

Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3636-21, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 28 October 2021 about the proposed new rail track alignment at Trinder Park.

The proposed track alignment at Trinder Park is part of the proposed Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail Project. The project aims to support growing population and rail patronage demand between Brisbane, Logan, and the Gold Coast.

The Queensland Government, together with the Australian Government, is planning to increase the number of tracks between Kuraby and Beenleigh from two to four, with modernised rail systems, station upgrades and level crossing removals. Currently, trains between Kuraby and Beenleigh share a single track in each direction, limiting the number of peak services that can operate.

The current alignment through Trinder Park is one of the tightest curves on the South East Queensland rail network, severely limiting the speed of trains. This track alignment was originally built in the 1880s and duplicated in the 1980s. Realigning this section of the rail network will support faster rail journeys by allowing the latest rail standards to be met. A new Trinder Park Station will also be compliant with contemporary disability access standards.

The proposed Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail project was announced on 3 September 2021, supported by an eight-week public community consultation period that closed on 29 October 2021. During the consultation period, the project team met with directly impacted property owners, as well as the general community at 19 events over the eight-week period along the 20-kilometre corridor. This included meeting with community members at each of the nine stations between Kuraby and Beenleigh, community information sessions, and attendance at local markets.

In addition, a project website that was widely promoted in the community included a survey and interactive map where community members could comment on the proposed project. As at the end of October 2021, more than 300 comments had been placed on the interactive map.

All feedback received from the community and stakeholders will now be reviewed and used to help refine the project design and inform further investment decisions to be made by the Australian and Queensland governments.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads