



BERRIMAH ROAD RAIL OVERPASS

Background

The Berrimah Road Rail Overpass (BRRO) was identified as a project aligning to the Government's 2030 Strategy priorities. This is a project jointly funded by the Australian and Territory Governments, due for completion in December 2011.

It was identified when railway operations initially commenced, that delays and congestion being experienced by motorists (including emergency vehicles), effectively blocked access into and out of the Port Precinct.

Early construction works (relocation/protection of existing service/utilities, installation of a temporary rail level crossing and construction of the detour), commenced in November 2010. Drilling/blasting, drainage and other earthworks have also commenced.

Overview

Safety: The overpass will improve safety by separating the road and railway, reducing the accident risk and will also allow greater access for emergency vehicles.

Disruptions: There will be some disruptions to traffic during construction, but the long term benefits should outweigh the short term concerns.

Benefits: At the end of construction, the overpass will deliver uninterrupted access to the Darwin Business Park and East Arm Port. Currently, access to these areas, and the rail network, is intermittently affected by train movements. Preventing interruptions will be especially beneficial for emergency service vehicles.

The project consists of two earth embankments up to 9m high on both sides of the overpass bridge extending 350m to the north and 670m to the south from the existing rail crossing.

Construction of a four lane (two way) rail overpass will allow rail movements below without disrupting road traffic into and out of East Arm Port, Darwin Business Park, Rail Terminals, the Boat Ramp and surrounding industries and premises.

The new railway overpass will also allow better access for the general public and industry, and improve response times for Police, Fire and Emergency Services in the event of an emergency.

The overpass will enable the rail operators to conduct movements along the rail line, without having to consider the impacts on traffic. The bridge is long enough to allow for two rail lines below, when future demands warrant it.

For further information

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