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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3927-23, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Timothy Nicholls MP, Member for Clayfield on 12 September 2023 about parking and accessibility at Wooloowin and Albion railway stations.

Albion Train Station Redevelopment Project

I can advise that the Albion Train Station Redevelopment Project (the Project), also known as the Albion Exchange project, is ongoing and is being led by developer Albion TOD Pty Ltd, through Geon Property.

By way of background, Albion TOD Pty Ltd was selected by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) as the preferred proponent for the redevelopment of the Albion Station precinct and adjacent surplus TMR-owned land, following a competitive tender process. The objective of the Project is to deliver improved transport infrastructure for the rail station and achieve transit oriented private development utilising surplus TMR land. This includes redevelopment of the park 'n' ride in a new integrated facility.

Albion TOD Pty Ltd, under a development agreement with TMR and Queensland Rail, has progressed two separate development applications for the Project with Brisbane City Council. The first development permit for the Project was granted in January 2020, while preliminary approval for stages two to four was granted through the Planning and Environment Court and became effective in June 2022. Further design works are currently underway before construction can commence.

Station accessibility

As part of its commitment to deliver public transport services for all Queenslanders, the Palaszczuk Government is investing more than \$700 million to upgrade stations to improve accessibility across the South East Queensland (SEQ) network.

Under Queensland Rail's Station Accessibility Upgrade Program (SAUP), upgrades at 12 stations have already been completed, as well as platform 1 at South Bank station. Early works have also recently commenced on upgrades at Banyo, Buranda, Bundamba, Burpengary, Lindum and Morningside stations.

In addition to SAUP, as part of the Cross River Rail project, seven stations from Dutton Park to Salisbury are being rebuilt to ensure that public transport is accessible for everyone. These station upgrades include new overpasses and passenger lifts, accessible parking bays, new kiss 'n' ride spaces, platform improvements and bike enclosures.

Queensland Rail is continuing to work with TMR on the delivery of future upgrade priorities as part of SAUP, which includes consideration of options for Woolloowin station.

Station upgrades

In August 2022, the Palaszczuk Government released SEQ Rail Connect, our blueprint for preparing the SEQ rail network for the future. SEQ Rail Connect sets out the Palaszczuk Government's record investment in SEQ rail priorities and how the operation of the network will change following the opening of Cross River Rail.


Among the many rail network initiatives outlined in SEQ Rail Connect is a reference to investigating upgrade requirements at inner northern stations between Albion and Northgate (including Woolloowin) to support increased passenger transfers. As outlined in SEQ Rail Connect, any upgrade requirements identified between Albion and Northgate are proposed to occur in the five years immediately following Cross River Rail opening.

Planning for these potential upgrades is already underway. This work provides an opportunity to revisit upgrade scope and designs previously announced for Albion and Woolloowin stations and ensure the design considers the important role this part of the network will play, following the opening of Cross River Rail.

There is high demand for park 'n' ride facilities across SEQ and it is essential to prioritise investment where it will provide the greatest benefit. In planning for park 'n' rides, TMR assesses the likely impact a potential park 'n' ride development would have on the transport network, economic development and future land use outcomes.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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