

11 May, 2010

Update on segment erector - Airport Roundabout Upgrade Project

Between 2am and 3am this morning, a segment erector being used for construction of the East-West flyover as part of the Airport Roundabout Upgrade Project experienced electrical failure during the erection of a large bridge segment.

The contractor, Thiess John Holland, firmly secured the bridge segment and locked it into position by mechanical brakes. The manufacturer of the segment erector was consulted to identify any additional management measures required, prior to the reopening of traffic lanes for morning peak.

The southbound lanes on Nudgee Road were closed from 11:30am to remove the partially erected bridge segment. The segment was lowered and removed under traffic control and all lanes reopened to traffic prior to 1pm.

To date, 94 concrete segments out of a total of 436 have been successfully installed for the East-West flyover. Traffic management is in place during all segment lifts near roads.

There was no risk to public safety during this work.

ENDS

Media contact: Deirdre McCue, Manager Communication and Community Relations, 0402 781 523