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Strathpine Railway Station, Upgrade

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (10.10 pm): Last week commuters in my electorate got the first look at the new Strathpine Railway Station. I, along with a team from Queensland Rail, released the designs of the multimillion dollar upgrade and made them available for people to view right there on the station platform. Following an extensive design process, it was so exciting for me to be able to take these concept designs straight to my community.

Not only will this station upgrade improve transport options for passengers on the Caboolture line, it will also support more than 250 jobs. This upgrade was announced in the first budget of the Palaszczuk government. Sharing the concept designs last week has now kicked off a consultation process that will listen to locals' thoughts on the new station.

This design is long overdue. Access between the platforms is via a rickety 1970s era walkway. I was talking to the ASM for Strathpine, 'Rocket' Rodney Cowles, out there last week. 'Rocket' Rod was telling me that people can actually see evidence of where the platform has been raised to allow for electrification of the Strathpine line. The design looks at the drop-off area, parking and the overall station experience. Currently, they do not match what commuters expect of a 21st century public transport system.

Everybody should be able to easily access safe public transport. That is why this upgrade will deliver lifts and a new kiss-and-ride zone ensuring wheelchair users, the elderly and parents with prams can get on a train at Strathpine station. The improvements will replace the relic of a footbridge with a modern access way between platforms, which will now also be raised in core zones. A facility upgrade and accessible toilets, extended waiting shelters and hearing aid loops will also be part of this upgrade.

The new station will be a hub for the revitalised Strathpine business district, with road upgrades, beautification and the new university campus key features of the strip upgrade that the community has long been calling for. As a community hub, safety at Strathpine station is paramount. I am pleased to note that the upgrade will also provide accessible parking and improved security features, such as better lighting and enclosed CCTV cameras.

Now that the concept is public, and following the community feedback process, it is onto the beginning of early construction works set to commence in November this year. We must next consider bus connectivity with the new campus and station. That is why I have launched my community transport survey. I encourage Pine Rivers residents to visit my website to take the survey and share their views.