

Question on Notice

No. 960

Asked on Wednesday, 27 August 2025

MR S KNUTH ASKED MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON A POWELL)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's Destination 2045 campaign claims to deliver a bold, 20-year vision to make Queensland a must-visit destination for domestic and international travellers, with one of the key features aligning with these objectives to provide Signature Rail Experiences—

Will the Minister include the iconic Savannahlander rail journey from Cairns into the Gulf Savannah region as a must-see Signature Rail Experience in the Destination 2045 plan, noting it was recently featured among the World's Top 24 Greatest Railway Experiences in a 2025 list published by The Sydney Morning Herald?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Crisafulli Government's *Destination 2045: Delivering Queensland's Tourism Future* is an ambitious 20-year plan to position Queensland as a global tourism leader.

One of the key pillars of the plan is 'Connectivity' which is focused on bringing more visitors to Queensland by connecting the regions to the world. To meet visitors and travellers' needs, getting around Queensland must be simple, safe and enjoyable and providing a seamless travel experience involving air, road, rail and sea travel is important for a positive visitor experience.

The section of *Destination 2045* I believe the Member is referring to is page 26, which states that that a measure of success in 2045 is "Additional signature rail tourism experiences". This means that an aim of the plan is to grow the number of iconic rail journeys Queensland has to offer, allowing us to showcase more of our great state to the world.

The Crisafulli Government will continue to investigate opportunities to enhance rail tourism experiences.