



SEQ Stabling Program - Woombye

Woombye rail stabling facility community update

The Department of Transport and Main Roads, in partnership with Queensland Rail, is delivering the South-East Queensland (SEQ) Rail Stabling Program. The program will deliver purpose-built, modern train stabling facilities across the rail network to support a significant increase in passenger trains and services.

By providing additional train stabling locations closer to the end of each line, Queensland's rail network will operate more efficiently, improving services and reducing costs.

What is a stabling facility?

A stabling facility is a place where trains are parked when they are not in operation. Trains return to the facility at the end of each service and are parked on the site throughout the night (or when they are not in use). Trains parked on the site are cleaned and prepared for the next day's service. This might include minor maintenance activities, removing waste, decanting (emptying toilets) and routine inspections.

What does a typical stabling site look like?

A typical stabling facility is a fenced, open-air site with train track, connections to the main line, overhead power supply, signaling and communication systems, CCTV and lighting.

Additional infrastructure and buildings are required to support stabling operations. This includes crew facilities comprising offices and staff amenities (toilet and shower facilities), staff carparks, roads and walkways.

Benefits of rail stabling

Each morning, trains leave an inner city stabling yard and travel out to the extremities of the network to begin morning services. Trains travel empty on the network, costing money and using up valuable track space. Well-located stabling facilities:

- Increase reliability
- Reduce network operating costs
- Improve network capacity
- Allow an increase to train services.

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Where are trains stabled now?

Most trains are held at the inner-city Mayne stabling yard located at Bowen Hills. The Mayne stabling facility is supported by smaller outer network depots at Caboolture, Ipswich, Redbank, Robina, Nambour, Petrie, Manly, Gympie North and Beenleigh.

Where will the Woombye stabling facility be located?

The Woombye stabling facility will be located alongside the existing rail corridor:



What are the number and length of trains planned for the Woombye facility?

The facility will be designed and delivered to accommodate four six-car trains. The site may expand to accommodate a total of eight trains in the future. The current scope of works includes accommodation for four trains.

Is Woombye confirmed as a location for a new stabling facility?

Yes. Woombye is one of four sites identified as part of this stabling program. An additional site is being developed at Kippa Ring, as part of the Moreton Bay Rail Link (MBRL) project.



Were other sites considered instead of Woombye?

Yes. Many potential rail stabling sites were investigated to assess suitability for rail stabling facilities. The four sites selected performed best on a number of criteria, such as site conditions, constructability, technical feasibility, potential community impacts, cost and operational benefits.

Is locating and operating a train stabling facility incompatible with Woombye's character?

Woombye has a long association with rail, with services running from and through Woombye since the 1890s. There will be some additional night-time train activity associated with the operations of the stabling facility however; the train line is already frequently used at night by intra-state passenger services and freight trains.

Will the train stabling facility erode the local character and rural landscape?

No heavy maintenance activities are planned to be conducted on the site. The facility will have a small crew building and carpark.

The site will be located adjacent to existing rail infrastructure and is not expected to impact on the area's local character.

The nearest residence is more than 150 metres away and the majority of Woombye residents will be unable to see the facility.

What are the planned operating activities and hours of the Woombye facility?

North Coast Line trains will be parked and internally cleaned at the Woombye train stabling facility at the end of service. The schedule and routine of use of the Woombye facility will depend on operational requirements, including:

- When they complete their final evening services
- When and where trains are needed the next morning.

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- How the existing Nambour train stabling facility is used
- Future train timetabling requirements and changes.

When the operational schedule for the Woombye train stabling facility has been completed, this will be shared with the community. Detailed information on the operational schedule will become available when the stabling facility is complete in October 2016.

What does the next phase of the project involve?

Queensland Rail is responsible for the design, construction and future operation of the new stabling facilities. This next phase of the project includes calling tenders for detailed design before proceeding to construction. Appointment of a construction contractor is scheduled in April 2015.

Specific construction timeframes for each site will be confirmed in mid-2015 following the appointment of a construction contractor.

When will the detailed site designs be available?

A construction contractor will be appointed in April 2015. The contractor will confirm specific construction timeframes in mid-2015.

When is construction expected to commence?

Construction is expected to commence in 2015, and we anticipate the facility to be operational by October 2016.

Where can I find out more information?

If you have a specific question that has not been addressed in this factsheet, have a question for clarification or would like to register for more information, please feel free to contact a member of the Project Team:

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