

Question on Notice

No. 898

Asked on 11 June 2019

MR J MADDEN ASKED DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS (HON J TRAD)—

QUESTION:

Will the Deputy Premier advise how Ipswich sports fans travelling to Brisbane will benefit from the construction of Cross River Rail and clarify the route that sports fans will be able to use travelling from Ipswich to the Woolloongabba Railway Station?

ANSWER:

I thank the member for Ipswich West for his question.

Cross River Rail means more trains, more often and turn-up-and-go transport for south east Queensland (SEQ) commuters.

For Ipswich residents, Cross River Rail enables trains every five minutes on average and an extra 1,800 seats during peak periods on both the Ipswich and Springfield lines.

Cross River Rail will not only create new train capacity for south east Queensland, it will deliver four new high-capacity underground train stations at Boggo Road, Woolloongabba, Albert Street, and Roma Street.

This means that Ipswich based fans heading to The Gabba will be able to transition seamlessly at Roma Street station, SEQ's biggest public transport interchange where 36,000 passengers are expected to transfer every day.

From Roma Street, Ipswich fans will be just minutes from arriving at The Gabba's first ever dedicated train station – a brand new, high capacity underground station directly opposite the Stadium.

The precinct around the new Woolloongabba station will also include a station-to-stadium connection over Main Street, and a stadium forecourt, providing better connectivity and easier access to the Stadium on game days.

Cross River Rail is also backing Queensland jobs, supporting an average of 1,500 jobs each year and up to 3,000 jobs in the most intensive year of the construction.

This includes opportunities for hundreds of apprentices and trainees to launch the careers of aspiring builders, electricians, welders, and specialist trades.