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Government derails Forest Lake station campaign

Plans off track



- State Government slams a call to build a train station in Forest Lake.
- Rail Back on Track group says the station would serve a growing community.
- Brisbane City Councillor Les Bryant backs the construction of a station at Richlands.

By ALANA SCOTT

QUEENSLAND Transport has slammed calls by the southwest's Rail Back on Track group for the immediate construction of a train station at Forest Lake.

A Queensland Transport spokesman said initial planning by the Horizon Alliance was continuing for the new Darra to Springfield rail corridor.

"In the '07/08 budget, the Queensland Government provided \$77 million to complete the design and target cost estimate and build early works," he said.

"Initial project proposals include two new QR Citytrain stations, one at Springfield and the other at Richlands. Potential stations have been identified for Ellen Grove and Springfield Lakes."

Rail Back on Track administrator Robert Dow said the state's highest transport authority was in denial over how to deliver public transport services to these rapidly growing suburbs.

"Queensland Transport



■ Commuter fight ... Rail Back on Track spokesman Robert Dow wants a train station at Forest Lake.

Picture: Jim Campey

claimed that the decision to delay the construction of stations at Ellen Grove and Springfield Lakes was based on current and projected population figures, as well

as likely travel patterns," Mr Dow said.

"QT's position not to immediately build these stations has been shown to be flawed.

"Rail is the real public transport solution for Forest Lake."

Brisbane City Councillor Les Bryant (Richlands) said he had received very few

calls from the local community to build a train station at Forest Lake.

"(The government) has made a decision that at this time they want to establish

a station at Richlands," Cr Bryant said.

"There might be call for one at Ellen Grove in about five years. It would have to be viable and accessible."

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