

I refer to your article 'no confidence in bypass' which contained a rather large error in the reporting of its budget outlay. You see, the Goodna Bypass is in fact \$1 billion dollars more than the full upgrade of the motorway.

Let's not be mistaken on this issue. \$2.3 billion of tax payer's dollars won't fix the Ipswich Motorway problem or the troubles that plague the Western Corridor. This project is a big gamble.

The bypass is \$1 billion dollars more than the full upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway and is \$1 billion dollars more than the option preferred by a majority of the community, engineers, the RACQ and the Queensland Government.

This money is welcomed to the area especially after 10 years of neglect but its time we invested it in real solutions, consulted the community and got some consensus on the issue that is meant to address the future traffic needs of the region.

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