



**Heather Butler, MP**

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## **Tea Tree Secondary Road To Be Upgraded**

A major upgrade of Tea Tree Secondary Road should get under way before Christmas.

Parliamentary Secretary, Mrs Heather Butler, said today that the \$4 million project which will provide widening and junction improvements on the key freight route had been awarded to Negri Contractors Vic Pty Ltd.

“The upgrade which honours a 2006 election commitment will improve safety, achieve a more consistent road standard and reduce future maintenance costs. The works are expected to be completed by May 2009,” Mrs Butler said.

“The upgrade will provide a consistent standard throughout the length of TeaTree Road and recognises the importance of the road as a regional freight route and a vital link to the East Coast.”

In recognition of its importance, the road will remain open at all times during construction, but motorists can expect short delays with some construction being undertaken under single lane conditions.

Mrs Butler said the State Government was committed to boosting the economy through infrastructure renewal and development and this was one of a number of key projects that would be undertaken across the State over the summer period.

Other projects to begin in January include vital maintenance works on the Brooker Highway and Tasman Highway, upgrades to the Mornington Roundabout and the Lyell Highway junction upgrade.