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Lindum Level Crossing; Cross River Rail

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.09 pm): I rise today to discuss the Lindum level crossing. This crossing is a complex four-way intersection where local roads meet and cross three rail lines all at Lindum station. Since I was elected in 2015, I have been campaigning for an upgrade to the site, so I was thrilled that the Queensland and Australian governments agreed to a joint \$800,000 Lindum precinct study last year. This study is a strategic analysis considering the broader transport network and precinct. It includes traffic and pedestrian movements, accessibility, bus interchange and rail operations, active transport connections, park-and-ride facilities, and station upgrade and road network planning proposals. Public consultation was undertaken between November 2019 and February 2020. This study will map a way forward to ensure a safe and reliable transport system.

One of the outcomes of the study will hopefully be support for an upgrade of the existing Lindum station with lifts and a more accessible platform which will go a long way to resolving pedestrian safety concerns, as this is a key issue at the site, with sadly a pedestrian fatality occurring in February 2019. Lindum station park-and-ride also needs further expansion, and the Palaszczuk government has already committed \$5 million to support additional parking.

I have always been clear that I want a commonsense community outcome, not some political fix at Lindum station. I have asked the minister to ensure that the options developed will include a low-impact option, as there is much local concern that an overpass will lead to property resumptions and disruption to the local shopping village. I look forward to the options report and getting on with a solution for the precinct.

The Labor Palaszczuk government backs public transport, backs Lindum and backs jobs as we unite and recover from the current global economic challenges, with a record \$23 billion investment for roads and transport, supporting 21,500 jobs across our state. We are building the biggest infrastructure project in Queensland—the \$5.4 billion Cross River Rail, which is part of our economic recovery plan. This will take thousands of cars off local roads, slash travel times and deliver more trains for our community. It will also deliver jobs right now and is injecting \$4 million into our economy every day. Unfortunately, the LNP have been talking down Cross River Rail for years and they continue to do so with this game-changing project.

We need a route that benefits the greatest number of passengers, ensuring that baysiders have easy access to Cross River Rail. Labor backs jobs and we back commuters which is why we are delivering record transport investment, creating jobs and solutions that benefit all baysiders and all Queenslanders. I will always stand up for the bayside. I look forward to a common-sense community outcome for Lindum station.