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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to create the foundation for a world-class, sustainable and resilient public transport system. Delivery of the Cross River Rail project (the Project) will provide a legacy that improves quality of life, grows economic opportunity and activates urban precincts in a sustainable manner.

2. Scope

This policy applies to the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority, the Cross River Rail Project and associated project delivery partners.

3. Policy

We commit to ensuring the design, construction and operation of the Project:

- Connects communities by providing linkages to new and existing employment, education, recreation and community facilities;
- Delivers resilient and adaptive infrastructure that is responsive to long-term environmental, climate, social, technological, and economic changes;
- Conserves, and where possible enhances, heritage values, biodiversity and natural environments impacted by the Project;
- Minimise its environmental footprint by reducing natural resource use (materials, water and energy), greenhouse gas emissions and waste, where possible;
- Promotes safety, comfort and wider social and environmental benefits in the design of the stations, trains and public spaces contributing to safe, vibrant and liveable communities;
- Shares the benefits and costs of infrastructure development in a fair, transparent and equitable way considering diverse stakeholders' views;
- Is responsive to cultural, local and regional heritage and contributes to sense of place, local character, accessibility and amenity;
- Implements restorative actions that reverse general trends of deterioration in social and environmental values and which contribute to net positive outcomes and legacies;
- Contributes to economic development, diversity and growth through creative alliances, procurement, and partnerships;
- Incorporates workforce development initiatives to create a legacy of skills and experience for the next generation of infrastructure projects in Queensland;

- Provides supply chain and procurement initiatives to support suppliers who can deliver value for money as well as social and environmental benefits, in keeping with the Queensland Procurement Policy 2018;
- Encourages new thinking and ideas which have an impact on sustainability for the Project and future infrastructure projects in Queensland; and
- Attains an Infrastructure Sustainability program rating for the Project.

4.Accountabilities

Project delivery partners will be accountable for meeting environmental and social responsibilities by demonstrating leadership, establishing measurable targets and reporting performance. This policy will be reviewed and updated at least annually by the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority.

5.References and other related materials

Legislation

Cross River Rail Delivery Authority Act 2016

Whole-of-government policies

Queensland Procurement Policy 2018

Other related forms and material

Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia, IS Technical Manual Version 1.2