

# Robina to Tugun

## Rail Impact Assessment Study

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#### Draft Impact Assessment Study report released

The Honourable Steve Bredhauer MP, Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads has released the Robina to Tugun Rail draft impact assessment study (IAS) report (Part A) for public comment from 17 March 2003.

#### About the study

The study has been investigating the feasibility and impacts of an extension of the Gold Coast passenger rail line from Robina to Stewart Road, Tugun.

In parallel with the Robina to Tugun Rail IAS, the Department of Main Roads has been undertaking the Tugun Bypass Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). These studies are now being conducted in four parts:

- The Robina to Tugun Rail IAS (Part A) covers the rail extension from Robina Station to Stewart Road
- The Tugun Bypass Stage 1 EIA, covers the Tugun Bypass from Stewart Road to Boyd Street, Tugun and provides only limited information relating to the rail alignment in this section.  
The Stage 1 Tugun Bypass EIA

report was released for public consultation in November 2002

- The Tugun Bypass Stage 2 EIA covers the remaining section of the Tugun Bypass and limited rail information from Boyd Street to Kennedy Drive, Coolangatta
- The Robina to Tugun Rail IAS (Part B) covers the rail extension from Stewart Road to Boyd Street, Tugun, and will be released at a later date.

#### Calling for Comment

Queensland Transport is seeking comment on the draft IAS report (Part A). To help shape public transport in the southern Gold Coast area, you are invited to review and comment on the findings and recommendations of the draft IAS report (Part A).

**Public submissions on the draft IAS report (Part A) close on Thursday 17 April 2003.**

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## Key report findings

Key findings and recommendations in the draft IAS report (Part A) are listed below:

- The rail extension supports the development of Robina as a key regional centre, reduces impacts of private vehicle use, and increases public transport use
- Demand forecasting shows that patronage would be around 8,000 trips per day in 2011
- The need for the rail extension is justified and the preferred corridor and station locations should be protected
- The corridor should be developed in stages to meet growing demand
- The preferred transport mode is heavy passenger rail, similar to existing *Citytrain* services.
- All the environmental (noise, visual, flora, fauna and others) and social impacts of building and using the rail line can be managed
- Transport/land use strategies are needed around each station. This includes car parking and access for cars, pedestrians and cyclists
- The preferred station location for the Palm Beach/Elanora area is adjacent to The Pines shopping centre.

## Study process



## Implementation

The draft IAS report (Part A) recommends a staged approach to implementing the project:

### Stage 1

Enhance existing bus services, including *Trainlink* services, from Robina Station south to Coolangatta.

### Stage 2 (after 2008)

Progressively develop rail from Robina to Elanora (with stations at Reedy Creek, Andrews and Elanora) subject to funding.

The draft IAS report (Part B) will address the timing and staging of the rail extension south of Elanora.

**While the draft report has made recommendations, no decision on timing for implementation has been made. The project would be subject to available funding and consideration of other transport priorities.**

### What's next?

Submissions on the draft IAS report close on **17 April 2003**.

Queensland Transport and the consultants, Parsons Brinckerhoff, will review all submissions, and comments will be considered in developing the final report.

The final IAS report will then be submitted to the Queensland Government for consideration.

