

Toowoomba to Gladstone Inland Rail Extension Business Case

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), in collaboration with the Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA), has commenced the **Toowoomba to Gladstone Inland Rail Extension Business Case** (the study). The study will investigate the need and potential benefits of a new inland rail connection from Toowoomba to the Port of Gladstone.

The Australian Government has committed \$10 million to deliver this planning with an in-kind contribution from the Queensland Government.

Key facts



There is currently no direct inland rail link between Toowoomba and Gladstone.



The project study area is considering a corridor that extends approximately 650 kilometres through the Darling Downs and Central Queensland region between Toowoomba (Gowrie/Wellcamp) and the Port of Gladstone – refer to map overleaf.



Any future connection to Gladstone would be in addition to the commitment to take Inland Rail to Brisbane.

Benefits

- Extending Inland Rail from Toowoomba to the Port of Gladstone would enhance the national rail freight network, delivering better rail connectivity and expand access to import and export markets for Australian business and industry.
- The potential Inland Rail link will provide better accessibility in regional Queensland for its industries, businesses and freight providers.



operational mines



agricultural
producers



other existing and
emerging resources

- Connecting the Port of Gladstone to Inland Rail would bypass congested road and rail networks in South East Queensland.
- Aims to improve road safety, congestion and environmental outcomes by decreasing the number of heavy vehicle movements on the road.

Current project status

The project is in the early scoping phase to assess the need, consider options and determine feasibility of a rail connection from Toowoomba to the Port of Gladstone. The business case is expected to be completed in **2023**.

Next steps

If the findings of the study determine the project demonstrates viability:

- a Detailed Business Case will be developed to further explore the preferred option/s identified in the early investigations
- wider engagement as well as community consultation will be undertaken to seek feedback and input to the development of the preferred design.

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Legend

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| Existing Rail | Indicative Study Corridor | Coal Mine | Port |
| Proposed Inland Rail | Surat Basin Coal resources area | Proposed Coal Mine | Intermodal site |
| Proposed Surat Basin Rail Project | National Park/ State Forest | Hydrogen plant | Agriculture area |
| | | Water supply project | |

