

Goonyella Rail Expansion

PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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ABOUT QR NATIONAL

QR National is the largest rail freight company in Australia and the world's largest rail transporter of coal from mine to port for export markets. Formerly owned by the Queensland Government, QR National became a publicly listed company in November 2010. The company is committed to leading change and delivering world-class performance with courage and integrity, whilst always keeping safety as our core value.

QR National's Network division is a diverse rail infrastructure business serving train operators and supply chains and offering design, construction, maintenance and management services on the rail network.

QR National Network works closely with industry partners to improve coal supply chain capability and performance and meet the growing demand for Queensland coal.

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INITIAL EXPANSION PROJECTS

QR National Network is investing \$185 million in the initial stage of the Goonyella Rail Expansion Project, which will support an 11-million-tonne-per-annum (mtpa) increase in coal haulage capacity on the Goonyella System in Central Queensland.

The 924km Goonyella System is the single largest export coal rail network in the country and a crucial link in the coal supply chain from the Bowen Basin to the Port of Hay Point.

The first element of the project to commence construction is the \$82 million Track Duplication south of Hay Point. The new six-kilometre track will run parallel to the existing main line south of Hay Point, delivering greater capacity and operational flexibility on the Goonyella System once it is operational at the end of 2013.

A new feeder station at Wotonga and Track Sectioning Cabins (TCSs) at Carborough Downs and Grosvenor will also be needed to support the additional haulage capacity on the network.

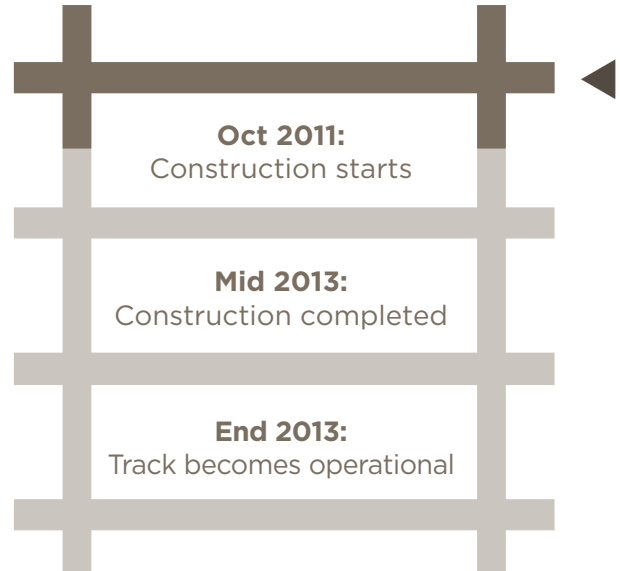
As further expansions occur at the ports, QR National Network will assess options for upgrading and expanding rail infrastructure on the Goonyella System across the Mackay and Isaac regions to meet the strong export demand for Queensland coal.

TRACK DUPLICATION PROJECT

Construction works will get underway in October for QR National Network's six-kilometre Track Duplication Project, south of Hay Point.

The new track will run parallel to the existing main line, south of Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal and Hay Point Coal Terminal balloon loops, and will extend to approximately 1.5 km from the Grasstree Beach Road overpass.

QR National Network has contracted BMD to deliver the construction work on the new track, which is targeted to be operational by the end of 2013. This will align with the expansion activities at the port of Hay Point due to come on-line in early 2014.



OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

Safety is our core value, and protecting our people, our customers, our communities and our business is central to everything we do.

Ensuring the safety of the communities in which we work is integral to this safety vision. A Road Access Assessment has been developed for the Track Duplication Project in consultation with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and Mackay Regional Council.

This report has identified a slight increase in traffic movements of 4% on existing traffic loads. This traffic increase will be experienced in the first nine months of the two-year construction period.

A traffic management plan will be developed to ensure there is minimal impact from the construction traffic to the roads and landowners. Most of the construction traffic for the Track Duplication Project will travel from the Bruce Highway onto Hay Point Road, moving along Grasstree Road, then onto Grasstree Beach Road before reaching the construction site.

TRACK DUPLICATION CONSTRUCTION LOCATION MAP





OUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

QR National is committed to supporting the local community and is proud to be able to demonstrate this support by sponsoring these initiatives and events:

- **Alligator Creek Community Christmas Fair**
Friday, 21 October 2011 from 5:00pm-10:00pm

QR National is a major events sponsor at this fantastic evening of family entertainment that includes rides, stalls, performances and great food.

- **Sarina Beaches Community Bus Scheme**
Helping to provide reliable, twice-weekly public transport for the community particularly the elderly, pensioners and children.

- **Sarina Coal to Coast Festival**
Saturday, 10 September 2011
QR National sponsored the first aid tent as the silver sponsor at this unique Sarina community event.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

More than 70 residents from Sarina and Hay Point attended a QR National Community Information Session on Saturday, 16 July 2011 to discuss the initial upgrades on the Goonyella Rail System.

The three-hour community event, held at the Alligator Creek State School, focused on the Track Duplication Project, south of Hay Point, which will begin construction in October.

Seven members of the QR National Network project team were on hand to meet residents and answer questions about the project.

Thank you to everyone that gave up their time to attend this event. Special thanks must go to the Alligator Creek State School Parents' and Citizens' Association for putting on a fantastic sausage sizzle and a delicious array of sweets for attendees.



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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

QR National is committed to keeping the community informed about the Goonyella Rail Expansion Project. These newsletters are your quarterly update about the project's progress and what's happening in your community.

Of course, project information can be obtained at any time!

A 24-hour Community Information Line - **1800 033 881** - has been established to provide community members with information and feedback mechanisms for the Goonyella Rail Expansion Project and associated construction works. You can also contact us by emailing your enquiry to goonyellaexpansion@qrnational.com.au

QR National Network has also improved access to its project information online, with the creation of a new URL for the Goonyella Rail Expansion Projects - www.qrnational.com.au/goonyella

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