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New morning peak hour rail services for busy Ipswich line

Two new weekday services on the busy Ipswich to Brisbane rail line starting in two weeks time will provide capacity for an extra 7,500 commuters each week.

The Queensland Government is serious about tackling traffic congestion by investing in public transport and that is why, through TransLink and QR, they are introducing these two new six-carriage services to the Ipswich line.

Julie Attwood, Member for Mount Ommaney, Jo-Ann Miller, Member for Bundamba, Rachel Nolan, Member for Ipswich, Annastacia Palaszczuk, Member for Inala and Wayne Wendt, Member for Ipswich West today welcomed new morning peak hour services that will provide an extra 900 seats and room for 600 standing passengers each weekday.

A new service will depart Ipswich station at 5:55am, stopping at all stations, and arriving at Central station at 6:55am.

To further alleviate pressure on morning services on the Ipswich line, another new service will leave Corinda station at 7:49am, stopping at all stations, and reaching Central station at 8:11am.

Ipswich commuters will also be pleased to hear another service currently departing Darra at 7:51am will be extended to now leave from Ipswich at 7:24am, stopping all stations, before reaching Central at 8.21am.

The introduction of the new services demonstrates that the Queensland Government is listening to passengers' feedback and will further address growing passenger demand.

These new services came after a new morning peak hour service from Darra to Ipswich was introduced on January 12 this year in addition to the early-bird train services introduced on both the Ipswich and Caboolture lines in mid-October last year, which have proven very popular.

The Queensland Government is also investing millions of dollars in new trains to deliver extra rail services - a total of 102 three-carriage trains are scheduled to be rolled out by 2016 to boost the total urban rail fleet by 70 per cent.

Public transport patronage across the TransLink network had soared almost 40 per cent in the past four years and the Queensland Government are working hard to boost public

transport services through extra trains and buses, along with major improvements to infrastructure amid this unprecedented growth.

Commuters should familiarise themselves with the rail service enhancements and other minor timetable adjustments due to come into effect on February 23.

For further information about public transport services, please visit www.translink.com.au or call 13 12 30, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.