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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3979-23, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 13 February 2024 about a request for the renaming of Cross River Rail Albert Street station to Meanjin station.

The Miles Government is delivering its eighth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row. The *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2023–24 to 2026–27*, which outlines \$32.1 billion in investment over the next four years, which is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. A total of \$6.3 billion is committed to the construction of Cross River Rail.

Once operational in 2026, Cross River Rail will transform the way people travel across the whole of South East Queensland. With new stations in convenient locations, such as Albert Street, and the capacity to increase train services as population grows, public transport will become a more viable option, helping to ease congestion on Queensland roads.

The project provides a second river crossing for the rail network. Not only does this enable increased frequency of trains across the whole of South East Queensland, a second rail path through the CBD will reduce congestion, increase network reliability and improve rail as a customer experience.

Construction is currently underway on Albert Street station, the first CBD train station built in more than 120 years. When Albert Street station becomes operational in 2026, it will become the main pedestrian feeder point for Queensland University of Technology's Gardens Point campus, the parliamentary precinct, the new Queen's Wharf development, an upgraded Eagle Street business district and the City Botanic Gardens. It will also provide easy access to Elizabeth Street and Queen Street Mall.

The project is being delivered by the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority and the Department of Transport and Main Roads with support from Queensland Rail, and all organisations are committed to acknowledging and honouring the cultural heritage of the land on which the project is being built in ways that are not only respectful, but also innovative, immersive, and personal.

The naming of public transport infrastructure needs to consider network legibility objectives and, as much as possible, help orient customers on the Translink network to the locality in a consistent and practical way, taking into consideration factors such as wayfinding and community belonging.

The Miles Government will continue to consider all such factors, including the facts given by petitioners, when finalising the names of the new stations to respond to community expectations, ensure network legibility, and provide a strong sense of identity.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bart Mellish', written over a light grey rectangular background.

BART MELLISH MP
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