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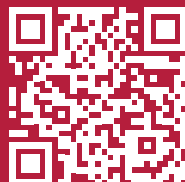
Powering Queensland Jobs: Rail Manufacturing

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Message from the Premier

As a Labor Premier, I believe trains should be built in Queensland, by Queenslanders and for Queenslanders.

When my government was elected in 2015, rail manufacturing was under threat. The Newman-Frecklington government had sent building trains overseas, instead of giving the work to Queenslanders.

In 2017 I committed to have the Newman Government's overseas-built trains that were non-disability compliant, fixed in Maryborough by local Queensland welders, electricians and apprentices. This commitment saved 283 jobs in Maryborough, supporting families and the community.

In 2019 I was proud to announce a ten-year partnership with Maryborough rail manufacturing workers. We are keeping our commitment and keeping them at the heart of our economic future.

Now, as part of our economic recovery plan, we are committing to a new era of rail manufacturing in Queensland. Building on the proud 150-year history of Maryborough as a rail manufacturing centre, we have made history by committing \$600 million to build the trains for Cross River Rail in Maryborough.

This next generation of Queensland trains will support 690 jobs. We need the first 20 trains for Cross River Rail, a \$5.4 billion job generating powerhouse project, with an option for 45 more which we have also guaranteed will be built in Maryborough.

Only a Labor Government has a track record of delivering rail manufacturing jobs in regional Queensland. As we recover from the global pandemic, it is more important than ever to lock in the next phase of rail manufacturing for regional Queenslanders.

We will ensure local rail manufacturing supports secure, ongoing and high-skilled manufacturing jobs right across Queensland in places like Maryborough, Rockhampton, Townsville, Cairns and Ipswich.



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PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND



Our Commitment

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will ensure that Queensland remains a rail manufacturing powerhouse and continues to back regional jobs by committing:



\$600 million to build 20 Queensland trains for Cross River Rail. Supporting 690 jobs



\$300 million pipeline to upgrade Queensland Rail's existing fleet, over the next ten years, to be undertaken as part of the Downer strategic rail partnership supporting 283 jobs at the Downer Maryborough facility



\$85 million to fix the Newman Government's overseas bought trains in Maryborough Supporting up to 100 jobs



Securing the site of the former Rockhampton Rail Workshops to support logistics and rail manufacturing in Maryborough, leveraging regional supply chains



\$1 million for a business case for Maryborough workers to build new carriages for the iconic Westlander, The Inlander and Spirit of the Outback long distance services expected to deliver \$150 million worth of work



Progress Rail is proposing to overhaul and rebuild locomotives used by iconic trains such as Kuranda Scenic Rail and the Spirit of the Outback. We will ensure the proposal is rapidly progressed as it will support up to 75 jobs, with flow on benefits to local businesses and jobs



We will ensure Queensland's assets including Queensland Rail remain in public hands. We will continue to invest in publicly owned rail maintenance facilities, supporting local jobs like the new \$400,000 maintenance workshop in Gracemere





Secure Regional Jobs

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk meeting rail manufacturing workers with their local Labor MP - Bruce Saunders

Our Plan for Queensland

We are planning for a bright rail future in Queensland. As our population grows, so too must our rail network. We need more trains and they will be built in Queensland.

We have committed a \$1 billion pipeline of guaranteed rail manufacturing work and a further \$1.1 billion in future projects that will require rail manufacturing in Maryborough, supported by local manufacturing workers throughout Queensland.

This will lock in long-term stable jobs in our regions including in Maryborough, Rockhampton, Redbank, Townsville and Cairns.

The best trains are built in Maryborough. The LNP wants them built overseas. We will not let that happen.

Unfortunately, with procurement of NGR trains under the Newman Government, we have also seen firsthand what is inflicted on Queenslanders when there isn't early

consultation with the disability sector or enough consideration of disability standards.

We won't let that happen again, because all Queenslanders deserve to be included when designing trains and our trains need to be built for all Queenslanders.

Through our newly established Accessible Transport Advisory Council, chaired by retired Judge Michael Forde, we will work closely with stakeholders to ensure that Queensland's trains are built by Queenslanders, for all Queenslanders.

"We back regional Queensland. We back manufacturing. It's part of our economic plan. And we can only pursue our economic plan because of our strong health response of being able to contain the virus"

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk



Maryborough

We will ensure Maryborough remains a national rail manufacturing powerhouse by building the new trains we will need for Cross River Rail in Maryborough.

We will ensure early works packages are scoped to help get the new trains built sooner.

We are also committing to build the new carriages for the iconic Westlander, Inlander and the Spirit of the Outback long-distance services, under the rail partnership with the Downer Maryborough facility, with a \$1 million business case committed, which is expected to deliver \$150 million worth of works.

This facility is also where the Newman and Frecklington-era NGR trains are being fixed by Queensland workers, supporting 100 local jobs.

That work is in addition to the \$300 million pipeline of Queensland rail work our government has sent to Maryborough, guaranteeing that the existing Downer facility will be at capacity for the next decade, with at least 283 jobs supported.

