



Landsborough to Nambour

Rail Corridor Study

Study update #3
September 2008

Options for townships released

Queensland Transport has prepared possible options for accommodating the future rail upgrade within the townships of Mooloolah, Eudlo, Palmwoods and Woombye.

About the study

The Landsborough to Nambour Rail Project involves an upgrade and duplication of the North Coast Line between Landsborough and Nambour stations to improve the efficiency, service frequency, operating speeds and reliability of trains, and preserves land for additional tracks if required in the future. As the timeline beside shows, the study is an early phase of the Landsborough to Nambour Rail Project.

Following the announcement of the preferred route for the Landsborough to Nambour Rail Corridor Study in early April 2008, Queensland Transport identified that further investigations would take place in order to address specific issues related to the location of the preferred route.

View the options

The options address some of these issues and include opportunities to re-establish local road networks (including options for the removal of the open level crossing at Mooloolah), station areas and the refinement of the Mooloolah River crossing.

The release of these options is part of the long-term planning process that will enable the townships to adapt over time to accommodate change brought about by the future rail upgrade.

The options and further information about the project can be viewed online

at www.landsborough-nambour.com.au, at your State member's office (see over for locations), or at an information session (see below for dates and times).

The community has the opportunity to provide feedback on the options until 26 September 2008.

Your feedback

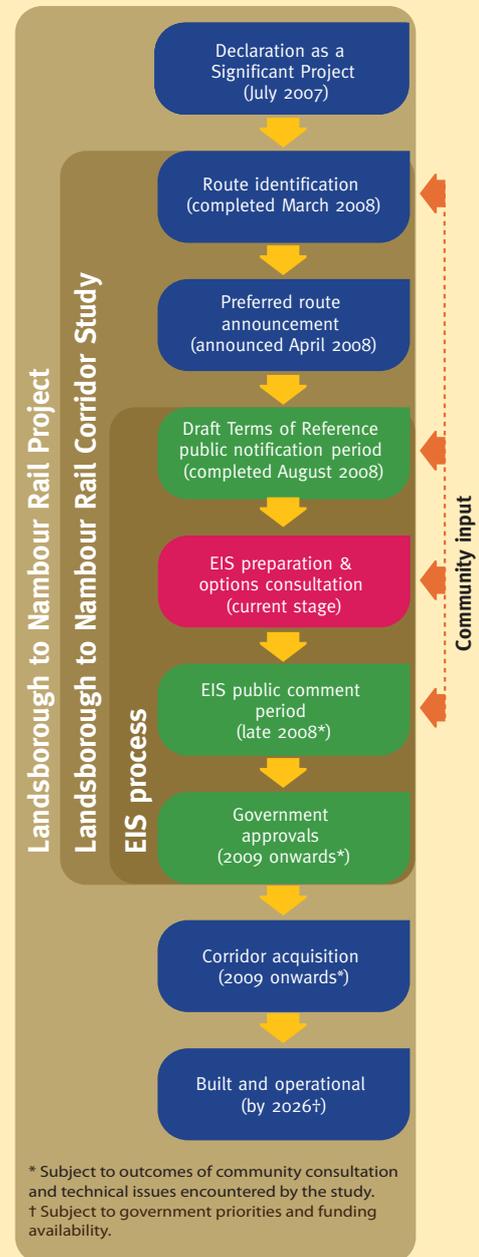
Feedback from the community about the options will be considered and addressed in the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Feedback about possible future land uses in the townships will also be considered in the long-term planning process for the towns.

Next steps

As the preferred route does not change significantly from the existing rail alignment through Landsborough and Nambour, options have not yet been prepared for these towns, but will be included in the project's EIS.

There are also areas along the preferred route outside these town centres where options for the reinstatement of roads and private access are yet to be determined. The study team will keep landowners and the community informed of progress in these areas in the coming months.

Queensland Transport is continuing to work with council and relevant government agencies regarding existing matters affected by the upgrade.



* Subject to outcomes of community consultation and technical issues encountered by the study.
† Subject to government priorities and funding availability.

Community Information Sessions

Drop in to a session to view the options for townships, where you can speak to members of the study team and provide your comment. Options for the four townships will be on hand at each information session, so you can visit at a time that suits you.

