



Corinda to Darra *Rail Upgrade*

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The Project

Due to population growth in the western suburbs, the Ipswich rail line is being upgraded to increase capacity. This project is the first in a series of steps towards improving the public transport for existing and future residents in Brisbane's western suburbs of Brisbane.

The project involves upgrading the rail line from Corinda to Darra and improved facilities at Oxley and Darra stations.

South East Queensland is growing rapidly. The Queensland Government has an \$82 billion, 20-year plan to manage growth and protect our lifestyle. The Corinda to Darra Rail Upgrade project is one of 28 projects, making up the \$7 billion rail component of this plan, which will deliver 144km of new track and 44 new trains.

Fast Facts

Track features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New tracks from Corinda to Darra • Electrified track with bi-directional signalling • Link to the new Springfield line
Rail bridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One new rail bridge at Manburgh Terrace, Darra
Station features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved station facilities at Oxley and Darra

Project Timeframe

Planning, design and early works	July 2006 – mid-2008
Construction	Mid-2008 - 2010

Future Related Western Corridor Rail Projects

Project	Dates
Darra to Springfield Transport Corridor Stages 1 and 2	2008-2015
Darra to Redbank Rail Upgrade	Timing to be confirmed
Station upgrade program	2006-2015

Background

To support population and employment opportunities around the centres of Ipswich, Springfield and Ripley, the SEQ Infrastructure Plan focuses on constructing and upgrading existing and new roads and public transport facilities. The program also recognises the strategic importance of the freight links in the Western Corridor.

This track upgrade is the first in a series of steps towards improving the public transport needs of existing and future residents in the Western suburbs of Brisbane and out to Ipswich.

In a related project, a new passenger rail line is being planned from Darra to Richlands (the first stage of the Darra to Springfield line) to provide a viable public transport option for this growing centre.

Benefits

- Create around 220 jobs
- Better facilities at Darra and Oxley stations including new shelters, new platforms, more parking
- Paves the way for a new rail line from Darra to Springfield.



QR

QR is one of Australia's largest and most modern transport providers. On any week day, the QR network operates 900 train services and moves more than 400,000 tonnes of freight. Around 160,000 passengers use QR each day for long distance and commuter journeys.

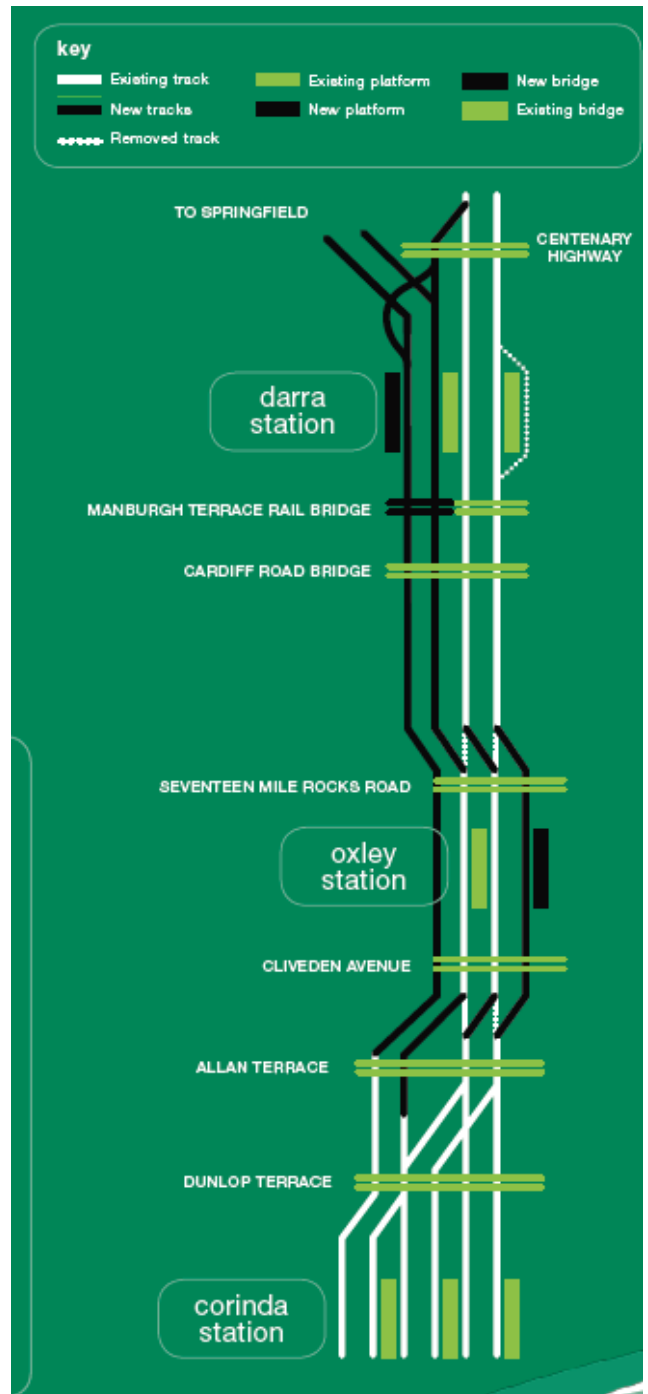
QR has considerable expertise and is a well respected industry leader in the design and construction of railways and the systems needed to operate them.

Construction Partners

This project, along with three other SEQIPRAIL infrastructure projects, is being delivered by QR through a program alliance with the private sector.

Partners in the alliance, known as the TrackStar Alliance, are QR, Thiess United Group (a joint venture between Thiess Pty Ltd and United Group Infrastructure), Connell Wagner and Maunsell Australia.

The benefits of the alliance include a cooperative and flexible approach to the delivery of complex projects over time, building strong relationships with the private sector, and achieving considerable savings in time and cost to QR and the industry.



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