

**MEDIA STATEMENT**

22 April 2024

**New traffic signals installed on Ruthven Street**

- New traffic signals have been turned on at Donahue Street, Toowoomba
- The signals are among several improvements to pedestrian crossings and traffic signal phasing at intersections along Ruthven Street
- These safety upgrades will make it safer for all road users

TMR has turned on new traffic signals at the Ruthven Street and Donahue Street intersection in Toowoomba, as part of a project to improve safety and reduce the risk of fatal and serious injury crashes on the New England Highway.

The traffic signals will make it safer for pedestrians to cross this busy section of Ruthven Street while providing a dedicated u-turn facility for both northbound and southbound traffic.

Improvements to pedestrian crossings, traffic signal phasing at intersections and upgraded bus stops will also increase safety on this arterial road.

The remainder of the project is expected to be completed in late May 2024, weather and construction conditions permitting.

This project is part of the Targeted Road Safety Program.

**Quotes attributable to Southern Queensland Regional Director, Bill Lansbury:**

"This \$13.2 million design and construction project is addressing the high crash history of the area, particularly the fatal and serious injury crash history on this section of the New England Highway.

"This project is delivering safety improvements that will make Ruthven Street safer for drivers, bike riders and pedestrians.

"The new set of traffic signals at the Donahue Street intersection will provide safer pedestrian access across Ruthven and Donahue streets near the Nell E Robinson netball precinct, the nearby retirement village and food outlets.

For more information visit: <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/new-england-highway-toowoomba-warwick-high-risk-roads>

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