Rockhampton

We are negotiating to purchase the site of the former Rockhampton Rail Workshops to support rail manufacturing regional supply chains, and logistics in the region as part of an industrial centre.

Local Rockhampton suppliers will be brought together with major rail manufacturers to identify components and supplies, such as fiberglass forming, that can be made in Rockhampton by local businesses to support trains being built in Maryborough.

This will support a renewal of manufacturing in the area and ensure that job benefits from the major rail projects are spread across the regions. Rail manufacturing works are expected to be the anchor to attract more manufacturing businesses.

We will continue to invest in Queensland Rail's regional maintenance facilities such as the \$730,000 workshop and recovery truck at Gracemere providing a new base for electrical operations in the region, with works undertaken by local contractors.

These investments support local jobs and improve services by enabling Queensland Rail to respond more quickly to incidents.





Townsville

In Townsville, we will be maintaining Queensland Rail's local operations including maintenance depots, supporting 234 jobs.

The depot supports maintenance on the North Coast and Mt Isa Line, as well as engaging local manufacturers such as UGL in key rail maintenance work on the Inlander service.

Redbank

In Ipswich, at the Redbank workshops, Queensland Rail is currently considering a proposal to overhaul and rebuild locomotives that are utilised for the provision of Travel and Tourism services as well as work trains that are used in the maintenance of rail infrastructure across the state.

We will ensure the proposal is rapidly progressed, as it has the potential to support up to 75 jobs, with flow on benefits to local businesses and jobs.

Cairns

Queensland Rail is upgrading its workshops at the existing Portsmith facility - the first major upgrade for more than 18 years.

The \$2.5 million upgrade will enable Queensland Rail to more efficiently and safely overhaul the 33 heritage timber carriages used on the Kuranda Scenic Railway and allows them to continue overhauling the KSR carriages in-house.

42 Queensland Rail staff operate out of the Portsmith facility, with eight staff planned to operate in the new workshop at any one time.

All regions

Under our Buy Queensland policy, it is not just the major rail manufacturers that benefit, local suppliers – operating within 125km of where goods or workers are needed – are given a 30 per cent weighting as a part of the bidding process.

We will work to ensure all Queensland based manufacturers and suppliers, whether they are based at Maryborough, Rockhampton, Townsville, Cairns, Redbank, and other centres, can bid for work to support the major rail contracts.





The Palaszczuk Government's Record

The Palaszczuk Government has rebuilt rail manufacturing in Queensland.

The Frecklington-Newman Government sent train building contracts overseas and over 150 years of rail manufacturing in Queensland was under real threat before we were elected in 2015.

Since then we have backed Queenslanders and rail manufacturing jobs. We have funded rail projects such as the:

- \$5.4 billion Cross River Rail, supporting 7,500 jobs throughout the life of the project with 450 opportunities for trainees and apprentices and 3 new stations on the Gold Coast at Pimpama, Helensvale North and Merrimac
- \$709 million Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3, supporting 760 jobs
- \$550 million for the first stage of the sunshine Coast line duplication supporting 333 jobs
- \$163 million Gold Coast heavy rail duplication between Helensvale and Coomera, supporting 200 jobs
- \$420M Stage 2 Gold Coast Light Rail in time for the Commonwealth Games, supporting 1,000 direct and indirect jobs
- \$500 million Mt Isa line plan to support upgrades and improvements along the line
- \$100 million North Coast line upgrade supporting 300 jobs.

In 2017 we committed to fix trains ordered from overseas by the Newman Government in Maryborough. And that's what we are doing.

They had to be fixed as they didn't meet disability standards and we ensured that the \$85 million project was delivered in Maryborough supporting 100 jobs.

We also committed to a \$300 million 10-year partnership with the 150-year-old Downer manufacturing facility at Maryborough, where iconic Queensland trains like the Tilt Trains will be overhauled, with 283 jobs supported.

The Newman-Frecklington Record

The Newman-Frecklington Government sent regional manufacturing jobs overseas decimating communities and their families who were already under pressure from the LNPs cuts.

And during this time, they failed to deliver any manufacturing plan for Queensland.

Deb Frecklington was an Assistant Minister under the Newman LNP Government when the decision was made to order the New Generation Rollingstock Trains from overseas.

This resulted in lost jobs in Queensland, in particular regional Queensland.

This decision by the Frecklington-Newman Government, coupled with their failure to consult the disability sector, meant the trains did not comply with disability standards.

As the Forde Inquiry laid out in detail:

“the Commission was advised that the critical decision to reduce the number of toilets on the NGR train, as well as the decision to remove the intermediate guard cab, was driven by the former Director-General of the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Mr Michael Caltabiano.”



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Doing trains is great. But I don't see the need to be building them, unless we have some comparative advantage in doing so, for strategic reasons, or if it positions us at the leading edge of technology.

The Liberal NSW Premier said
'Australia and New South Wales are not good at building trains, that's why we have to purchase them'
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