

Landsborough to Nambour

Rail Corridor Study

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Mooloolah - the alternatives

The study focus area for the Landsborough to Nambour Rail Corridor Study shows two alternative areas where it would be possible to locate the preferred route through the Mooloolah area. Either option will provide public transport services at least as good as those you have now.

This fact sheet has been prepared to help explain some of the issues that will be considered by the study team during the route identification process.

The western alternative

Location

- close, but not within, the existing rail corridor
- raised through Mooloolah to allow for Mooloolah Connection Road to pass under the rail line (grade separation).

Benefits

- replacement of the open level crossing on Mooloolah Connection Road with a rail overpass
- improved safety
- reduced traffic congestion
- reduced delays
- Mooloolah Station could remain in the same general location
- generally similar route to the existing rail line.

Considerations

- property impacts associated with a new rail line close to the existing rail line through Mooloolah
- management of visual amenity and noise issues related to raising the height of the rail line through the centre of Mooloolah
- changes to the town character
- cannot use the existing rail corridor, as the current rail line must remain operational during construction of the new rail line
- new line would be likely to be at a different height, meaning construction could be complex and difficult.

The eastern alternative

Location

- a new route for the rail line, between 400 and 700 metres east of the current rail line and station.

Benefits

- moves the rail line out of the centre of Mooloolah, avoiding the need to cross Mooloolah Connection Road in the town centre
- provides greater opportunity to grade separate local roads and the rail corridor using overpasses or underpasses
- moves the rail line away from the centre of the township, reconnecting the eastern and western sides of Mooloolah
- provides the opportunity to create additional Park'n'Ride facilities at a new Mooloolah Station
- falls within the urban footprint (area designated for urban development) in the South East Queensland Regional Plan therefore placing it in an area that could experience growth into the future.

Considerations

- property impacts related to locating a new rail corridor
- future land use patterns and development objectives of Caloundra City Council, and the Office of Urban Management
- implications for passengers using Mooloolah Station,
- visual amenity and noise issues related to a new alignment away from the centre of Mooloolah
- changes to the town character.

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About the study

The Landsborough to Nambour Rail Corridor Study is an early phase of the Landsborough to Nambour Rail Project.

The Landsborough to Nambour Rail Project will include construction of a double-track railway along a predominantly new route, with room for extra tracks if required. The project will improve the efficiency, service frequency, operating speeds and reliability of trains, and cater for the increasing demand for rail services in the corridor caused by population and freight transport growth.

The study is a significant, long-term planning project that will allow for a greater level of certainty around the future development and land use of the areas surrounding the North Coast Line. By identifying and acquiring the corridor now, Queensland Transport is providing for the future needs of both rail users and the communities that surround the corridor.

The study focus area

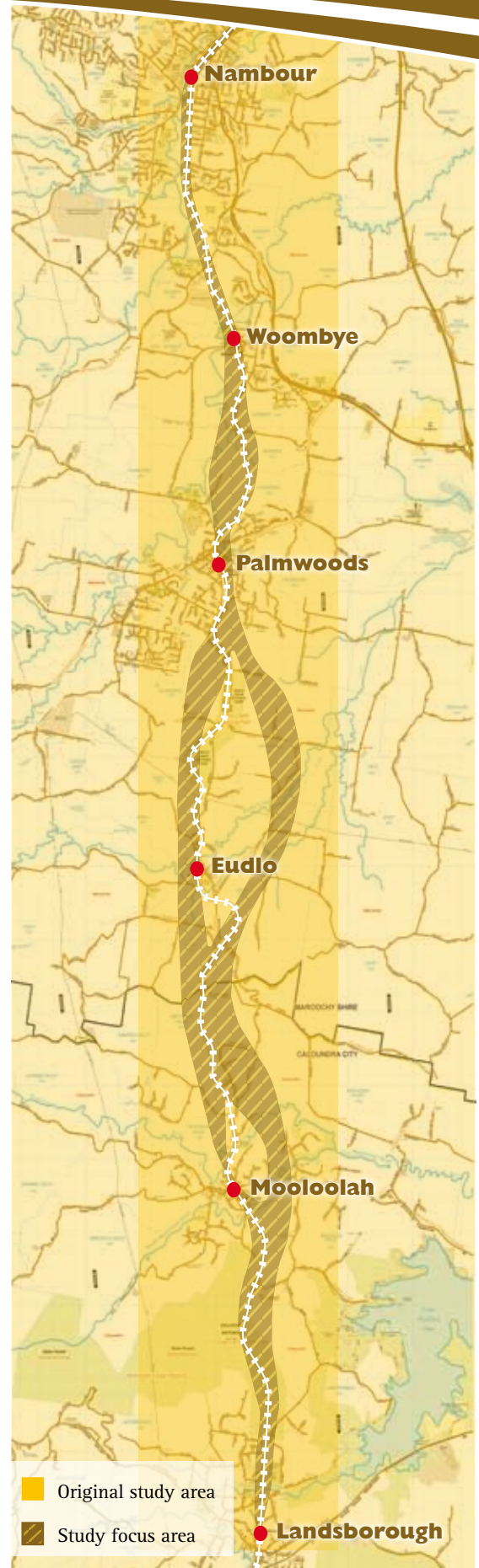
The study focus area is a refinement of the original study area made using information gathered from the community and other technical, social and environmental studies.

The study focus area shows a number of areas where it would be possible to locate a suitable route for the upgrade of the Landsborough to Nambour section of the North Coast Line.

The study focus area will be investigated in detail in the coming months to determine a preferred route for the rail project. Queensland Transport is aiming to announce the preferred route in early 2008.

The community also has the opportunity to comment on the study focus area to provide Queensland Transport with additional information that may assist in determining the preferred route for the Landsborough to Nambour section of the North Coast Line.

The preferred corridor will be the subject of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), with the rail line currently programmed to be operational by 2020.



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