

Question on Notice

No. 306

Asked on 29 March 2023

DR A MACMAHON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to accessibility upgrades to the Buranda Train Station—

Will the Minister advise (a) if ramp access from Logan Rd will be retained, allowing easy access to Narbethong State School, Buranda Housing Service Centre and the Woolloongabba Community Health Centre and (b) if the department is considering a pedestrian overpass over Logan Road, connecting the walkway from Narbethong State School on Salisbury Street, directly to the station?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for South Brisbane for the question.

- (a) As part of its commitment to deliver public transport services for all Queenslanders, the Queensland Government is investing more than \$500 million to upgrade stations to improve accessibility across the South East Queensland network. These upgrades will make it easier and safer for many customers to access the public transport system.

Buranda station is one step closer to improved accessibility for customers, with new designs released in February 2023 as part of this investment. The new station designs were informed by community consultation and refined through discussions with disability sector representatives to ensure Buranda station is easy to use and can be accessed by everyone in the community.

The modern design includes a new pedestrian footbridge with lift access, full-length raised platforms, extended platform shelters, an upgraded hearing augmentation loop and tactile platform surfaces. The upgrade also includes new security cameras, lighting, wayfinding and platform signage around the core zone to make the station accessible for all.

Queensland Rail has no plans to remove the current access ramp to Platform 2 from Logan Road—as part of the upgrade of Buranda station—as it is located on land owned by a third party, that is subject to a development application being assessed by Brisbane City Council. However, ramp access to Platform 1 will be removed as a part of the upgrade due to non-compliance with disability standards. Customers will be able to access the station precinct via lifts and stairs that will be located on the Arne Street and Gillingham Street sides of Buranda station.

- (b) The Department of Transport and Main Roads advises both Logan Road and Salisbury Street are council-controlled roads and is not aware of any current plans for a pedestrian overpass over Logan Road, between Narbethong State School and Buranda rail station.