

Warrego Highway-Moggill Arterial Road

The proposal to construct a northern alternative to the Ipswich Motorway is currently receiving a great deal of publicity and depending on the author's location, the arguments are for or against such a road.

As a resident of Barellan Point for some 38 years I have first hand knowledge of the benefits such a river crossing at Karalee would bring to the area as well as the opportunities it would open to the residents of the western suburbs of Brisbane, however, I also recognise that without the ability to connect a ring road to the west of Mt Coot-tha through to Brisbane's north western suburbs, the distribution of extra vehicles into Kenmore would simply create extra chaos.

The corridor on the Ipswich side of the Brisbane River has been identified for many years and I understand land on the Anstead side of the river has been resumed for the construction of this road. I know some of the land at Karalee has been purchased and negotiations are in process with other landholders. Sugars Quarry, the site surveyed for the river crossing was chosen some thirty years ago as being the most economical site to provide an all weather access to residents of both Ipswich and the western suburbs of Brisbane.

This route on its own could never be an alternative to the Ipswich Motorway but it is interesting to see Department of Main Roads' figures which indicate it would reduce volume on the motorway by 23,000 motor vehicles per day.

If you support the construction of the Warrego Highway-Moggill Arterial Road, your representations to the State Member for Ipswich West, Don Livingstone, MP - telephone 3813 0074 and the Federal Member for Blair, Cameron Thompson, MP - telephone 3813 0088 are needed.