




Speech By
Hon. Jackie Trad

MEMBER FOR SOUTH BRISBANE

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Queensland Rail, Derailment

 **Hon. JA TRAD** (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning) (10.56 am): On Thursday, 19 October 2017 at approximately 4.20 pm a New Generation Rollingstock or NGR train and shunting tractor derailed near Wulkuraka maintenance centre. At the time of the incident, the NGR train was being towed by the shunting tractor on the access line at the eastern end of the Wulkuraka maintenance centre. This access line is used exclusively by Bombardier to facilitate NGR train movements in, out and around Wulkuraka separately from the main Queensland Rail network. I can report that, thankfully, the two Bombardier staff involved in the incident were not injured.

The NGR train, shunting tractor and section of the access line where the incident occurred are now undergoing a full investigation and assessment to determine the cause of the incident. However, early indications are that the incident was not caused by the NGR train. An investigation into the incident is underway and the findings will be released in due course. While the investigations are carried out, testing and commissioning of the NGR trains continues. The access line at the western end of the Wulkuraka maintenance centre remains in operation and is facilitating all NGR train movements in and out of the centre to the network.

Safety is always our No. 1 priority. No train will ever operate on our network that does not meet our standards. I would like to be 100 per cent clear and reiterate that the train involved in the incident, the MU15, is not one of the NGR trains that has completed the testing regime or been accepted to date by the government. The Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland Rail and Bombardier continue to work together to ensure that NGR trains will enter passenger service without compromising safety as soon as possible and in time for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.