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MEDIA RELEASE

Work Commences on the John Muntz Bridge

Construction started this week on the long-awaited replacement bridge over the John Muntz Causeway, providing motorists with a flood resilient crossing over the Coomera River.

Member for Albert Mark Boothman said “crews have been on site from Monday 11 March, to build the new bridge and a roundabout at the intersection of Tamborine-Oxenford Road and Maudsland Road.”

“The new bridge will be well-received by the local community as the previous crossing flooded repeatedly in heavy rain, regularly damaging the structure and cutting off the community,” Mr Boothman said.

“Having a new two lane bridge on the Tamborine–Oxenford Road over the river is fantastic news for motorists.

“Golding Contractors are on site and expect to finish building the bridge and associated works early next year, weather and site conditions permitting.”

Motorists can expect frequently changing traffic conditions and some delays at this location until early 2014 and are reminded to follow the directions of traffic controllers and roadside signage.

Part of the \$15 million project will be funded under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), an initiative where the Australian Government provides 75 per cent of the funding and 25 per cent from the Queensland Government.

The NDRRA guidelines provide funds for the repair or replacement of existing infrastructure on a like for like basis only

On top of the NDRRA funding, Transport and Main Roads allocated \$6.6m from savings made on another project to complete the upgrade.

This additional funding recognises the level of residential growth in the area and increasing use of Tamborine–Oxenford Road as a major thoroughfare.

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