




Speech By
Shane King

MEMBER FOR KURWONGBAH

Record of Proceedings, 13 September 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Burpengary Railway Station

 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (7.21 pm): I rise this evening to put on record our community's excitement about the accessibility upgrade underway at the Burpengary train station. I am a big fan of public transport, and since my election to the Queensland parliament we have: been instrumental in the delivery of the Peninsula rail line, including added platforms at Petrie station; delivered a new park-and-ride at Lawnton station; delivered accessibility upgrades at Dakabin station with my neighbour, the Deputy Premier, complete with two-storey car parking; and secured funding for more car parking at Narangba station. I am told that is in the detailed design phase right now. Now our government is delivering an accessibility upgrade at Burpengary train station, which is great news for our community. Queensland Rail has taken on board the lessons learned during the delivery of Dakabin station under commuter traffic, with the benefits experienced in closing some south side stations as well during project construction.

The biggest priority is commuter and workplace health and safety, and I am sure the noise at Burpengary station is already presenting some wellbeing challenges for station staff and passengers. The other priority is to minimise the overall construction time, getting our new station up and running as soon as possible. I note that right now there are people who are finding it too difficult or impossible to use Burpengary station because it does not have lifts. This includes people with mobility issues, disabilities, commuters with prams and those travelling with luggage. To achieve these outcomes, Queensland Rail will be closing Burpengary station from about the time school goes back in January until September 2024. I know this closure will inconvenience people, and I encourage local commuters to put forward your feedback to Queensland Rail by completing the online community survey or emailing stationsupgrade@qr.com.au. You can find the survey through a link on my website shaneking.net.au under the news tab.

There will be some parking available at Burpengary station during the closure period and shuttle buses to other stations. I will be working closely with Queensland Rail to make sure the full alternative transport plan has carefully considered the circumstances of all commuters, including whether they travel with scooters or bikes. I will also be meeting with local schools to make sure staff, students and families are informed and that they can in turn inform Queensland Rail's planning. I will continue to update the community as I receive information from Queensland Rail. I encourage locals to keep an eye on my Facebook page for those updates. I have launched a petition to get more parking at Burpengary station when the station re-opens. The petition is also available on my website. I want to thank the minister for hearing our case and for influencing the commuter behaviour of new residents in our rapidly growing city of Moreton Bay by providing more opportunities to leave the car at home or, in this case, leave the car at Burpengary station.