

Question on Notice

No. 1271

Asked on 23 August 2017

MR MADDEN asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (HON J TRAD) –

QUESTION:

Will the Deputy Premier update the House as to how Ipswich commuters will benefit from the construction of Cross River Rail?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Ipswich West for the question.

Cross River Rail (CRR) will unlock the inner-city rail network, triggering a transformation of South East Queensland's entire public transport system.

Commuters in Ipswich and across all of South East Queensland have said they want a turn-up-and-go rail network, with faster, and more frequent and reliable services, with less time spent waiting at rail stations. CRR is the key capacity building infrastructure that will make this possible.

Rail services will be able to depart Ipswich and Springfield stations up to every six minutes during the peak, with capacity for an additional 3,200 peak hour seats on the Ipswich and Springfield lines.

Even more so than now, Ipswich will become a genuine choice for companies looking to set up in the south-east and for people in Brisbane who are looking for affordable lifestyles.

More than a link for fast, frequent train services, Cross River Rail will also pave the way for extensions to the Ipswich and Springfield lines and address major growth over the longer term in the western corridor in areas like the Ripley Valley.