

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1377**

**Asked on Tuesday 6 October 2009**

MR RICKUSS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (MS NOLAN) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister name and release any studies that have been done in the last five years into passenger rail on the interstate rail line between Beaudesert and Acacia Ridge?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Lockyer for the question.

A Technical Feasibility study was undertaken on the Interstate Rail Corridor in 2005 by the consultants engaged by the former Department of Transport. This study assessed the possibility of accommodating a passenger rail line within the existing Interstate Rail Corridor between Salisbury and Bromelton.

This Technical Feasibility report predates current planning in the area as identified in the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031*, *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2009-2026*, and the recently released Mt Lindesay Beaudesert Strategic Network Investigation report.

The findings of the Technical Feasibility report are however being taken into consideration in the current Salisbury-Beaudesert Rail Corridor Study. The report is expected to be released sometime early to mid 2010 as part of the Salisbury-Beaudesert Rail Corridor Study public consultation.