



RAIL RECOVERY TASKFORCE UPDATE

Mount Isa line recovery

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WORKS PROGRESS

- Queensland Rail is pleased to confirm the Mount Isa line **expected to reopen on Monday, 29 April.**
- Final repair works are now underway between Nonda and Quarrels.
- Final works to occur across the next week will include ballast train drops and resurfacing between Nonda and Quarrels, as well as final inspections and test trains.
- At Nelia, the rail line has been rebuilt on a deviated route to allow trains to pass through the area from 29 April while remediation works continue.
- With a reopening date of 29 April now confirmed, Queensland Rail will work closely with its freight partners regarding the resumption of services.
- Temporary transport facilities at Richmond and Hughenden will continue to be available until the line fully re-opens.



NELIA ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

- Queensland Rail is continuing to work closely with Pacific National, Glencore and the Department of Environment and Science (DES) to respond to the environmental requirements associated with the inundation of a Pacific National train by unprecedented flood waters at Nelia.
- The parties have collectively engaged the services of an independent environmental specialist and a comprehensive monitoring program has been developed. Two rounds of soil and water sampling have been completed to date to assist in identifying the extent of any contamination impact.
- Sampling has predominantly focussed on the immediate train incident site, Nelia township and zones of interest to the north and downstream of the incident site.
- Sample results received to date show, as expected, that contamination is present in areas within the rail corridor, mainly in the ballast, and predominantly isolated to a finite area immediately downstream (north) of the incident site, with higher concentrations closer to the train. Clean up works within the rail corridor have commenced.
- A remediation action plan is also under development which will guide remediation works where required.
- Queensland Rail, Pacific National and Glencore continue to engage with local landholders as monitoring and remediation works progress.