1. The Coomera Connector is the long-term transport solution that will meet current and future population growth in the northern Gold Coast and Logan areas, and relieve congestion on the Pacific Motorway (M1) between Loganholme and Nerang.
2. The priority is the 16-kilometre first stage of the Coomera Connector from Coomera to Nerang, with construction commencing mid-2021.
3. The Department of Transport and Main Roads and specialist traffic, environment and cost estimating consultants have undertaken an assessment of the alternative alignments put forward by the community for the Coomera Connector in the vicinity of Eagleby.
4. The outcomes of the assessment of alternative alignments concluded the gazetted Coomera Connector corridor is superior to the alternatives proposed by the community based on an assessment of four criteria: 1) functionality (ability to reduce congestion on the M1); 2) impacts on the human environment; 3) impacts on the natural environment; and 4) estimated cost.
5. To enable full delivery of the Coomera Connector, the Department of Transport and Main Roads would develop a business case and progress environmental approval plans to commence the next priority stage.
6. Cabinet noted the outcomes of the assessment of alternative alignments put forward by the community for the Coomera Connector near Eagleby, which confirms the gazetted alignment is superior to the proposed alternatives.
7. Cabinet noted community consultation on the outcomes of the assessment of alternative alignments put forward by the community for the Coomera Connector near Eagleby to occur in 2021.
8. Cabinet noted the Department of Transport and Main Roads will progress planning to determine the most-appropriate staging plan for the northern section of the Coomera Connector between Loganholme and Coomera.
9. Cabinet noted the development of a Business Case and progressing of environmental approvals for the next priority stage.
10. *Attachments*:
* Nil.