Moreton Bay Rail Link

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Funding fast-tracked

$133 million has been brought forward in the federal budget by three years to accelerate the delivery of the Moreton Bay Rail Link project, starting in 2011

The fast-tracked funds will speed up pre-construction activities such as public utility relocations and early works on road bridges.

The approximately $1.15 billion project is being funded by the Australian Government ($742 million), Queensland Government ($300 million plus land) and Moreton Bay Regional Council ($105 million).

Geotechnical works underway

Significant progress has been made in relation to survey and geotechnical work in the corridor during recent months.

Geotechnical work for the rail corridor began in mid-May 2011 and was completed in August 2011. This work will provide information on ground conditions along the rail alignment and identify any potential risks associated with constructing the rail link.

Investigations have been carried out at the proposed locations of future possible structures throughout the corridor including 13 bridges, 6 stations, retaining walls, culvert cross-drainage, cuttings and park 'n' rides.

Geotechnical work for the roadworks associated with the project is ongoing.

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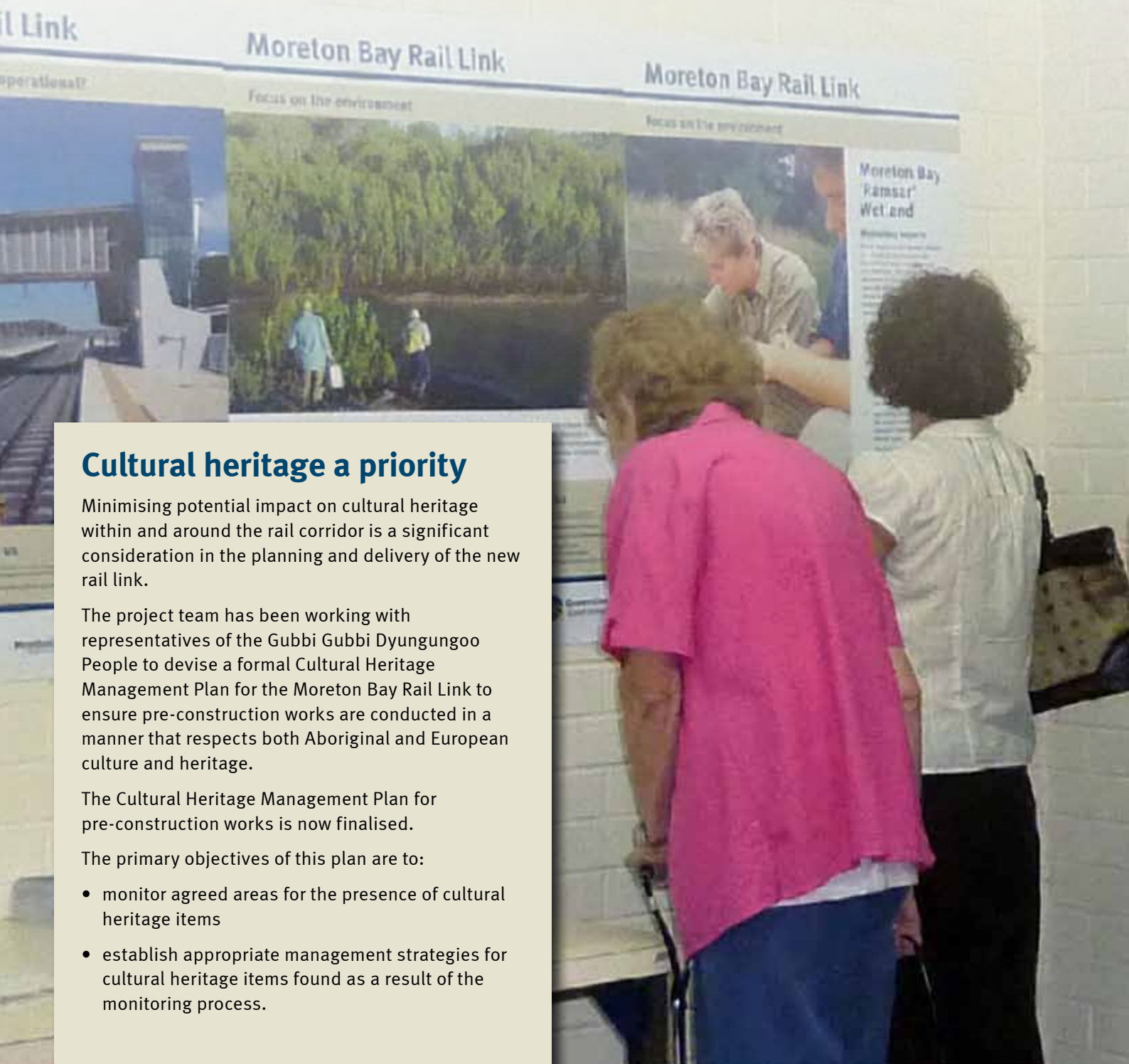
Consultation complete on Project Change Report

