



# Robina to Tugun

## Rail & Road Impact Assessment Study

# NEWSLETTER

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### Growing transport needs...

The southern Gold Coast region is currently experiencing significant population growth. Current trends indicate that between 1996 and 2007, the region's population will grow by about 36,000 people and the number of trips taken every day will increase by about 55%.

This growth will have significant implications for travel in the area. Without a major change to the transport system, people will experience growing road congestion, longer travel times and adverse environmental, social and economic impacts.

By planning now for better transport solutions, travel trends can be reversed and long term transport alternatives put into place for people living and working in the southern Gold Coast region.

The Robina to Tugun Rail & Road Impact Assessment Study (IAS) will consider two proposals: firstly, the Queensland section of a rail extension from Robina to Coolangatta Airport, and secondly, the section of the proposed Tugun road bypass within Queensland.

In parallel with this study, the Queensland Department of Main Roads will conduct an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) to investigate the NSW section of the rail extension and proposed Tugun road bypass. Planning for the commencement of the EIS is now underway. Queensland Transport is working closely with the Department of Main Roads to ensure the studies are effectively coordinated.

An extension of the rail line from Robina would greatly enhance public transport services and usage in the southern Gold Coast region, and provide better links between Brisbane, Coolangatta and the growth areas along the corridor.

The proposed Tugun road bypass is an important element of the area's road network aimed at easing traffic congestion and increasing safety for local road users, businesses, tourists and freight movements between Queensland and New South Wales.

### What is the Robina to Tugun Rail & Road Impact Assessment Study?

The Robina to Tugun Rail & Road Impact Assessment Study will investigate the environmental, social and economic impacts of a rail extension from Robina to Boyd Street, Tugun, and a road bypass from Stewart Road to Boyd Street, Tugun (map overleaf). It will involve more detailed planning on the routes identified in previous studies.

The Study will focus on:

- further analysing the need for a new rail and road corridor
- determining the detailed alignment
- determining the best mode for the public transport corridor
- identifying station locations
- developing an integrated public transport system
- consulting with the community
- undertaking impact assessment studies
- preparing an environmental management plan, and
- establishing timings for the development of public transport and road infrastructure.

### Consultants appointed...

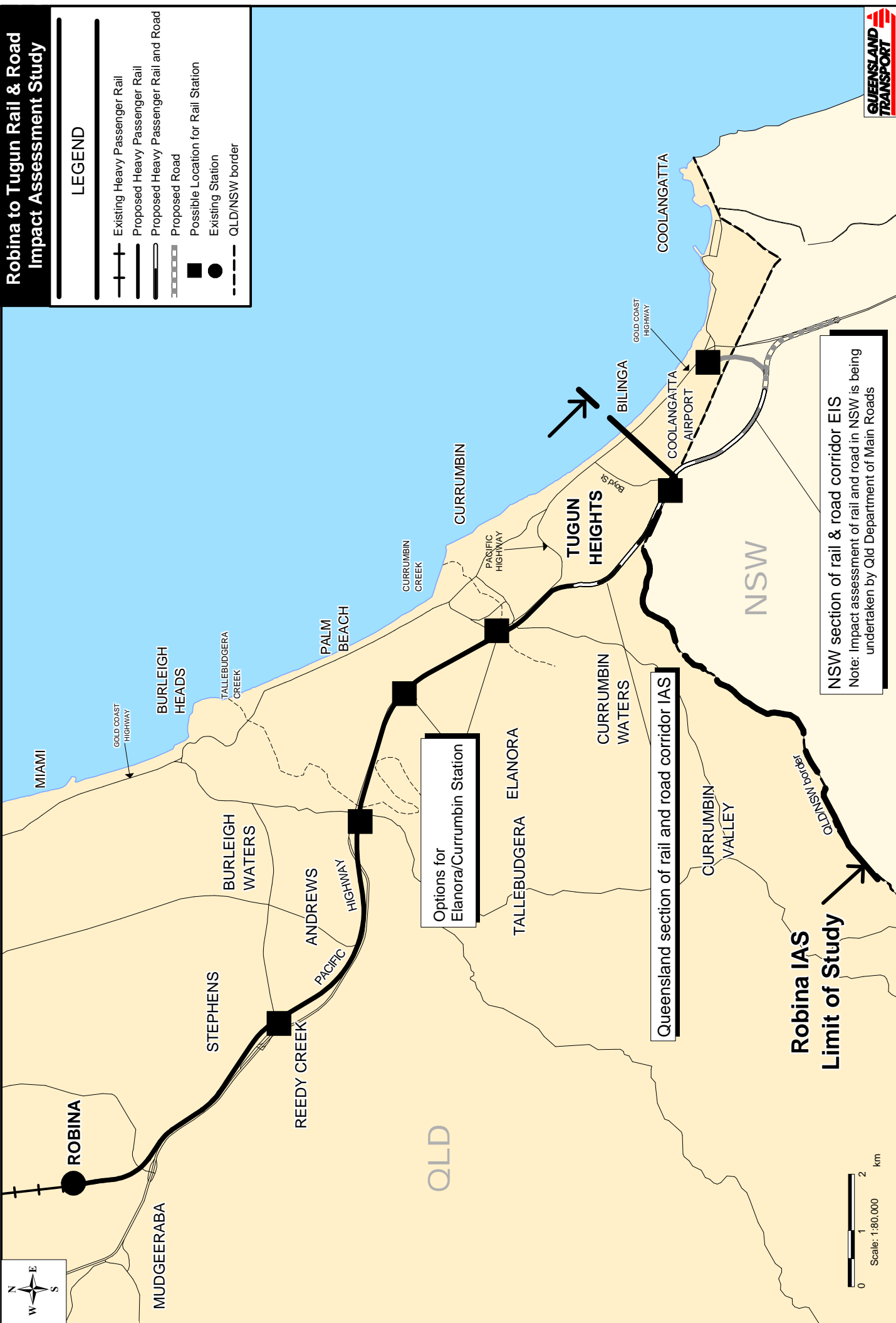
Queensland Transport has appointed consultants, PPK Environment and Infrastructure Pty Ltd (PPK) to undertake the Robina to Tugun Rail & Road Impact Assessment Study.



