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## **Media Release – Budget off the rails in Rocky**

An election commitment to buy back the site of Rockhampton's once bustling rail manufacturing industry has gone 'off the rails' after the state budget according to Shadow Minister for Rural and Regional Affairs, Dale Last MP.

Mr Last said the budget did not contain 'one single cent' for the purchase of the site and that he feared for the 500 jobs the government promised.

"The Premier promised to buy the site prior to the last state election and said that negotiations were underway," Mr Last said. "There is absolutely no mention of the purchase in the budget handed down last Tuesday so the people of Rockhampton are being kept in the dark yet again."

"This is a site that the Bligh Labor government sold off and all we have heard recently from the local Labor MP's is the need for businesses to register their interest. That doesn't create 1 job, let alone the 500 jobs that were promised."

"You've got a Labor Senator who was up to his eyeballs in the sale of the land, a Labor state government promising jobs and local Labor MP's who are more concerned about Maryborough than Rocky."

Mr Last said that people and small businesses in Rockhampton deserved to know the truth and that they were sick of 'empty promises'.

"On the day the budget was handed down the Transport Minister referred to the election commitment but in the budget itself there was nothing," he said. "There have been several references to the Rocky site playing a part in the building of trains in Maryborough but, without money, it is only words."

"It's all well and good to talk about Rocky's proud rail history but history actually shows that it is Labor who sold off the site. From what we have seen since the election, you'd be forgiven for thinking the election promise was nothing but a stunt."

"Expecting businesses to commit to a site that you've previously sold off and you failed to commit any funding to is something that only Labor could do."



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