

Question on Notice

No. 927

Asked on 27 August 2025

MS W BOURNE ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON B MICKELBERG)—

QUESTION:

With reference to recent correspondence received from the Minister on 26 June 2025, stating that if a detailed proposal was developed and feasible for the Railway Workshops, formal consultation would occur with employees—

Will the Minister advise (a) why were employees at the Railway Workshops shown a detailed drawing of a proposal, (b) why would a developer draw up plans for this piece of land and (c) has the Minister or the department had discussions surrounding this piece of land in regard to development?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

I reiterate my previous advice to the Member provided in June that the Ipswich Workshops will continue to serve as the base for the restoration, maintenance, and operation of Queensland Rail's heritage fleet, and will remain the location for the existing workforce (currently, approximately 20 people). Employment security for these employees has also been guaranteed.

Queensland Rail regularly engages with its workforce on forward planning and has, of course, discussed potential considerations for this site with those staff who work at this location.

Discussions with staff have included the possible expansion of operations for the heritage fleet, as well as potentially using land at the Ipswich Workshops site that may be surplus to operational needs for affordable housing in the future.

However, I reiterate that the Crisafulli Government has not made any decision about the future use of the unused areas at the Ipswich Workshops. In the future, if a detailed, feasible proposal is developed, formal consultation would occur with employees in accordance with Enterprise Agreements obligations.