



Australian Government

BUILDING AUSTRALIA

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

BUDGET 2024-25

Queensland



Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line

Commitment

At the 2024-25 Budget the Australia Government committed an additional **\$1.15 billion** towards the Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line to deliver Stage 1 of the project. This brings the Australian Government's commitment towards the project to **\$2.75 billion**.

Infrastructure Australia (IA) is currently evaluating the business case for Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line Stage 1. Release of this additional Australian Government funding is contingent on the Queensland Government satisfying any concerns outlined in IA's business case evaluation.

Total Commitment: \$5.5 billion

Queensland Government Commitment: \$2.75 billion

Project Scope

Stage 1 of the project will deliver a new 19 km dual track rail line from Beerwah to Caloundra and associated infrastructure including two new stations at Nirimba and Caloundra and an upgrade of the existing Beerwah station. Stage 1 will also undertake planning, design and market engagement to confirm delivery costs and timeframes to deliver the project to Birtinya and protect the revised alignment from Beerwah to Maroochydore.

Timeline

Stage 1 of the project is expected to commence construction in 2026 and be completed by 2032 with pre-delivery activities now underway.

Project Objectives

- Delivery of a new rail line connecting the Sunshine Coast to the Queensland rail network, enabling a single-seat journey from key growth areas of the Sunshine Coast to Moreton Bay, Brisbane and beyond.
- Providing an alternative to car travel for local and regional trips and encouraging a modal shift to sustainable rail transport.
- Improving social equity by connecting people without private vehicles to places of employment, education, healthcare and other services.
- Unlocking new affordable and diverse housing developments in key growth areas.

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