

Landsborough to Nambour Rail Study (North Coast Line Upgrade): Frequently Asked Questions

Project information

What planning has TMR undertaken?

The planning completed in 2009 identified the land required for an alternative rail corridor between Landsborough and Nambour and preserved the corridor from incompatible developments. Subsequent reviews have made minor amendments to the alignment to improve environmental outcomes.

What kind of infrastructure is considered during this stage of planning?

Corridor planning includes all the infrastructure which needs to fit within the future rail corridor, such as tracks, stations, bridges, pedestrian and cycle facilities, lighting and power. Planning does not include the detailed design of any infrastructure, but identifies the space required to accommodate a future rail corridor which meets community needs.

Has TMR considered other planning in the area, like local government town planning and major development areas?

TMR continues to collaborate with key stakeholders, including Sunshine Coast Council and the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DILGP) to coordinate land use planning.

When will the North Coast Line be upgraded?

The [South East Queensland Rail Horizon report](#) (2016) confirms upgrading the North Coast line between Beerburrum and Nambour as a priority for the optimisation of the SEQ rail network. The realignment between Landsborough and Nambour forms part of that strategy. Building Queensland is currently developing a [business case](#) for the first stage of this upgrade.

Why has TMR done this planning already if construction is so far away?

Identifying and preserving the future rail corridor now allows councils and developers to plan future developments accordingly. Land owners have the information they need to plan for their own futures.

How was the community consulted during planning?

The community was consulted as part of the identification of a preferred corridor, and provided a further opportunity for comment on the draft Environmental Impact Assessment. Consultation included community information sessions and displays, newsletters, fact sheets, a community survey and a website. Feedback received from the community is reflected in decision making on the preferred alignment.

What happens next? When will the community find out more about this project?

The planning project identified and preserved land for a future rail corridor. Key stakeholders and affected property owners will be kept informed throughout the process. The community will be consulted again during the design stage of the project.

I don't want a new rail line near my house because it will impact my lifestyle and amenity. Can TMR move it somewhere else?

Various options for shifting the alignment of the future rail corridor were considered following feedback during community consultation. Some changes were made to improve environmental outcomes. Any potential negative impacts to the local community will be considered during the design stage of the project, and community members will be consulted about mitigation strategies.

Location and property impacts

Where will the new passenger rail line and stations be built?

The new rail line closely follows the existing North Coast line alignment while removing many bends and curves. New, better equipped stations will be constructed within a few hundred meters of existing stations. A map of the alignment and station locations can be found on the [TMR website](#).

Why doesn't TMR plan for a single track instead of dual tracks to reduce the impact on properties?

Planning has identified the North Coast rail line will require dual tracks to meet the future demand for rail services from the area. A single track passenger rail line would reduce the frequency of services on the line and cause delays to passengers.

What happens if the corridor planning includes my property? Will my property be resumed?

You can request a property search through an [Approved Service Provider](#) or review the [DA mapping](#) available online. [TMRs website](#) explains more about what happens if planning identifies a requirement on your property. TMR will not require the land until closer to construction.

Passenger rail services

We need public transport options in this area now. What are TMR doing about current needs?

TMR and TransLink are working collaboratively with the Sunshine Coast Council to identify and address community needs for public transport. TransLink prioritises bus services based on population density and demand. As the population continues to increase in high growth areas, additional services will be provided to meet the increased demand.

Will local roads be upgraded to cope with increased traffic around the new train stations?

TMR are working collaboratively with the Sunshine Coast Council to ensure future developments and the local road network reflect the future rail line and stations. Upgrades to local roads are the responsibility of the local council.

Will train stations have local bus connections, commuter carparks and cyclist facilities?

Stations will be integrated into local public and active transport networks. Provisions will be made for bus connections, cyclists and pedestrians and all stations will provide access for people with disabilities. TMR are working collaboratively with the Sunshine Coast Council to ensure new pedestrian and cycle infrastructure connects with existing local paths. A number of car park facilities are planned as part of the upgrade.

Environment

Has TMR considered environmental impacts?

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) completed in 2009 identified a number of environmental constraints in the project area. Planning to identify a future rail corridor has taken all of these constraints into consideration. Additional field surveys will be undertaken prior to design of the future rail line. You can download a summary of the EIS from the [TMR website](#), or email us to request additional information.

How will TMR manage the impact on National Parks, waterways and remnant forest areas?

The EIS includes a detailed assessment of environmental issues in the new rail alignment, and an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which addresses those issues. The EIS also identifies “Special Management Areas” of local, state or national significance, and associated Special Management Actions. Details of the EMP, Special Management Areas and Special Management Actions are included in the EIS Summary available at the [TMR Website](#).

Will the new rail line impact drainage lines, rivers or creeks that may cause flooding?

Detailed hydrological and geological surveys will be undertaken as part of the design stage of the project to identify any potential waterway impacts or flood risks. The design for the new rail line will include measures to minimise or prevent impacts.