# Robina to Tugun Rail & Road Impact Assessment Study

## LEGEND

- Existing Heavy Passenger Rail
- Proposed Heavy Passenger Rail
- Proposed Heavy Passenger Rail and Road
- Proposed Road
- Possible Location for Rail Station
- Existing Station
- QLD/NSW border

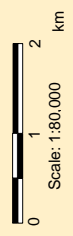


**NSW section of rail & road corridor EIS**  
 Note: Impact assessment of rail and road in NSW is being undertaken by Qld Department of Main Roads

**Queensland section of rail and road corridor IAS**

**Options for Elanora/Currumbin Station**

**Robina IAS Limit of Study**



## **Robina to Tugun** *The story so far...*

In 1997, the State Government's *Integrated Regional Transport Plan* (IRTP) for South East Queensland identified the need to investigate both the extension of the Gold Coast rail line from Robina to Coolangatta and a Tugun road bypass.

The 1998 *Southern Gold Coast Tweed Corridor Study* investigated these transport options and identified the preferred routes for the Robina to Coolangatta rail extension and the Tugun road bypass.

Both the Robina to Tugun Rail & Road Impact Assessment Study (Queensland Transport) and the Tugun Bypass Environmental Impact Study (Department of Main Roads) follow on from this previous work.

## **Issues to be addressed**

A number of issues will be considered during the study, including:

- > Location of future population and employment growth
- > Future travel needs & demand forecasting
- > Social and community impacts
- > Operating characteristics of public transport
- > Detailed alignment and station locations
- > Traffic impacts
- > Local access
- > Noise and vibration impacts
- > Implications for vegetation and wildlife
- > Air quality impacts
- > Visual impacts
- > Impact on flooding and drainage
- > Costs & benefits
- > Effect on indigenous and non-indigenous Heritage
- > Timing and staging options

## **What's Proposed?**

**The Study will run from**  
**March 2000 until April 2001**

### **KEY STUDY ACTIVITIES**

- Display of Impact Assessment Study (IAS) draft Terms of Reference and route options (March 2000)
- Community open days (to be held in March 2000 and again in the period June-August 2000)
- Development of land use/transport concepts and public transport strategies
- Environmental, social, economic and engineering studies
- Refinement of route alignments and station locations
- Identification of staging/timing options
- Public display of draft Impact Assessment Study report (March 2001)

### ***“What will be the outcome of the study?”***

The Robina to Tugun Rail & Road Impact Assessment Study is working towards the following outcomes:

- > A final Impact Assessment Study report
- > Final alignment and station locations
- > An environmental management plan
- > An implementation plan (including information on staging and timing of public transport infrastructure)

A decision by the Queensland Government on the use of the rail and road corridors, and timings for implementation, is expected around mid 2001. These decisions will be based on the findings of the Impact Assessment Study report which will take into account consultation with the community.

# How to be involved...

**The StudyTeam is currently seeking community input on the draft Terms of Reference for the Impact Assessment Study (IAS). You can view a copy of the draft Terms of Reference from 1- 31 March at the following static community display locations:**

- > Queensland Transport Customer Service Centres at Bundall and The Pines & West Burleigh Shopping Centres
  - > Department of Main Roads - Nerang District Office
  - > Gold Coast City Council - Bundall & Nerang Administration Centres
  - > Gold Coast City Council Libraries - Robina, Mudgeeraba, Palm Beach, Elanora, Coolangatta
- You can also download the Terms of Reference from the Study website or contact the Study Team for a copy.

**To allow the community to ask the Study Team questions, staffed community displays will also be held as follows:**

- > Thursday 9 March, 2pm-8pm, The Pines Shopping Centre, KPMcGrath Drive, Elanora
- > Friday 10 March, 9am - 3pm, Tugun Village Community Centre, 414 Coolangatta Road, Tugun  
Representatives from the Queensland Department of Main Roads will be available at this display to answer questions on the New South Wales section of the road and rail corridors.
- > Saturday 11 March, 9am-4pm, Robina Town Centre, Robina Town Centre Drive, Robina

**Submission on the draft IAS Terms of Reference close on Friday 31 March 2000.**

In undertaking this project, the Study Team will work closely with the community to ensure everyone with an interest is given an opportunity to have their say. There will be a number of ways to provide input throughout the study. You will be kept informed through the media, future newsletters and other consultation activities such as displays.

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People who are deaf, hearing-impaired or speech-impaired can contact the study team through ACE. NR Son 1800555677 (voice & TTY users) and 1800555727 (speech to speech users). For those who are vision-impaired, all printed reports are available on tape from the study team.

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## Please keep me informed...

I'm interested in being kept up-to-date with the progress of the Robinato Tugun Rail & Road Impact Assessment Study. Please include me on your mailing list.

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