Leighton Contractors has joined the RTA, Maunsell AECOM, SMEC and Coffey Geotechnics to design and construct the bypass that will provide approximately 12.4km of dual carriageway as part of the Pacific Highway upgrade program.

Peter McMorrow, Managing Director of Leighton Contractors, said the Ballina bypass project will boost his team's already extensive track record working in alliance partnerships on complex infrastructure projects.

"Alliance projects offer the opportunity to create the best possible outcome for our clients and the community. The delivery framework is setup to allow the strengths and expertise of each alliance partner to be fully captured. We look forward to bringing the diverse skills and extensive experience of Leighton Contractors to this new alliance with the RTA, Maunsell, SMEC and Coffey," Mr McMorrow said.

Michael Metcalfe, General Manager NSW & ACT of Leighton Contractors, said the alliance team has been working together for the past nine months to develop the scope and design of the Ballina bypass.

"Our aim is to build a long term quality product for the RTA that we can all be proud of. Over the next four years the Ballina bypass alliance team is committed to addressing the project challenges, especially the significant soft soil settlement, to ensure the upgrade's success in every possible way," Mr Metcalfe said.

The Ballina bypass project will stretch from South Ballina at the intersection of the Bruxner and Pacific Highways to just north of Ross Lane, Tintenbar. It will bypass a 19km section of the Pacific Highway and deliver significant safety improvements and time savings for traffic.

Preliminary site work has now begun to establish the main site office and construction area at Teven Road and the Northern Compound near Ross Lane. Later this month, construction teams will begin fencing and clearing the site as well as commence installation of erosion and sediment controls.



The project will be opened in stages which will be:

- Opening of the Cumbalum to Ross Lane section by late 2010;
- Opening of the Bruxner Highway to Cumbalum interchange by mid 2012.

Major features of the Ballina bypass project include:

- 12.4km of dual carriageway
- New interchanges at Bruxner Highway, Teven Road, Cumbalum and Ross Lane
- 11.9km of local roads
- 19 bridges including major structures over waterways
- More than 1.7 million cubic metres of earthworks
- Approximately 100 000 cubic metres of concrete
- Significant treatment of extensive soft and deep soils

The Leighton Contractors component of the works on the Ballina bypass project is valued at \$490 million.

Leighton Contractors to date has participated in over 20 alliances to deliver construction and mining projects across Australia and New Zealand, with a capital value over \$4.5 billion.

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