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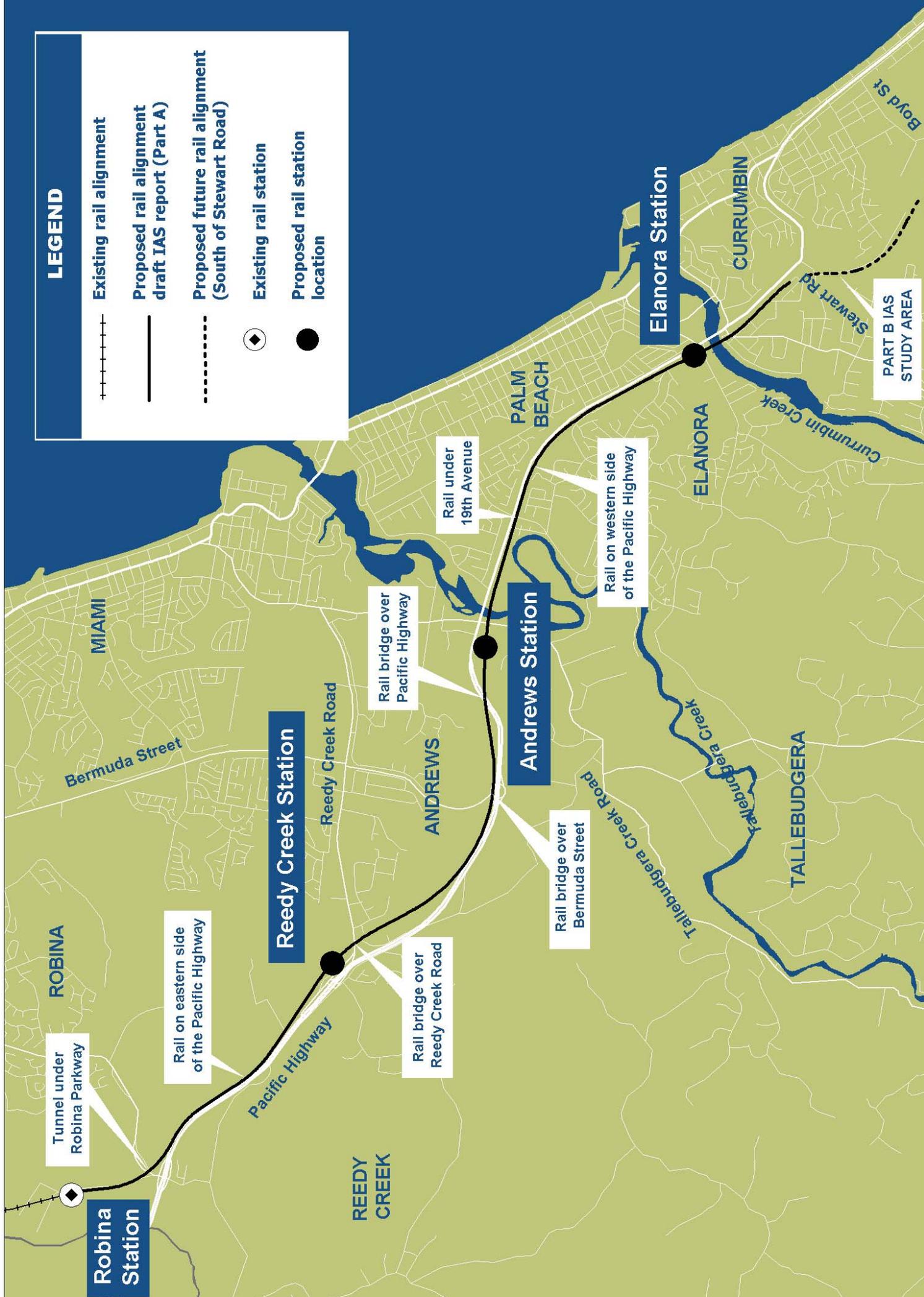
--- Existing rail alignment

— Proposed rail alignment draft IAS report (Part A)

- - - Proposed future rail alignment (South of Stewart Road)

◊ Existing rail station

● Proposed rail station location





# Find out more at our public displays

Queensland Transport invites submissions on the draft IAS report (Part A) for the proposed rail extension from Robina to Tugun. Submissions close at 5:00pm Thursday 17 April 2003.

You can find out the latest information and have your say about the issues that are important to you at:

## STATIC DISPLAYS: 18 March - 17 April 2003

- Queensland Transport Customer Service Centres at Bundall and West Burleigh Shopping Centre
- Department of Main Roads (Nerang office)
- The Pines shopping centre, Elanora
- Gold Coast City Council's Administration Centres at Bundall and Nerang
- Gold Coast City Council libraries at Robina, Mudgeeraba, Burleigh Waters, Palm Beach and Coolangatta.

## STAFFED DISPLAYS: 10 & 12 April 2003

### Thursday 10 April 2003

3:00pm to 7:00pm

The Pines Shopping Centre  
KP Mc Grath Drive, Elanora

### Saturday 12 April 2003

10:00am to 2:00pm

Robina Community Centre  
Robina Town Centre Drive, Robina

For a more comprehensive description of the benefits and impacts of this proposed public transport corridor, you can view the draft IAS report on the study website at:

[www.pb.com.au/Robina/index.htm](http://www.pb.com.au/Robina/index.htm)

Or you can contact the study team on the Freecall hotline 1800 067 929

*People who are deaf or hearing impaired can contact the study team through ACE.NRS on 1800 555 677 (voice and TTY Users) and 1800 555 727 (speech to speech users).*



## Attitude and awareness survey

This survey was conducted in July 2000 to determine community attitudes about the study. Some key findings were:

- Nearly 90% of respondents indicated that passenger rail is the best mode of public transport south of Robina
- Over half of the respondents (56%) indicated they would be 'quite likely' or 'very likely' to use the rail extension
- Only 19% of respondents indicated that it is more important to build more roads than extend the railway line.

### Newsletter 2 Questionnaire

Over 1400 questionnaire responses were received from the second study newsletter (October 2000). Some key findings were:

- Almost 90% of respondents stated that the railway would improve the quality of life in the region
- Around 77% of respondents stated that the railway would change the way they access community facilities, with 87% of these participants indicating their access would improve.

You can also make a written submission at any time during the consultation period. It may be sent to:

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