

**MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Question No: 387

Mr Garth Hamilton MP asked the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, in writing, on 27 November 2023:

In respect of the Inland Rail (Border-Gowrie) project section:

- 1 Does the Government intend on progressing civil and construction works; if so, when will civil and construction works commence.
- 2 When will the Government end the uncertainty for residents and businesses, and recommence work to acquire land and negotiate with landholders.
- 3 Is the Minister and/or the department aware of any liability as a result of the delays caused by the Independent Review of Inland Rail (Schott review).

Ms King - The answer to the honourable Member's question is as follows:

In line with the outcomes of the independent review of Inland Rail (Review), the delivery of Inland Rail sections north of Narromine, including Border to Gowrie (B2G), will be determined once there is greater certainty of the environmental approvals to provide further cost and schedule certainty.

Inland Rail Pty Ltd (IRPL) continues to work with the Queensland Government to progress environmental and planning approvals and to secure the land required for the project corridor. IRPL will also continue to engage with stakeholders, including local councils, businesses and landowners as these activities progress.

The Review has not caused delays in relation to the development works or gaining environmental approvals on G2K.