

## Question on Notice

No. 198

Asked on 7 March 2024

**MR S MINNIKIN** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to reports that trains will be able to travel up to 140km/h on some sections of the proposed Sunshine Coast Direct Rail Line—

Will the Minister advise the sections and length of each section of track that the trains will be able to run at 140km/h?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

The proposed Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line project will deliver a new 37-kilometre passenger rail line linking key growth areas and tourist destinations of the Sunshine Coast to Moreton Bay, Brisbane, and beyond, via a single seat journey.

Stage 1 will see at least 19 kilometres of new rail constructed to Caloundra by 2032—over half the corridor. Stage 1 is also proposed to include corridor protection of the revised alignment to Maroochydore, and further investigations and market engagement for the section between Caloundra and Birtinya.

Approximately 83 per cent of Stage 1 between Beerwah and Caloundra stations has been designed to allow maximum speeds of greater than, or equal to, 140km/hr, based on current concept design. That is approximately 15.8 kilometres of track that can support trains operating at 140km/hr in Stage 1. These higher speed sections are in the Beerwah east area and where the line traverses between Aura and Caloundra stations, behind Pelican Waters.