

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Wooloowin residents have their say on proposed temporary Airport Link worksite

**30 June, 2009:** Technical experts will be available to answer questions about the proposed Airport Link Wooloowin worksite at two more information sessions being held at the project's Visitor Information Centre on Thursday evening and Saturday morning.

Since the proposed modification was announced on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, residents have had two opportunities to put their question and concerns direct to the Airport Link project team.

Around 120 local residents attended information sessions held at the Kalinga Bowls Club and at the proposed worksite on Saturday. Representatives from BrisConnections and its contractor Thiess John Holland and CNI attended the sessions to provide information and to obtain feedback on the proposal.

BrisConnections and Thiess John Holland are seeking approval from the Queensland Coordinator General to establish a temporary construction site on vacant land bounded by Rose Street, Park Road and Kent Road which will assist in meeting the on-time completion of the \$4.8 billion Airport Link project by 2012.

Under the proposal, a 42-metre deep temporary shaft covered by an acoustic shed would be sunk on the land to allow two roadheader machines to be lowered into the ground to start work on essential caverns and tunnels.

Should the Coordinator-General approve the proposal, the Queensland Government would ensure that the site would become a park for the Wooloowin community by mid 2012.

"It was pleasing to see so many Wooloowin residents attend the information sessions in person to learn the facts about this proposal," said BrisConnections CEO, Dr Ray Wilson.

"By establishing this temporary work 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.



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“To operate the site our contractor, Thiess 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.”

“We are committed to being totally open and transparent about this proposal, and I urge people to ask question and obtain the information which is available during the public consultation process.”

To find out more about the consultation process please contact CNI on:

- General enquiries (free call) 1800 99 00 38
- Property enquiries (free call) 1800 79 41 88
- [www.citynorthinfrastructure.com.au](http://www.citynorthinfrastructure.com.au)

Residents can obtain facts sheets and other information at [www.brisconnections.com.au](http://www.brisconnections.com.au) or by calling the BrisConnections Information Hotline on 1800 721 783.

The Visitor Information Centre is located at Centro Lutwyche, Lutwyche Rd, and Lutwyche QLD. It is open:

Wednesday	10am to 4pm
Thursday	2pm to 7pm
Friday	10am to 4pm
Saturday	9am to 12pm

Written submissions about the proposal can be made to the Coordinator General until Friday, 17 July 2009.

Ends

**Media inquiries:**

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**About BrisConnections**

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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 Chermshire 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.



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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.

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