

FACT SHEET:

# FASTER RAIL IN QLD



With populations set to surge in South East Queensland, rail services in the state need to evolve from a focus on leisure travel to meet increasing demand from commuters. There is strong support for faster rail connections in SE Queensland to cut travel times and support urban renewal.

## SUPPORTING A GROWING FOCUS ON INTRA-REGIONAL TRAVEL

Road upgrades have led to car travel times being significantly better than rail travel in the region. Faster rail connections will require whole of network investment to overcome speed limitations resulting from the state's narrow gauge system and alignment. This focus would not only address these issues, but improve the passenger experience through more reliable and frequent services.

### Estimated Fast Rail travel times vs car/coach



## SUPPORT FOR FASTER RAIL

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) has been a strong advocate for fast rail in South East Queensland, releasing its ConnectedSEQ campaign in 2020. The council recognises the significant economic benefits fast rail connections would provide along the corridor to drive increased access to employment, education, services and housing.

All major parties committed to exploring fast rail in South East Queensland in the lead up to the 2021 State Election.

Fast rail will be key to our economic recovery, creating thousands of jobs, injecting billions into the economy and giving the private sector a strong signal that Queensland is open for business.

**Council of Mayors (SEQ) Chair and Brisbane Lord Mayor, Cr Adrian Schrinner**