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Media Statement

\$42 MILLION FOR LEVEL CROSSINGS IN QUEENSLAND

Work will start immediately on installing new boom gates and other safety measures at 66 high-risk rail level crossings around Queensland.

Funding for these safety projects will come from the Rudd Labor Government's \$150 million *Boom Gates for Rail Crossings Program* – a key element of our \$42 billion Nation Building and Jobs Plan.

All up, we've allocated \$42.7 million to Queensland's 66 projects. Details of the approved projects are attached.

Tragically, about 100 accidents occur at rail crossings every year. Last year alone there were 18 collisions, 5 fatalities and 4 serious injuries at level crossings in Queensland.

The investment we are making will not only improve road safety but also support local jobs and local businesses during the current global recession.

Never before has the Federal Government had a program dedicated to improving safety and preventing accidents at level crossings.

Nationally, the *Boom Gates for Rail Crossings Program* will provide \$50 million in 2008/09 and a further \$100 million in 2009/10 for the installation of boom gates and other safety measures at over 200 level crossings.

The projects were identified by the Queensland Government using a model which weighed the length of track through the state against the number of crashes.

The new boom gates and other safety measures are part our \$26.4 billion Nation Building Program which will deliver and maintain vital road and rail infrastructure in every region of Australia. Of this funding, \$6.5 billion will be invested in Queensland – almost double what the previous government spent in the State.

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Boom Gates for Rail Crossings Program – Queensland

Location - Town/Suburb	Current safety measures	Safety measures to be installed
Cloncurry/Dajarra Road , Cloncurry	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Gorman St , Mackay	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Rosella/Homebush Road, Rosella	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Rosella/Sarina Homebush Road, Sarina	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates and Integration with Cane Tramway Line
Drysdale Street , Ayr	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates and Integrated Traffic System
Racecourse Road, Townsville	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates and Safety Cameras
Bridge Street, Cooran	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates and Safety Cameras
Maraju/Yakapari Road, Mackay	Flashing Lights and LEDs	Boom Gates
Scenery Street, Gladstone	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Bruce Highway/Palmerston Drive, Innisfail	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Whyte Road, Bouldercombe	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Gardenia Street , Mt Isa	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Stanley St, Rockhampton	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gate
North Street, Rockhampton	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gate
Allen Street, Townsville	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gate
Archer Street , Townsville	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gate

Warrego Highway, Murilla	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates and Active Advance Warning Systems
Cartwright Street, Ingham	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Aumuller Road, Cairns	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates and Safety Cameras
Warwick/Allora Road, Deuchar	Flashing Lights	Active Advance Warning and Boom Gates
Mather Road , Townsville	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates, RX-9 Assemblies and Improved Signage
Warner Road, Edmonton	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Halifax Road , Lilypond	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Mercury St, Gladstone	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Boundary Street , Townsville	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates, Safety Cameras and Pedestrian Access upgrades
Butler Street , Tully	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Toowoomba/Karrara Road , Wyreema	Flashing Lights	Active Advance Warning and Boom Gates
Cunningham Highway, Yelarbon	Flashing Lights	Active Advance Warning and Boom Gates
Thompson Road, Edmonton	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates and Safety Cameras
Warrubullen Road, Warrubullen	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Maher Road, Gordonvale	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Willow Street, Barcaldine	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Warrubullen Road , Silkwood	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Capricorn Highway, Barcaldine	Passive	Flashing Lights, Boom Gates and Active Advance Warning

Peninsula Development Road, Mareeba	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Ellis Road, Bellenden Kerr	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Hill Road , Edmonton	Passive	Boom Gates, Flashing Lights, and Road Geometry as required for gates
Coombe Street, Cairns	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates and Integrated Traffic System
Anderson Road, Woree	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Sabine Road, Jondaryan	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Chettle Road, Arriga	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Toolakea Beach Road , Townsville	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Toomulla Beach Road , Toomulla	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Balgal Beach Road , Rollingstone	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Rollingstone Street, Rollingstone	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Hencamp Road , Kinduro	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Muldoon Road , Tully	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Japoon Road , Silkwood	Flashing Lights and Passive	Boom Gates and Integration of Crossing QR ID 4672 (closure costs to be met by the state)
South Johnstone Road , Boogan	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Hesp/Bennett Road , Aloomba	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Bluewater Drive, Bluewater	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gate

Schillings Road, Moura	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Goonyella/Moranbah Road , Goonyella	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Dysart Road , Dysart	Flashing Lights	Active Advance Warning and Boom Gates
Nicholson Street, Dalby	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Minnie Street , Cairns	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Gracemere/Somerset Road & Malchi Road , Gracemere	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Lake Elphingstone Road , Moranbah	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Sugar Mill Road, Pinkenba	Flashing Lights	Boom Gates
Alice Street, Mitchell	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gate
Moorindilla Road , Goowarra	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gate
Tryphinia Road, Wallaroo	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gate
Mills Road , Edungalba	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gate
Lakes Creek Road , Rockhampton	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gate
Edgewood Drive, Emerald	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates
Mamu Road, Garradunga	Passive	Flashing Lights and Boom Gates