

Queensland Train Manufacturing Program

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program (QTMP)?

The QTMP was established to meet the increasing demand on rail transport in South East Queensland (SEQ) over the next 10 years. The program includes the delivery of 65 six-car passenger trains for use on the SEQ network and a purpose-built manufacturing facility in the Maryborough region.

Why does Queensland need a new manufacturing facility?

There is currently no suitable facility in Queensland to manufacture the required six-car trains. The existing Maryborough facility owned by Downer already has an active schedule of existing work.

Why was this site chosen?

The Queensland Government committed to building a new train manufacturing facility in the Maryborough region to support the development of the local manufacturing industry.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) conducted a multi-criteria assessment of several sites within a 25 kilometre radius of Maryborough. The site at Torbanlea was selected due to its proximity to the Bruce Highway and the existing rail line and minimal earthworks required in comparison to other shortlisted sites.

How does TMR acquire land?

TMR has the ability to compulsorily acquire (resume) property through its powers per the Acquisition of Land Act (1967). More information about this can be found on the TMR website (www.tmr.qld.gov.au) by searching 'Land and property resumptions'.

Who will deliver the program?

Following an Expression of Interest process, train manufacturing specialists Alstom, CAF and Downer Rail, were shortlisted to tender to deliver the new fleet of trains.

The successful applicant will also deliver a purpose-built manufacturing facility in Torbanlea, as well as additional rail facilities and infrastructure at the Gold Coast region. The preferred applicant is expected to be announced in late 2022.

The manufacturing and rail facilities are owned by the Queensland Government and will be operated by the state after the delivery of the project requirements.

What is the current project status and next steps?

Early works activities including site investigations, minor earthworks and road construction will commence in Torbanlea from late April 2022.

Road works will be located on the Bruce Highway, approximately two kilometres south of Torbanlea and on Ritchie Road at the entrance to the site. These works are estimated to take five months to complete. Motorists may experience minor traffic delays and occasional lane closures during this time.

These works will enable the successful applicant to begin construction of the manufacturing facility from early 2023. The first of the new 65 six-car trains is expected to be in service in 2025.

More information about the design of the manufacturing facility and construction dates will be released after the tender process is complete. The preferred applicant is expected to be announced in late 2022.

What will the new manufacturing facility look like?

It's anticipated the facility will be made up of several large three to four storey sheds with connecting roads. A low-speed rail test loop and worker accommodation are potential additions to the facility's site. However the design and inclusions are dependent on the proposal developed by the successful applicant, as well as environmental and planning approvals.



What impacts are expected during construction and operation of the manufacturing facility?

As with any construction project, different impacts are to be expected during each stage of the project. Impacts can include increased vehicle movements associated with the delivery of materials, changes to usual traffic conditions and construction noise and dust.

TMR will make sure impacts are managed and will continue to keep the local community informed as the project progresses.

What is TMR doing to address environmental impacts?

Extensive environmental assessments, including flora and fauna investigations have been undertaken at the site and the surrounding areas. The environmental assessments will help guide the design and construction of the manufacturing facility.

The three shortlisted applicants (Alstom, CAF and Downer Rail) must consider the outcomes of the assessments and demonstrate how they will avoid possible environmental impacts.

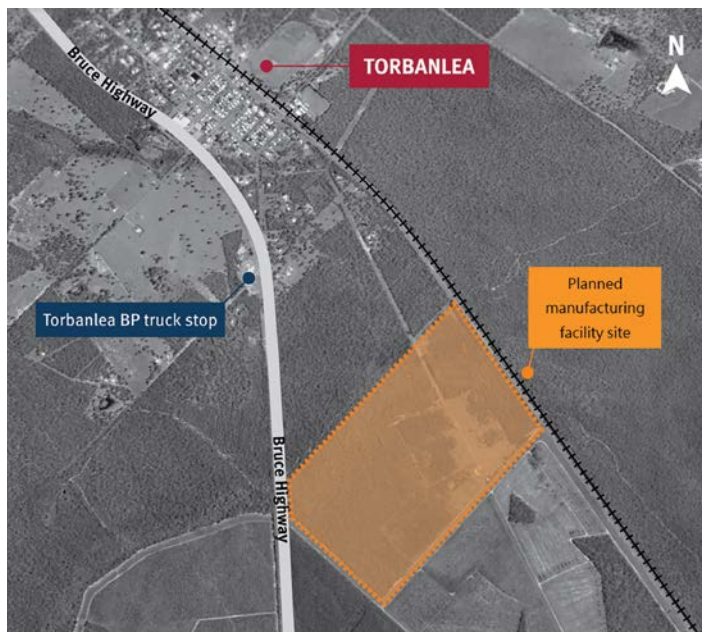
Where required, environmental offsets for land clearing onsite will include the development of ecosystems, with planting of typical koala food and habitat trees planned to provide potential koala and native fauna habitats. All vegetation within a 20-metre buffer will be maintained around the existing waterway onsite to avoid impacts to the water and marsh ecosystem.

What is TMR doing to rehabilitate the land?

It's expected that only the land required for the footprint of the manufacturing facility will be cleared.

Following construction, some areas of the site may be restored through replanting vegetation that is suitable to the local environment.

The land outside of the facility's footprint will be maintained or rehabilitated. Undertaking regular maintenance at the site will contribute to minimising future impacts and ensure the stability of the rehabilitated ecosystem.



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