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# Infrastructure Investment Program

Brisbane Valley Highway Safety Upgrades

Queensland

### Australian Government Funding: \$20.0 million

Queensland Government Contribution: \$20.0 million.  
Local Government Contribution: \$0.5 million.  
**Total: \$40.5 million**

### Project description

Under the **South East Queensland City Deal**, the Australian Government, Queensland Government, and Somerset Regional Council will deliver targeted safety upgrades along the 89.52km Brisbane Valley Highway, supporting the major freight corridor between Somerset and greater South East Queensland.

From 2012-2016 the Brisbane Valley Highway saw 60 fatal and serious injury crashes, resulting in 5 deaths and 74 hospitalisations. The Royal Automobile Club of Queensland (RACQ) undertook a road infrastructure risk assessment in 2018 and found most of the Highway has low safety ratings, and proposed countermeasures. The RACQ reviews suggested countermeasures, implemented under this commitment, are estimated to save up to 115 lives over 20 years. The safety upgrades will help to reduce road injuries and fatalities along one of the region's major highways.

Safer movement of freight along this key corridor will advantage neighbouring regions and connections with the regional freight network.

### Jobs supported

- This project is expected to support 120 direct and indirect jobs based on Australian Government estimates.

### Project benefits

- Improved road safety for all road users.
- Reduced congestion and improve travel times.
- Improved connectivity between people with jobs and services, and goods with markets.
- Improved accessibility and connectivity of road networks.

### Project timelines

- The first phase funded by the Queensland Government commenced in late 2021 with completion expected by mid-2022. The second phase is subject to negotiation.

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