



Speech by


Hon. Campbell Newman

MEMBER FOR ASHGROVE

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Banyo, Level Crossing Incident

 **Hon. CKT NEWMAN** (Ashgrove—LNP) (Premier) (9.32 am): This morning I have been informed of a serious incident near the Banyo train station. A truck was struck at St Vincents Road crossing by the 6.04 Roma Street to Shorncliffe train and pushed it into a second stationary train that was waiting at the Banyo station. Emergency services responded to the incident.

I am aware that a number of passengers were treated by paramedics this morning, and the truck driver has been transferred to hospital. The incident has brought down powerlines, and power has since been turned off to the Shorncliffe line. It is advised that motorists and public transport users should avoid the area where possible. All trains between Northgate and Shorncliffe have been suspended in both directions, and all traffic along St Vincents Road is being diverted.

TransLink has arranged buses to transport passengers on the Shorncliffe line. Queensland Police now have control of the scene and will investigate the matter as a road accident. Queensland Rail is working on a recovery plan to restore the service as soon as possible.

This government takes rail crossing safety very seriously and the Rail Safety Regulator will work closely with Queensland Rail to determine if there are any rail safety lessons that need to be taken away from this incident for the future.