

Media Release

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Community provides valuable feedback on township options

Recent consultation on the Landsborough to Nambour Rail Corridor Study has provided significant feedback to Queensland Transport for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Statement.

A Queensland Transport spokesperson said the volume and quality of responses from the consultation for the township options for Mooloolah, Eudlo, Palmwoods and Woombye were excellent.

"Comments received include feedback about maintaining the cultural value and character of the rail stations and townships, minimising noise and retaining the visual amenity of the area and reducing disturbance to natural habitat for the Mooloolah River crossing and Dularcha National Park.

"Other suggestions included re-using rail land not required in the future upgrade and the merits and issues associated with the open level crossings.

"Queensland Transport is currently developing solutions to the issues and comments presented, which will be part of the Environmental Impact Statement, due for release in early 2009.

"A public comment period will follow the release of the project's Environmental Impact Statement and is the next opportunity for the community to provide their comments on the project.

"The Environmental Impact Statement will describe the environmental, social and economic impacts of the project and propose ways to minimise and manage these impacts during the construction and operational phases of the project."

The Landsborough to Nambour Rail Project is a significant, long-term planning project that will allow for a greater level of certainty around the future development and land use of the areas surrounding the North Coast Line.

Queensland Transport is working closely with the local community and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council to develop solutions and management strategies to address the transitional requirements for the railway townships in the lead up to construction of the new rail line.

Queensland Transport values the community's input and is committed to actively engaging with community members through the study's ongoing community consultation process.

The project's Environmental Impact Statement is being coordinated by the Department of Infrastructure and Planning on behalf of the Coordinator-General. For more information about this process visit www.dip.qld.gov.au/projects

For more information about the Landsborough to Nambour Rail Corridor Study, phone 1800 221 991 or visit www.landsborough-nambour.com.au

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