

BAUHINIA RIGHT ON TRACK

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Construction of the Bauhinia Regional Rail Project in Central Queensland, the longest rail line to be built in the State since the mid 1980s, has reached the half-way point. According to Acting Group General Manager, Network Access Mike Carter, QR is on schedule to deliver the project by November as planned.

“Track laying commenced in early March, which is a major milestone for the project,” Mike said.

“Work trains have started track laying operations from the northern end of the line and will work progressively south.

“We’re certainly very happy with construction to date and the commitment by Abigroup which ensured the foundation was completed for tracklaying to commence.

“About 90 percent of the major earthworks have been completed, and the remainder is on target to be finished by May 2005,” Mike said. “Clearing of land and topsoil stripping has been completed. More than 80 percent of the drainage structures (culverts) have also been completed.”

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Above and below: Track laying machine in operation at the northern end near Kinrola.



View from beneath the girders on a rail bridge



Sleeper delivery train at the back of the track laying machine

BEWARE - TRAINS ON TRACK

BRRP Abigroup Project Director, Mr Jim Barry, has asked that local residents and drivers be careful when driving near the new tracks.

“Safety of the local community, our neighbours and our workers is our number one priority,” Mr Barry said.

“At the moment, we are using a track laying machine approximately 10 kilometres south of Kinrola, and we will make our way south to Rolleston over the next five months,” he said.



New track looking north to Kinrola junction

“Within the next month, we will be impacting on level crossings in the north and between now and June level crossings will be installed at Humboldt and Comet-Rolleston Roads.

“During construction, trains carrying construction materials will be using the track.

“When the line opens later this year, an average of two to three coal trains a day will be using the track.

“Local residents are advised to take added caution and obey signals located at the level crossings.”

For further information about track laying, please contact Chris Artym on 0428182971.

PRESERVING THE PAST: DEVELOPING THE FUTURE

QR has recognised the important role of the traditional owners, in allowing this major railway to be built.

In consultation with the traditional owners, a cultural heritage management plan has been developed to ensure that important aspects of the local indigenous community’s heritage are preserved and maintained.

As well, the project team has employed and is providing training to members of the local traditional owners.

The Bauhinia Regional Rail Project covers the lands of a number of traditional owners in Central Queensland.

These traditional owners include the Ghungalu, the Kangoulu, the Garingbal and Kara Kara, and the Bidjara Peoples.

What is *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage*?

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage means any significant place or significant object that is or has been part of or connected with the cultural life of the traditional owners.

All site personnel on this project undertake an induction course which includes a culturally appropriate Aboriginal Cultural Awareness component.

Cultural heritage surveys have been undertaken and a Cultural Heritage Management Plan has been developed.

Provision has also been made for the accidental discovery of objects of cultural heritage significance.



Earthworks cutting through the Central Queensland landscape