

Walkerston Bypass



The Walkerston Bypass follows Stockroute Road from Mackay Ring Road, deviating south at the western end before joining Peak Downs Highway

Timing

Construction commenced in mid-2021. Completion of the project is expected in early 2024.

Status

The contract for the construction of the project was awarded to **Fulton Hogan**.

The Walkerston Bypass will deliver a new 2-lane rural highway to connect Peak Downs Highway west of Walkerston to the Mackay Ring Road near Paget.

The new Walkerston Bypass will become the designated heavy vehicle route for B-double and other multi-combination vehicles, including A-double road trains, between the Bruce Highway and the Peak Downs Highway.

Benefits

- Improves safety
- Increases capacity
- Improves flood immunity
- Contributes to economy
- Contributes to regional growth
- Improves network efficiency

Key Features

- A new flood-free bridge over Bakers Creek.

- 3 new road overpasses above the local cane railway network.

The Project Will

- re-direct heavy vehicles away from local schools, retail and medical facilities in Walkerston.
- remove heavy vehicle and local traffic interactions through Walkerston.
- be a direct route for heavy vehicles required by Bowen Basin coal producers.
- extend the life of a 74-year-old bridge, adjacent to a school yard.
- reduce congestion through Walkerston.
- integrate with existing works on the Peak Downs Highway–Eton Range Upgrade and Mackay Ring Road (Stage 1)

Funding

Jointly funded by the Australian (80%) and Queensland (20%) governments.

Key Milestones

September 2020: tenders for construction called

Late-2020: detailed design completed

Mid-2021: construction anticipated to commence

Late 2023: construction completed.

The Walkerston Bypass will offer a safer and more efficient link by addressing congestion, safety and connection

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issues posed by the existing Peak Downs Highway. Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads Mark Bailey said It will follow Stockroute Road before deviating south at the western end and joining the Peak Downs Highway west of Walkerston.

The first 2.6 kilometres of the bypass has already been built as part of the Mackay Ring Road, which opened last week, with the rest of the project set to support another 200 local jobs.

He said they had also locked in a further \$18 million in joint funding for safety upgrades on the Peak Downs Highway. Federal Member for Dawson George Christensen said key features included a new flood-immune bridge over Bakers Creek and three overpasses above the local road and cane railway network.

“Completion is expected by late 2023, weather and construction conditions permitting,” Christensen said. This \$150 million Walkerston Bypass is jointly funded by the Australian Government committing \$120 million and the Queensland Government committing \$30 million.

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