

## Question on Notice

No. 1011

Asked on 07 June 2006

MS CLARK asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to the proposed Hamilton North Shore Development and as there has been some concern in relation to traffic—

Will he expand on the possible rail network into this area?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for her question-

It was my pleasure to release the Northshore Hamilton draft masterplan for public review on 15 May 2006. Northshore Hamilton could house up to 10 000 people in a mix of housing types from individual homes to high-rise apartments ranging from 10 to 20 storeys.

The draft masterplan envisages that it will be developed over the next 10 to 15 years on one of the last remaining areas of riverfront land close to the CBD. It will transform an industrial site into a vibrant community with great public access to the riverfront.

Transport for the site is a key consideration in the draft masterplan. It plans to include excellent access for pedestrians and cyclists, linkages into the TransLink bus network, additional Citycat ferry stops and a signature entry road for cars and service vehicles.

The draft masterplan recognises the current and growing levels of peak hour congestion on Kingsford Smith Drive. A transport alternative suggested in the masterplan is to route Citytrain services into the site from the Doomben railway line.

The northern part of the site already has a train line feeding into it for bulk fuel transport from the BP depot. This line crosses Kingsford Smith Drive at a set of signals and is currently used only a few times per week. The line connects into the northern rail system at Eagle Junction. There is potential for this line to go under Kingsford Smith Drive by way of a cutting.

My Department has commenced the investigation of the technical feasibility and need for a passenger rail service into Northshore Hamilton. It is supported in the *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2006-2026*. Any project that increases passenger usage on the Doomben line has the added advantage of justifying increases in services that would benefit constituents not only in the Honourable Member's electorate but also further along this line.

The investigation looks at various options for introducing rail services, their costs and likely impacts, and the demand and timing for rail commuter services that would be generated by the development.

If a rail link is warranted, Queensland Transport would then undertake a full impact assessment with the community.