

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1523**

**Asked on Thursday, 1 September 2016**

**MR EMERSON** asked the Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to Brisbane City Council having approved the development of a private hospital in Taringa close to the train station—

Will the Minister advise when the Taringa station will be upgraded to enable ease of access for the disabled and mobility impaired?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Indooroopilly for the question.

As part of our commitment to improving accessibility at South East Queensland stations, Queensland Rail has commenced a \$212 million program to upgrade 14 stations over the coming four years.

With 146 stations and over 340 platforms in the South East Queensland network, the prioritisation of accessibility upgrades is determined by balancing a range of factors including patronage, nearby community facilities, existing level of accessibility (independent, assisted or limited), condition of the station and complexity of delivering an upgrade. This approach to prioritisation is continuously reviewed to ensure areas with the greatest need are accurately recognised.

Taringa station is currently classified as a 'Limited Access' station, due to the footbridge and subway having stair only access to and between platforms.

Due to this classification, and the other factors outlined above, an upgrade of Taringa station is being considered under Queensland Rail's Station Upgrade Program which will provide a primary path of travel through a station precinct.

Preliminary forward planning is currently being undertaken with a view to implementing the project within the five year planning horizon.