The Moreton Bay Rail Link project received strong interest from the community during the first phase of formal engagement between November 2010 and February 2011.

Community members were invited to a series of open days and information displays to meet the project team, obtain information about the project and provide feedback on the Project Change Report. More than 680 individual comments were received and recorded in the project's stakeholder database.

There were also many meetings, presentations and workshops with community groups, environment groups and industry groups during this time. Some groups submitted formal submissions during the consultation period. Please refer to the article on opposite page for a summary of the issues raised.



Cultural heritage a priority

Minimising potential impact on cultural heritage within and around the rail corridor is a significant consideration in the planning and delivery of the new rail link.

The project team has been working with representatives of the Gubbi Gubbi Dyungungoo People to devise a formal Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Moreton Bay Rail Link to ensure pre-construction works are conducted in a manner that respects both Aboriginal and European culture and heritage.

The Cultural Heritage Management Plan for pre-construction works is now finalised.

The primary objectives of this plan are to:

- monitor agreed areas for the presence of cultural heritage items
- establish appropriate management strategies for cultural heritage items found as a result of the monitoring process.

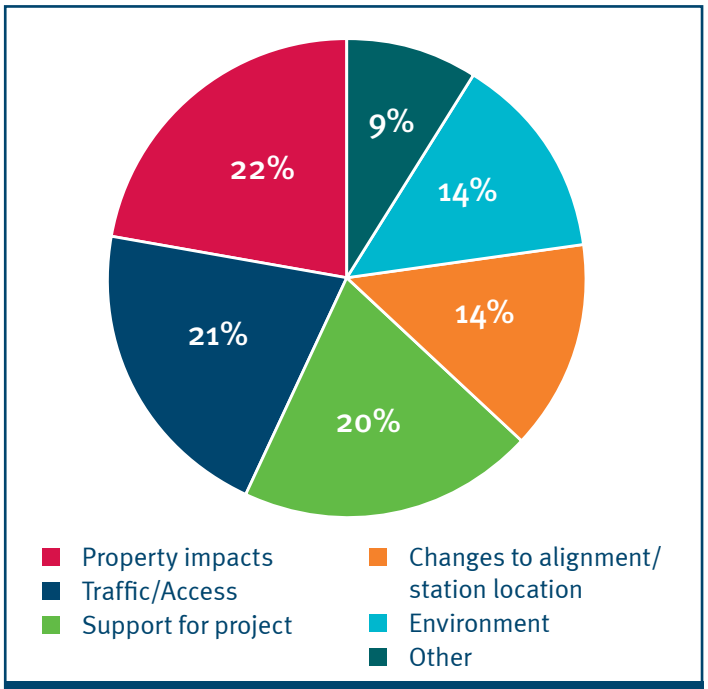
Community Consultation Report

All feedback during the consultation period was collated and compiled in the Community Consultation Report, which is now available on the project website at **www.moretonbayrail.qld.gov.au**

This report identifies the range of issues raised by the community.

The issues that received the greatest number of comments included:

- Property impacts — property acquisitions, proximity of the corridor to residential properties and impact on property values
- Traffic and access issues — potential increases in traffic, proposed changes to roads and parking at stations and on local streets
- Support for the project
- Environmental considerations — including impact on wildlife, vegetation and wetlands
- Project corridor route and station design — including alternative route/alignment, changes to station locations and comments on design features.



