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Media Release – Time to get rail serious for Collinsville

The due date for a State Government commitment for a community-requested rail deviation at Collinsville has arrived according to Member for Burdekin Dale Last.

While the announcement that Bravus Resources had struck coal last year was welcome news, Mr Last said it now meant the Minister was out of excuses for ignoring plans for a rail deviation around Collinsville.

“This is something the Collinsville community has called for and as I understand it, have previously been told by government that they did not meet the threshold. I would expect that, given Bravus Resources are now mining coal, this agreed threshold has not only been met but well and truly exceeded,” Mr Last said.

Mr Last said following the announcement Bravus Resources had struck coal in June, he wrote to the Transport Minister seeking information on what planning had been undertaken for the rail deviation project.

“In August I wrote to the Transport Minister asking what planning has been done, not only for the rail deviation around Collinsville but planning for an additional three rail overpasses on the road to Collinsville, and we are still waiting for a response,” Mr Last said.

Mr Last said he had received information that there were expectations of trains passing through Collinsville every 17 minutes.

“Residents living nearby this rail line have put up with noise and dust as well as diesel fumes consistently for years with hopes that once that threshold was reached, they would at least see some plans being put into action for a rail deviation” Mr Last said.

“Now with an expectation that this threshold for a rail deviation should have at least been met, this community has every right to ask for a serious commitment for the project from this state government.”



“The buck stops with the Transport Minister when it comes to ensuring that our rail networks are up to an acceptable standard, not just for the rail users but for communities like Collinsville who have to bear the brunt of the noise and dust that is caused.”

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