

Queensland Rail's 2024–25 capital expenditure claim

12 February 2026

On 1 July 2025, Queensland Rail's 2025 access undertaking (AU3) came into effect. This provided for Queensland Rail to develop and submit its 2024-25 capital expenditure report in accordance with the requirements of the previous access undertaking (AU2), under the transitional provisions.¹

Schedule E of AU2 requires us to assess the prudence of Queensland Rail's reported capital expenditure in the West Moreton system to determine whether it should be included in the regulatory asset base. We focus on the scope, standard of works, and cost of the relevant capital expenditure projects.

In assessing whether capital expenditure is prudent, we may consult with relevant stakeholders. We may also take advice from independent advisors (using appropriate benchmarks and experience). At this time, we consider it may not be necessary for us to seek further engineering advice on the claim given the nature of the projects, particularly as the costs of such advice would ultimately be borne by customers. However, if stakeholders consider there are aspects of the claim where independent expert review might be beneficial, they should include this view in their submission.

Depending on our assessment and the nature of submissions, we may proceed directly to a final decision.²

¹ AU3, cl 6.5.

² Subject to cl 2.1(c)(i) of sch E of AU2.

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Project number	Project name	Claim (\$, excl IDC ^a)
B.05577	Greasers Replacement/Upgrades	1,083,617
B.05602	Telecom Nera and Rectifier replacement	1,185,201
B.05649	Bridge Renewal West Moreton 20/21-24/25	2,280,626
B.05650	Reconditioning West Moreton 20/21-22/23	15,397,518
B.05651	West Moreton Rerail Kingsthorpe to Oakey	3,565,927
B.05655	Level Crossing Upgrades West Moreton	871,792
B.06156	WM Formation Strengthening WN to KP	9,484,891
B.06159	Sleepers with gauge issue & Range rerail	1,136,902
B.05085	Pedestrian Crossing Upgrades (Regional)	631,129
	Ballast Undercutting	1,000,086
Total		36,637,687

a Interest during construction

Submissions

Closing date for submissions: 27 February 2026

Public involvement is an important element of our decision-making processes. Therefore, we invite submissions from interested parties. We will take account of all submissions received within the stated timeframes. Submissions, comments or inquiries regarding this paper should be directed to:

Queensland Competition Authority

GPO Box 2257, Brisbane QLD 4001

Tel 07 3222 0555

www.qca.org.au/submissions/

Confidentiality

In the interests of transparency, and to promote informed consultation, we intend to make all submissions publicly available. However, if a person making a submission believes that information in it is confidential, they should claim confidentiality over the relevant information (and state the basis for that claim). We will assess confidentiality claims in accordance with the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*. Among other things, we will assess if disclosure of the relevant information is likely to damage a person's commercial activities, and we will consider the public interest.

Claims for confidentiality should be clearly noted on the front page of a submission, and relevant sections of the submission marked as confidential. The submission should also be provided in both redacted and unredacted versions. In the redacted version, all information claimed as confidential should be removed or hidden. In the unredacted version, all information should be exposed and visible. These measures will make it easier for us to make the remainder of the document publicly available. A confidentiality claim template is available at www.qca.org.au/submission-policy/

The template gives guidance on the type of information that may help us to assess a confidentiality claim. We encourage stakeholders to use this template when making confidentiality claims.

Public access to submissions

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