

Question on Notice

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Asked on Tuesday 18 February 2020

MR J MADDEN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise as to the benefits of Cross River Rail to members of the public who use the Ipswich and Rosewood rail lines, particularly those who use these rail lines during peak hour?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ipswich West for the question.

South East Queensland's population is forecast to grow from 3.5 million today to 4.9 million in 2036. Driven by population and employment growth in the region, demand for passenger rail services is forecast to almost triple by 2036. This means getting people to and from key centres will be of critical importance.

Cross River Rail will deliver enormous benefits for customers and will modernise Queensland Rail's operations. It will change the face of South East Queensland for generations to come, with customers able to access a world class public transport network.

Cross River Rail will create new train capacity for South East Queensland, by removing its single inner-city river crossing and allowing more trains to run more often across the whole region, including the Ipswich and Rosewood lines.

Cross River Rail will deliver four new underground stations at Boggo Road, Woolloongabba, Albert Street and Roma Street—providing access by rail for the first time to The Gabba stadium and year-round access to the RNA Showground precinct. This will deliver improved connectivity for customers right across the South East to these key centres.

Cross River Rail is a critical public transport infrastructure project which will improve South East Queensland's quality of life, help the economy keep growing, generate thousands of jobs and activate urban development across the whole region.