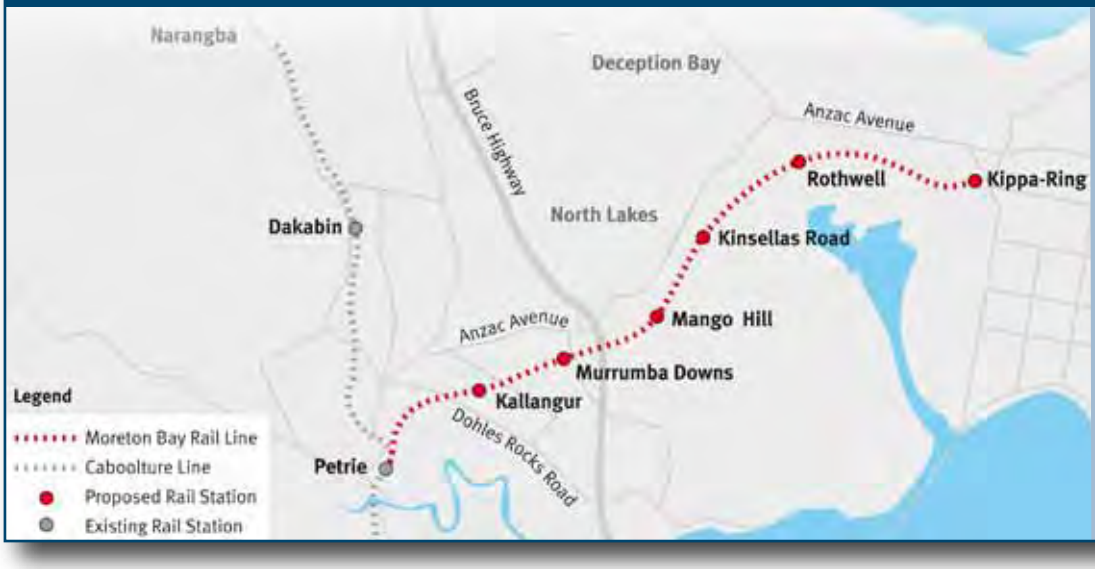
Overall feedback: categories and percentages

This feedback has been considered in detail by the project team and will inform both the business case and the detailed design for the project.

Although formal consultation on the Project Change Report has now finished, community members can continue to contact the project team via the project 1800 number, email address and reply-paid postal address during the duration of the project (see back page for details).

Further consultation will occur during the detailed design phase.

About the project



The Moreton Bay Rail Link is a 12.6 km dual-track passenger rail line between Petrie and Kippa-Ring, including six new stations at Kallangur, Murrumba Downs, Mango Hill, Kinsellas Road, Rothwell and Kippa-Ring.

Once completed in 2016, the rail link will provide a sustainable transport alternative to the current high levels of private vehicle use in the region.

Industry briefing a success

The Moreton Bay Rail Link project reached another important milestone on 21 June 2011, hosting the first official industry briefing in Brisbane.

The presentation was attended by nearly 300 industry and trade professionals, representing large multi-national corporations through to independent tradespeople.

The briefing was open to all members of the construction community, who were keen to find out more about the project and how to get involved in the construction and delivery of this approximately $1.15 billion project in the Moreton Bay region.

The project will provide opportunities for the construction industry and create an estimated 8430 jobs during the life of the project.

Project benefits

More than 375 000 people call the Moreton Bay region home, making it the third-largest local government area in Australia. The new rail link will provide a catalyst for sustainable development in the region. The new stations will provide opportunities for transit-oriented development that will contribute to the sustainable management of population growth.

Once completed in 2016, the Moreton Bay Rail Link will:

- provide a cost-effective, faster alternative to driving to Brisbane's central business district during peak periods
- help reduce congestion on the road network
- help reduce carbon emissions — every full train on the new line will take about 600 cars off the road
- provide better access to major employment centres both within and outside the Moreton Bay region
- help attract investment to the area and create business opportunities.

Key dates

Define the preferred corridor, proposed station locations and reference design	**Completed**
Commence preliminary survey works	**Completed**
Conduct community consultation on Project Change Report	**Completed**
Complete the final business case	**Completed**
Finalise Project Change Report	**Completed**
Commence additional survey work and geotechnical investigations	**Underway**
Commence detailed design	**Late 2011**
Construction	**2012 – 2016**
Open rail link	**2016**

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