

MEDIA RELEASE

Proposed Wooloowin worksite to create 220 new jobs and keep tunnelling on track

22 June, 2009: The proposal by BrisConnections and its contractor Thies John Holland to establish a temporary construction site at Wooloowin will assist in meeting the on-time completion of the \$4.8 billion Airport Link project by 2012, and create up to 220 new jobs.

Commenting on the change proposal announced by the Queensland Coordinator General, BrisConnections CEO Dr Ray Wilson said the temporary tunnel access point would allow excavation of the project's tunnel caverns to be completed prior to the arrival of two tunnel boring machines (TBM's) from Kalinga Park next year.

"The proposed worksite will provide a temporary access to the Airport Link's tunnel caverns, where the mainline tunnels join with the entry and exit ramps at Kedron," he said.

"By establishing this site we can accomplish two crucial objectives: launching our roadheaders to begin excavating the tunnel caverns for the TBMs, and afterwards, delivering concrete to the caverns which will enable the final lining of the tunnels to be completed.

"To operate the site our contractor, Thies John Holland, will create up to 220 new jobs during construction. There will be additional employment created for sub-contractors and local businesses will also benefit."

Dr Wilson said the proposed temporary tunnel access point is required because detailed geotechnical analysis of the Kedron and Wooloowin areas indicated that more extensive tunnelling operations were required.

"By launching two roadheaders from the proposed Wooloowin worksite Thies John Holland can start work earlier on excavating the tunnel caverns to ensure that Australia's largest privately funded infrastructure project is delivered on time."

Dr Wilson said the vacant land owned by the Department of Transport and Main Roads bounded by Rose Street, Park Road and Kent Road, was chosen due to its proximity to the Airport Link tunnels.

"From a tunnelling perspective, this site is the best location to launch the two roadheaders," he said.



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Under the change proposal submitted to the Coordinator General the Wooloowin worksite will be rehabilitated and returned to the Wooloowin community by mid 2012. If the proposal is approved the Coordinator General will impose stringent conditions during construction and operation of the site, including the construction of a purpose-built acoustic shed over the site, erection of a five metre high noise wall, and a designated route for the movement of spoil trucks to and from the site.

During the next three weeks extensive community consultation will be undertaken with stakeholders in the Wooloowin area. Written submissions about the proposal can be made to the Coordinator General until Friday, 17 July 2009.

BrisConnections is building the Airport Link toll road, Northern Busway extension and the Airport Roundabout Upgrade for the Queensland Government at a total cost of \$4.8 billion.

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An investment in BrisConnections Unit Trusts comprises a stapled security made up of one unit in BrisConnections Investment Trust and one unit in BrisConnections Holding Trust. Stapled securities in BrisConnections are partly paid securities and are listed on the Australian Stock Exchange under the code "BCSCB". There is one further instalment of \$1.00 per stapled security payable on 29 January 2010.

BrisConnections has been awarded a 45 year concession to design, construct, operate, maintain and finance the Airport Link toll road in Brisbane. Airport Link will be a 6.7 kilometre multi-lane electronic free-flow toll road with dual 5.7 kilometre tunnels. Upon completion, Airport Link will connect Brisbane's northern suburbs with Brisbane's CBD and Brisbane Airport, the North-South Bypass Tunnel and the Inner City Bypass. It will also serve as a key distribution road, connecting some of Brisbane's major destinations such as Brisbane Airport, the CBD, Royal Brisbane Hospital, Australia Trade Coast and Chermside Shopping Centre. Airport Link will be constructed using a world class, innovative design solution, with connections avoiding intersection delays and streamlining traffic flows. Lane configuration will provide for separate traffic movements, with early decision points, to minimise traffic weaving and merging.

BrisConnections will be built around an electronic free-flow tolling design. Electronic free-flow tolling is expected to be mandatory across all Queensland toll roads by July 2009 and Airport Link tags will be fully interoperable with other Queensland and Australian toll roads. The Airport Link catchment contains 60% of Brisbane's population and Airport Link will address serious traffic issues in the Brisbane metropolitan area, where the growth in peak hour traffic and travel time is currently the highest of any Australian capital city. Brisbane's economic and population growth are projected to continue to exceed the national average. Brisbane Airport is one of Australia's fastest growing Airports, with passenger growth of 10% per annum for the last 5 years.

BrisConnections will also design and construct a portion of the Northern Busway between Windsor and Kedron and an upgrade of the East-West Arterial / Airport Drive / Gateway Motorway interchange at Brisbane Airport, both of which will be funded by the Queensland Government. BrisConnections will not receive any revenue from these projects and they will both be handed over to the Queensland Government upon commissioning.