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Armadale Road to North Lake Road Bridge opening to ease Cockburn Central traffic congestion

Completion of the \$259m Armadale Road to North Lake Road Bridge in Cockburn Central has been welcomed onsite today by City of Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett who attended a celebratory ribbon cutting with Transport Minister Rita Saffioti.

Mayor Howlett said the City was very pleased to welcome completion of the significant long-awaited project, with the new bridge and associated roads opening from 5am tomorrow morning, Thursday 16 December.

“This project will greatly ease congestion for many of our residents, business operators and local commuters travelling to and through the rapidly growing Cockburn Central location, which is fast becoming the capital of Perth’s southern metropolitan region,” Mayor Howlett said.

“The new bridge over Kwinana Freeway connecting Armadale Road to North Lake Road will ease congestion at Cockburn Central Station, and its car park, where the Thornlie-Cockburn Link is progressing, and where Cockburn Gateway Shopping City will expand in coming years following WA Planning Commission approval of Perron Group’s exciting \$1b Cockburn Quarter proposal.

“The bridge provides a direct link between Armadale and North Lake roads, improving access to Kwinana Freeway and supporting the residential and commercial expansion of Cockburn and Armadale.

The Armadale Road and Kwinana Freeway intersection is used daily by 55,000 vehicles, and the project will address this congestion while also featuring WA’s first duck and dive interchange on Armadale Road.

“The City is thankful to the Australian government, which contributed \$207.2m, and the State government, which provided \$51.8m, for supporting this vital project in our City.

“It’s a win-win for our growing communities, with the combined population of the City of

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Cockburn and our eastern neighbours in the City of Armadale due to nearly 300,000 by 2031.

“This project, on what is Perth’s third most congested intersection, is a satisfying culmination of joint efforts by the City of Cockburn and the City of Armadale.

“In 2016-17, our two cities began a concerted campaign requesting the federal and state governments fund duplication of 6.9km of Armadale Road between Tapper and Anstey roads, and this major project was completed in late 2019.”

In August, the City welcomed completion of the \$28.7m Karel Avenue upgrade, also after several years lobbying federal and state governments, for the road project to which it contributed \$2.8m, plus \$2.5m from Jandakot Airport.

The Armadale Road to North Lake Road Bridge project also includes:

- Armadale Road upgraded from Tapper Road to Kwinana Freeway, passing over the intersection of Tapper Road with a new bridge, and under the intersection of Solomon Road via a trench structure
- New north-facing on and off ramps at Kwinana Freeway
- Local roads reconfigured with two new roundabouts to maintain connectivity
- Connector-distributor roads on both sides of the Kwinana Freeway from Berrigan Drive to Armadale Road
- Modifications to the existing North Lake Road and Midgegooroo Avenue signalised intersection
- Additional lanes and turning capacity added to the intersection of Armadale Road and Ghostgum Avenue to support ongoing residential growth in the suburbs of Jandakot and Treeby
- A 1,100-bay car park at Cockburn Central Station

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