



# **Brisbane Airport Rail Link (Airtrain) Buy Back Amendment Bill 2026**





Queensland

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# **A Bill**

for

**An Act to amend the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994* for particular purposes**

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**The Parliament of Queensland enacts—** 1

**Clause 1      Short title** 2  
This Act may be cited as the *Brisbane Airport Rail Link* 3  
*(Airtrain) Buy Back Amendment Act 2026.* 4

**Clause 2      Act amended** 5  
This Act amends the *Transport Operations (Passenger* 6  
*Transport) Act 1994.* 7

**Clause 3      Insertion of new ch 7A** 8  
After chapter 7— 9  
*insert—* 10

**Chapter 7A Brisbane Airport Rail** 11  
**Link buy back** 12

**92 Definition for chapter** 13  
In this chapter— 14  
*Brisbane Airport Rail Link* means the railway 15  
known as the Brisbane Airport Rail Link, linking 16  
Brisbane Airport with the railway network 17  
operated by a rail government entity. 18

**93 Implementing Brisbane Airport Rail Link buy** 19  
**back** 20  
(1) The Minister must, within 3 months after the 21  
relevant date, introduce a Bill in the Legislative 22  
Assembly that achieves the objectives mentioned 23  
in sections 94 and 95. 24  
(2) In this section— 25

*relevant date* means the date of assent of the  
*Brisbane Airport Rail Link (Airtrain) Buy Back*  
*Amendment Act 2026.*

**94 Objective—termination of Brisbane Airport  
 Rail Link Deed**

(1) The Brisbane Airport Rail Link Deed is to be  
 terminated.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1)—

(a) compensation payable to USS Axle, in  
 relation to the termination of the Brisbane  
 Airport Rail Link Deed, is not to exceed the  
 amount that is the more recent of the  
 following—

(i) the 2026 service concession intangible  
 asset stated in note 13 of the document  
 called ‘USS Axle Pty Limited ABN: 63  
 161 716 543 Notes to the consolidated  
 financial statements for the year ended  
 31 March 2026’;

(ii) an equivalent asset, however described,  
 stated in an equivalent document for a  
 later financial year; and

(b) any rights or obligations accrued by any  
 party to the Brisbane Airport Rail Link  
 Deed end on termination of the deed.

(3) In this section—

*Brisbane Airport Rail Link Deed* means the deed,  
 as amended from time to time, mentioned in the  
 document called ‘Joint Release with Joan Sheldon  
 MLA, Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister  
 for The Arts and Vaughan Johnson MLA,  
 Minister for Transport and Main Roads’,  
 published on 21 April 1998.

*USS Axle* means USS Axle Pty Limited ACN 161  
 716 543.

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| <b>95 Objective—transfer operation of Brisbane Airport Rail Link to Queensland Rail Transit Authority</b>                                                                                              | 1  |
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| (1) The Queensland Rail Transit Authority is to operate the Brisbane Airport Rail Link.                                                                                                                | 4  |
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| (2) Without limiting subsection (1), in any integrated mass transit service contract for the Brisbane Airport Rail Link, a fare charged for use of the Brisbane Airport Rail Link must not exceed 50c. | 6  |
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| (3) In this section—                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10 |
| <i>Queensland Rail Transit Authority</i> means the Queensland Rail Transit Authority established under the <i>Queensland Rail Transit Authority Act 2013</i> , section 6.                              | 11 |
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| <b>Clause 4 Amendment of sch 3 (Dictionary)</b>   | 15 |
| Schedule 3—                                       | 16 |
| <i>insert—</i>                                    | 17 |
| <i>Brisbane Airport Rail Link</i> see section 92. | 18 |