Mooloolah
Thursday 11 September
5pm – 8pm
Mooloolah Community Centre

Eudlo
Friday 12 September
5pm – 8pm
Eudlo Public Hall

Woombye
Monday 15 September
5pm – 8pm
Main Hall, Woombye School of Arts

Palmwoods
Wednesday 17 September
5pm – 8pm
Palmwoods Memorial Hall



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Improving the Mooloolah River crossing

The Mooloolah River is recognised by the State Government as an environmentally sensitive area with habitat for significant species. Feedback since the commencement of the Landsborough to Nambour Rail Corridor Study has also highlighted the significance of the Mooloolah River for the local community.

In order to minimise the impact of the future rail upgrade on this area, the Route Identification Report and the April study update stated that the study team would be seeking to improve the rail crossing in this sensitive area.

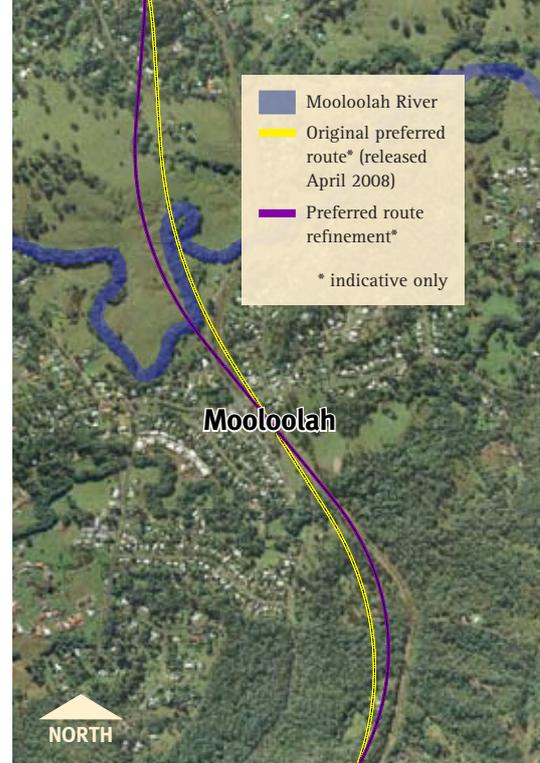
By moving the preferred route slightly to the west in the vicinity of the Mooloolah River and planning for bridging structures

that minimise the need for the clearing of vegetation, the study team has significantly reduced the environmental impact of the future rail corridor in this area.

The refinement of the preferred route is shown in the map beside. Improvements to the Mooloolah River crossing include:

- crossing the river at a better angle
- reducing the need to remove or disturb vegetation and habitats on the banks of the river
- using environmentally sensitive design for bridge structures.

Landowners with property affected by the refined preferred route have been notified of the changes.



EIS update

The EIS process for the project is being coordinated by the Department of Infrastructure and Planning on behalf of the Coordinator-General.

Queensland Transport is now in the process of preparing the EIS which will address the environmental, social and economic impacts of the project.

For further information please visit www.dip.qld.gov.au/projects.

The EIS is expected to be released later this year for community comment.

Additional information on how to participate in the EIS process will be provided in the coming months.



Looking forward – the Sunshine Coast in 2026

As part of Australia's fastest growing region, the population of the Sunshine Coast is forecast to reach more than 473,000 by 2026. Part of the vision for the Sunshine Coast in the *South East Queensland Regional Plan (2005-2026)* is to preserve the wide range of urban and rural lifestyle options and to ensure the region does not lose the special qualities that make it such an attractive and unique place for residents and visitors.

While increases in the population will inevitably mean more people, it will also mean gradual changes to facilities in the region, and long-term plans are already in place to ensure upgrades to transport and freight, water, energy, industry development, and social and community infrastructure can cater for future growth.

After its annual review, the updated *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2008-2026 (SEQIPP)* was recently released with the upgrade of the

Landsborough to Nambour section of the North Coast Line remaining an integral part of transport infrastructure plans for the rapidly growing Sunshine Coast area.

By identifying and protecting infrastructure corridors now, including the preferred route for the Landsborough to Nambour Rail Corridor Project, the Queensland Government is providing for the current and future needs of the region by allowing for a greater level of certainty around the future land use and development of the area.

By getting involved in planning for the Landsborough to Nambour Rail Project, Sunshine Coast communities surrounding the North Coast Line have the opportunity to help shape their towns in view of the anticipated changes in population and infrastructure facilities that will occur by 2026.

To view the updated SEQIPP please visit the Department of Infrastructure and Planning website at www.dip.qld.gov.au.

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