

Roma Street to Corinda Signal Renewal – commissioning works

Track closure 22-30 December 2018

To help future-proof Queensland Rail's network, we are investing \$56 million to upgrade ageing train signals on the Ipswich/Springfield line, between Roma Street and Corinda stations, as well as other infrastructure near Milton station. This new technology will enhance safety, increase the reliability of the Ipswich and Springfield lines and significantly decrease the time required for maintenance.

Queensland Rail will commission this new signalling technology during a **track closure, between Roma Street and Darra stations, from 2am Saturday 22 until 4am Saturday 30 December**. The track closure will expand to include Bowen Hills and Albion to Darra and Park Road on Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26 and Saturday 29 December (see over the page for more information).

Due to the complexity of the signal upgrade and for safety, our teams require uninterrupted access to the corridor and these works can only be carried out when there are no trains operating. To minimise customer impact, our teams will work through the Christmas holiday period when patronage is traditionally lower.

To minimise the impact to customers, timetabled bus services will replace trains through the impacted areas every 10 minutes or better during the morning and afternoon peaks and every 20 minutes or better during the off-peak.

Special Christmas and New Year timetables will also be in place on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, so we encourage our customers to plan ahead and visit www.translink.com.au prior to their travel. The regular timetable will apply to all other days throughout the Christmas school holidays.

We have taken a range of steps to inform our customers and potentially affected businesses to enable them to plan ahead.

To assist you in your organisation's planning, our community and stakeholder team is available to discuss this track closure and answer any questions you may have. Frequently asked questions (FAQs) about this project are also provided over the page.

Should you require more information or wish to arrange a meeting to discuss the works in greater detail, please contact our team on free call **1800 722 203** or email communityengagement@qr.com.au

We thank our customers travelling over the Christmas period for their understanding during the commissioning of this important new signalling infrastructure. We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your cooperation while we work to upgrade the network.

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What is the project?

We are investing \$56 million to upgrade ageing train signals between Roma Street and Corinda stations and install new track crossovers near Milton station.

The project includes the replacement of 8.5 kilometres of optical fibre cabling from Milton to Graceville, 22 new signalling portals which have bi-directional capability, as well as 59 new and upgraded signalling trackside control huts and associated equipment.

The installation of new signalling technology between Roma Street and Corinda stations will increase the reliability of the Ipswich and Springfield lines, while also significantly decreasing the time required on future maintenance.

Installation of bi-directional signals will allow trains to run in either direction on the line, providing us greater capacity into the future, and improved ability to recover if there is a disruption on the line. Two new track crossovers will also be commissioned near Milton station, which will provide greater operational flexibility, especially during special events.

Why are buses replacing trains from Roma Street to Darra from 22-30 December?

Commissioning of the new signalling system on the Ipswich/Springfield line between Roma Street and Darra stations will take place during a track closure from 2am Saturday 22 until 4am Sunday 30 December. The track closure will be expanded from Bowen Hills to Albion, Park Road and Darra stations from first train Tuesday 25 December until last train Wednesday 26 December and on Saturday 29 December to complete the final commissioning and testing activities.

Commissioning has been carefully timed to ensure the least impact to customers possible, scheduled when patronage is traditionally lower.

You may notice work teams (eg. electricians) in the rail corridor working at signal cabinets and testing infrastructure. Test trains will also operate on the line. Some localised works (eg. removal of overhead line infrastructure) will also be carried out between Chelmer and Graceville stations from Saturday 22 to Monday 24 December (day works only).

How will I travel during the track closure?

To minimise the impact to customers, timetabled bus services will replace trains through the impacted areas every 10 minutes during the morning and afternoon peaks and every 20 minutes during the off-peak. Travel on these services will be free during this time.

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To plan your journey, call TransLink on **13 12 30** or visit translink.com.au