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Govt fast-tracks rail trail as part of \$66 mil in capital works to rebuild Qld's economy

Works for the Capricorn Coast Rail Trail will start in coming weeks and essential structural works on Yeppoon's heritage rail station building are nearing completion, the Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga said today.

She said State Development Minister Kate Jones has announced the Palaszczuk Government will fast-track eight key projects to create thousands of jobs and leverage more than \$330 million in private sector investment in Queensland.

"I'm pleased these Yeppoon developments are among the \$66 million in capital works announced as part of Queensland Economic Recovery Plan to rebuild Queensland's economy."

Ms Jones said, "We're fast-tracking these projects to get shovels in the ground and workers in jobs at a time Queenslanders need it most.

"Construction is an important part of Queensland's economic recovery strategy.

"Because we're managing the health response, we've already started delivering Queensland's plan for economic strategy and this is one step in this plan.

"Fast-tracking infrastructure is a major driver for our economic recovery and these projects will lay the ground-work for more than \$330 million in private investment over the next two years.

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“That means more than 975 construction jobs will be created over the next 12 months and more than 1680 jobs will be created in the long-term.”

“All of these projects will play a critical role in the state’s economic recovery, creating long-term jobs and diversifying and strengthening our economy.

“We want to see cranes in the air and boots on the ground to provide certainty for the construction industry and help move the state further along on the path towards economic recovery.”

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