

Work is expected to be finished by mid-year.

The \$3 million project is part of City Hall's approach to refreshing inner-city amenities, including lowering CBD speed limits to 40km/h, revitalisation of forgotten laneways and the planned CityCycle hire scheme.

It would also ease crowding on the Edward and Queen street intersections, according to Lord Mayor Campbell Newman.

Bruce McMahon

Shape still a hot issue

EIGHTY per cent of Australian women are dissatisfied with their own body image, researchers say.

And 90 per cent of women surveyed told University of Queensland researchers they knew other women who were unhappy with their shape.

While the air-brushing of models' photographs – the subject of recent debate – seems to matter little, studies are showing there is a call for a greater diversity of body shapes in fashion magazines and advertisements.

Using a greater variety of women as fashion models is a "marketable alternative" to the stick-thin waifs dominating fashion magazines, health psychology researcher Renee Fletcher said.

The study monitored 65 women debating models' body shape in 300 separate posts.

ONE of Airport Link's top bosses has defended two recent breaches of operating conditions being investigated by the State Government.

Airport Link project director Gordon Ralph said yesterday the suspected breaches of noise and hours of work, identified by Co-ordinator General Colin Jensen last month, occurred in "unusual circumstances".

Mr Jensen told *The Courier-Mail* last month he was considering enforcement action against both Thiess John Holland and BrisConnections over the breaches.

Such action could include hefty fines and stop-work notices.

Mr Ralph said his office had been contacted over the breaches, which occurred at the Kalinga Park and Wooloowin worksites, but the investigations had not been finalised.

"The issue at Wooloowin was quite an unfortunate incident –

Residents start truck traffic

THE residents of an inner-city boarding house say they're "living a nightmare".

Wren House owner Steve Liversedge said the 16 international students in the residence could not cope with the constant noise of hundreds of heavy duty trucks roaring past, 24 hours a day.

"It's like a bombshell going off," he said. "The students are using ear muffs so they can sleep, it's ridiculous. The street is a dangerous street, it's one-way and it's not meant for this sort of traffic."

Wren House is in Wren St, Bowen Hills, and resident Nirum Rawangrum said he could not sleep.

Many of the trucks working on the Airport Link project travel along Bowen Bridge Rd, weaving through short Wren St to get to spoil dump sites at Montpelier Rd, Bowen Hills.

But the state's Co-ordinator-General, Colin Jensen, said strict conditions applied to

one of the augers that we use for the piling jammed in concrete so the guys were trying their best to extract it before the concrete set," he said.

"They are required to finish their work by 6.30pm, they ran over, by the time they tried to get it out the concrete had set ... so they closed the operation

down around 7.15pm. I think that there is an understanding of the unusual circumstances that prevailed on that day."

He said reports about the



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ensure minimal disruption to residents: "Wherever possible, spoil haulage vehicles are conditioned to use major arterial roads and highways but local roads can be used to get vehicles to the spoil dump sites," he said.

Bid for koala colony to stay on home turf

CONSERVATIONISTS have made an 11th-hour bid to save a colony of 12 koalas on a remnant bushland block at Narangba, north of Brisbane, that is set for development.

They have challenged Sustainability Minister Kate Jones to stop the development and show she is genuine about saving the threatened marsupials.

Clearing is expected to start in about six weeks for more than 600 homes.

Moreton Bay Koala Rescue president Anika Lehmann said the Department of Environment had been contacted in August about the koala colony.

"The department will not concede to having a moral obligation to protect these animals, instead pointing to the current koala plan, which expressly forbids the translocation of koalas from development sites," she said.

But Ms Jones said Queensland Parks and Wildlife rangers had been ordered to catch and relocate the koalas to a nearby habitat.

Brian Williams

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