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Historic Sadliers Crossing rail bridge opens ahead of schedule

Transport Minister and Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today announced that train services would resume between Rosewood and Ipswich from Wednesday - almost seven weeks earlier than schedule - thanks to repainting work being completed early on Sadliers Crossing bridge.

"Good weather and the re-allocation of maintenance staff to fast track this project has allowed QR to halve the time needed to repaint the heritage-listed bridge," Ms Nolan said.

"From the very start, I asked QR to fast track the work on this bridge to ensure that that disruption on the busy Ipswich line would be minimal - I'm pleased that QR has been able to do this and it will be the Ipswich commuters that will benefit."

Ms Nolan said the iconic Sadliers Crossing bridge, one of the oldest still in use in Queensland, had been closed for repainting from September 28.

"The repainting of this bridge required a labour-intensive effort during which the bridge had to be wrapped to ensure no lead-based paint escaped," Ms Nolan said.

"This meant closing one of the bridge's two lines, which disrupted rail services for the past month or so.

"Off-peak services between Rosewood and Ipswich were replaced by buses to allow lead-based paint on the century-old bridge to be removed and repainted," Ms Nolan said.

"To minimise the disruption for passengers, a second crew was reallocated to the Sadliers Crossing bridge job to speed it up and I am very happy to see that it has been completed far earlier than expected."

Ms Nolan said residents would also benefit from the new pedestrian walkway that was installed while the bridge was being painted.

The 539 (Rosewood - Helidon) railbus will revert to its normal timetable from Monday November 9.

QR have advised that there will be track work on the Ipswich and Rosewood lines between Rosewood and Corinda from first service this Saturday (November 7) until last service on Sunday (November 8). Buses will replace all train services between Rosewood and Corinda and passengers can expect delays of up to 30 minutes. Normal train services will run from Corinda to Brisbane city.