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Lord Mayor

MEDIA RELEASE

Brisbane residents support Hale Street Bridge

AFTER a city-wide public consultation, independent professional analysis of the Hale Street Bridge Impact Assessment Statement (IAS) revealed that the majority of people living in Brisbane support the Hale Street Bridge.

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman said he was pleased to see 19 out of 26 Wards in Brisbane were in favour of the Hale Street Bridge

“The recent Hale Street Bridge IAS analysis, combined with independent research conducted by AC Nielsen in 2006 (59 per cent support HSL), demonstrates most Brisbane residents just want Council to get on and deliver the Hale Street Bridge,” Cr Newman said.

“With 43 per cent of inner-city traffic heading to locations outside the CBD, most people who were caught in traffic earlier this month know only too well that the lack of cross-river road capacity in Brisbane is causing serious inner-city congestion.”

“The Hale Street Link provides an additional four-lane river crossing reducing traffic travelling through the CBD, as well as the opportunity to significantly improve the Coronation Drive-Hale Street intersection to enhance traffic flow to and from the city,” Cr Newman said.

“The Hale Street Bridge will reduce the amount of traffic on William Jolly Bridge by about 20 per cent (in 2021), provides dedicated pedestrian and cycle access on both sides of the bridge, linking to existing pedestrian-cycle ways, as well as providing an alternative method for people to cross the river.”

Despite the actively dishonest scare campaign mounted by some Labor Councillors and their serial anti-infrastructure protesters, Councillor Newman said analysis clearly demonstrates there is city-wide support for the Hale Street Bridge.

Cr Newman said it was now up to Labor Councillors to vote in support of the bridge, so that work could commence.

“We need to get on and build this bridge, so we can really start to deal with traffic congestion around our city.”

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