

### New Generation Rollingstock (NGR) Project – March 2013 update

A modern, purpose-built maintenance centre for Queensland's new generation train fleet will be based at Wulkuraka in Ipswich.

The site at 1 Ada Street Wulkuraka was chosen after an assessment of 34 potential sites within the greater Brisbane area. Civil, operational and environmental assessments were conducted to determine the suitability of each site.

Ipswich City Council granted preliminary development approval for the Wulkuraka site in 2011. Further studies and impact assessments are now being undertaken to support the lodgement of a final development application later in the year.

The NGR Project will provide long-term job creation in the region, with local employment opportunities during the construction and operation of the maintenance centre at Wulkuraka. Up to 200 people will be employed at the maintenance centre during the 30 year operating period.

The maintenance centre will be purpose-built to service the new electric passenger trains only. The centre will not be servicing diesel or electric locomotives and wagons. It will be designed to fit in with the environment and any impacts will be minimised.

More information about the design and activities of the centre will be known as the procurement phase progresses and once a contractor has been appointed. The local community will be kept informed about the project as it progresses.

### Project status

The project is in a final competitive process with two bidders. A contract is expected to be awarded around late 2013 with delivery of the new trains commencing approximately two years after contract award.

### Project background

The NGR Project will see a significant increase to the train fleet to meet growing demand for rail services in south east Queensland. It is Queensland's largest single investment in trains and demonstrates the government's commitment to public transport in south east Queensland.

The project involves:

- purchasing 75, six-car train sets to cater for south east Queensland's growing public transport patronage and replace an aging train fleet. The final fleet number will be determined through further negotiations with the bidders
- maintaining these trains for approximately 30 years
- construction and maintenance of a modern, purpose-built maintenance centre at 1 Ada Street, Wulkuraka, for approximately 30 years.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is delivering the project in partnership with Projects Queensland. Queensland Rail is providing valuable technical input as well as ensuring the new trains will integrate with the existing rail network.

For enquiries about the project, please email [ngr@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:ngr@tmr.qld.gov.au). Further updates on the project will be available at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/ngr](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/ngr).