

## **Estimates**

### **Question taken on Notice No. 2**

**MS FRECKLINGTON** asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (HON J TRAD) –

#### **QUESTION:**

Can you outline the benefit-cost ratio for the Beerburrum-Nambour project and how that compares to the published benefit-cost ratio for Cross River Rail?

#### **ANSWER:**

The Palaszczuk Government has identified the duplication of Beerburrum to Nambour rail line as a priority project for the Sunshine Coast community.

This is why the Palaszczuk Government sent this proposal to Building Queensland to undertake a Detailed Business Case for the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade Project.

As with the Cross River Rail Project, this government has sent the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade Project business case to Infrastructure Australia for their consideration and calls on the Commonwealth Government to provide a funding commitment. The Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) of this project is 1.48 over a 50 year appraisal period which is higher than projects, such as Inland Rail (BCR of 1.1), which have received Commonwealth Funding. The Benefit Cost Ratio of Cross River Rail project as outlined in the Coordinator-General's June 2017 change report is 1.41 over a 30 year appraisal period and is higher than that of the Beerburrum to Nambour rail on a comparable 50 year appraisal period.