

# Media Release



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## RAIL LINE EXTENSION TO BUTLER AND BRIGHTON APPLAUDED

“UDIA welcomes the state government’s announcement that the extension of the northern rail line to Butler and Brighton will go ahead,” UDIA CEO Debra Goostrey said.

“The planned extension of the northern rail line to Butler and Brighton is essential for the future development of the northern corridor,” Ms Goostrey said. “It is also the next step toward a further rail extension all the way to Alkimos, where development is expected to begin soon.”

“For a number of years developers in Brighton/ Butler were of the understanding that the rail line would be extended to provide fast and efficient access to the CBD,” Ms Goostrey said.

“Those developers had subsequently planned for higher density living options around the future rail stations and these plans were in jeopardy if the rail extension was scrapped,” Ms Goostrey said.

“A diversity of housing choices, such as townhouses, cottage lots or even apartment living close to the new rail stations will give people more options when purchasing a home,” Ms Goostrey said.

“People who may not necessarily be able to afford a house on a larger lot may choose a more affordable option such as a town house or cottage lot near a rail station.”

“The extension of the rail line will ensure continued affordability and sustainability in the far northern suburbs,” Ms Goostrey said.

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