

How will it affect me?

Work has now begun on a 12.6 km dual-track passenger rail line between Petrie and Kippa-Ring, including six new rail stations at a cost of \$1.15 billion.



Much of the corridor for the Moreton Bay Rail Link has been government-owned since the late 1970s. In recent years significant residential development has taken place in close proximity to the corridor, particularly in Mango Hill, Murrumba Downs and Kallangur.

This means that housing now share a boundary with the rail corridor in a number of areas. Community facilities such as schools, childcare centres, and churches, as well as businesses have also been built in close proximity to the corridor.

Construction activities

Although every effort will be made to work with the community to minimise impacts, it is likely that nearby residents and businesses will experience some noise, dust and visual impacts during construction of the rail line.

Some construction areas are likely to have higher impacts than others. It is too early to know the locations of these sites, but the project team will keep the community informed as soon as this information is available.

Another construction impact will be changes to local road networks. Some local streets will be permanently altered by the project, while many roads (including some major routes) will be impacted by changed traffic conditions during construction.

This may result in increased traffic on streets that have previously had low traffic flows, as well as requiring residents to travel via alternate routes to reach their homes or local facilities.

Environmental management during construction

It will also be necessary for clearing and removal of vegetation to take place in the corridor. Professional animal spotters will supervise all clearing work to ensure minimal impact on fauna in the area.

The project team is committed to caring for the environment and will maintain the highest standards of environmental practice during the planning, design and construction phases of the project.

Operational impacts

It is likely that nearby residents and businesses will experience some impacts as a result of their close proximity to the operational train line.

Noise management is a high priority for Queensland Rail. Rail is a part of our suburban and regional landscape, and part of everyday life. Queensland Rail is committed to managing rail noise, and balancing impacts with the benefits provided by an efficient rail service.

As part of this commitment to minimising noise from rail operations, Queensland Rail developed the *Code of Practice – Railway Noise Management*. The code outlines a number of strategies to reduce the impacts of rail noise, including noise barriers in some cases.

Minimising noise impacts for residents will be a key consideration for designers in preparing the detailed design for the project in 2011–2012. Members of the community will have the opportunity to be involved and have their say in relation to managing noise impacts.

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