

Question on Notice

No. 1971

Asked on Wednesday 6 October 2010

MS O'NEILL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (MS NOLAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise details of the benefits of the recently announced Integrated and Regional Transport Plan for the constituents of the Kallangur Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Kallangur for the question.

The centrepiece of the draft *Connecting SEQ 2031: An Integrated Regional Transport Plan for South East Queensland (Connecting SEQ 2031)* is the 'rail revolution' that places rail as the backbone of our future transport system, benefiting everyone in South East Queensland, including people living north of Brisbane.

The draft *Connecting SEQ 2031* proposes high-frequency, fast, reliable and accessible rail services. It will deliver a system that is easy to use and understand, and provides a quality journey from the decision to use public transport through to arriving at the destination. This overhaul of the passenger rail system will, for many commuters, provide a better service than driving their car.

The catalyst for the transformation of the rail system is Cross River Rail, which will allow increased frequencies across the network, with higher capacity trains to access the Brisbane central business district (CBD), and change the way services operate across the entire network. This will mean more frequent trains, improved reliability and better connections between bus and rail services.

For the residents of the Kallangur electorate, it will mean upgrades to the Sunshine Coast rail line between Lawnton and Caboolture and a new Moreton Bay Rail Link from Petrie to Kippa-Ring. Petrie will be serviced by ExpressLink services, stopping all stations to Strathpine or Northgate and then running express into the Brisbane CBD. Residents will also be able to connect to UrbanLink services at Strathpine, which will be a high-frequency all stops service along the proposed North West Transport Corridor, and to CoastLink services to connect to the Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast.

Rail services will be complemented by UrbanLink bus corridors, a network of high-frequency bus routes using quality passenger facilities and vehicles. Active transport links will also be developed around North Lakes, focused within five kilometres of the centre to encourage shorter trips to be undertaken by active transport modes. A strategic active transport corridor is also proposed to connect Strathpine to Redcliffe via Petrie and North Lakes.