

Robina rail works going as planned

THE story 'Rail link on shaky ground' (*GCB*, November 27) is misinformed and misrepresents what is actually happening with the Robina to Varsity Lakes Rail Extension project.

Work started on removing the landfill in August 2007, and will continue for around 11 months. All work is being carried out in accordance with plans approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The timeframe to remove the landfill has always been factored into the construction program and the project is currently on schedule for completion by 2010.

A range of other work is being undertaken simultaneously with the landfill removal, including construction of Investigator Drive and Robina Parkway overbridges, earthworks at Megans Knoll, blasting for the cut and cover tunnel under Easthill Drive and drainage works.

This is all preparatory work for the start of track laying in late 2008.

The Robina to Varsity Lakes Rail Extension is a significant project that will ensure public transport keeps pace with the population growth in the Gold Coast region.

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