



Speech By  
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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**New Generation Rollingstock, Wulkuraka Maintenance Centre**

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games) (10.00 am): I am proud to advise the House that the \$4.4 billion New Generation Rollingstock, or NGR, project is delivering hundreds of jobs for the people of Queensland. I am delighted that this project has generated almost 500 design and construction full-time jobs for Ipswich and Brisbane during the construction of the Wulkuraka maintenance centre and ongoing delivery of the NGR. This will include 131 management, design and commissioning positions and 215 construction jobs created at the maintenance facility at Wulkuraka.

The Palaszczuk government made a commitment to creating jobs, and that is what has been done. Some 150 ongoing full-time jobs have been generated to continue servicing the trains at the maintenance centre over the next 30 years. The flow-on effect of this multibillion-dollar investment in Queensland's public transport landscape will help stimulate the local Ipswich economy and further deliver an estimated 1,500 indirect jobs. As of 30 November 2015, almost 60 per cent of the current workforce at Wulkuraka maintenance centre came from a 15-kilometre radius of Wulkuraka. This contract to maintain the rollingstock at Wulkuraka is for 30 years, which means at least three decades of job creation for South-East Queensland.

Queensland Rail is also currently in the process of recruiting 100 full-time train drivers and 100 guards. The Bombardier NGR consortium has a local industry participation plan that is audited every six months and reviewed by this government. At the last audit in September last year, Bombardier reported that it had engaged in more than 200 contracts with Australian businesses—89 across South-East Queensland and 13 across regional Queensland. The 75 new trains will be delivered over a three-year period and are expected to be operational by the second half of 2018. The NGR project represents a significant investment in trains and will support the government's long-term commitment in public transport, delivering for the people of Queensland now and into the future.