

New transport study

BUSINESS, government and education groups are embarking on a study of public transport sustainability at Varsity Lakes.

The study will assist in the development of innovative transport infrastructure for the community.

It begins this month and will be undertaken by Varsity Lakes developer Delfin Lend Lease, Bond University and Translink.

The two-month project aims to improve existing facilities.

The research will be undertaken by a team led by Professor George Earl, from the Bond University School of Sustainable Development, along with staff and students.

The State Government announced plans in 2006 for a \$123 million transport hub in the area, due for completion by 2009, which will include an extension of the rail line from Robina to Varsity Lakes.

Prof Earl said the outcome of the study would allow development of a timely and efficient transport policy.

“The study will look at the mode and volume of travel to and from Varsity Lakes during the working week and at other times,” he said.

“The focus will be the three primary travel generators which are Bond University and other education providers, business and the community.”