

Question on Notice
No. 137
Asked on 14 March 2023

Mr J Bleijie asked Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's recent \$7b 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games infrastructure announcement including a \$1.7b Gabba blowout—

Will the Premier advise (a) how much money and what projects will the state and federal government deliver in road and rail projects for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and (b) will that include the heavy passenger rail from Beerwah to Caloundra to Kawana to Maroochydore?

ANSWER:

The existing program of transport infrastructure works to manage future growth and support the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games is outlined in the \$29.7 billion *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26*. This program includes critical upgrades across Queensland, including the South East Queensland transport network. Further information about the program is available via www.tmr.qld.gov.au/qtrionline.

I am advised planning is underway for the proposed passenger rail corridor between Beerwah and Maroochydore to increase public transport opportunities for the growing Sunshine Coast community. A \$6 million planning study on a proposed Direct Sunshine Coast Rail line has been jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments. This planning is critical to identifying the full scope, cost and timing for any future project.

The Direct Sunshine Coast Rail line planning is critically enabled by the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade (stage 1). The \$550.8 million project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments. The project will increase track capacity, providing improved services for Queenslanders and support the growing Sunshine Coast region. It is relevant to note that this project would be further advanced if the previous LNP government had not cut more than \$1.65 billion in transport funding and progressed planning on this project.