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CLOCK TICKING FOR CROSS RIVER RAIL JOBS BONANZA

Queensland Major Contractors Association President Iain Ward has welcomed Annastacia Palaszczuk's confident claim of a 'jobs bonanza' during construction of the Cross River Rail.

However, he has warned that unless funding for the total project is secured soon, competitive market pricing will be eroded and companies will be forced to pay more to lure resources back from the southern states.

"There is no better time to build this much needed infrastructure in Queensland" said Mr Ward. "The Queensland construction market is very competitive, with infrastructure projects currently being delivered under budget, and our industry has the capacity to deliver much more. But the boom underway in New South Wales and Victoria will see resources continuing to move south in search of work and that would be disastrous for the Cross River Rail project and the other key infrastructure projects"

Mr Ward has called on the Queensland State Government to take advantage of the current competitive pricing and start using the current underspend of recent projects to bring forward the construction of key infrastructure projects.

"If the Government provides a clear five-year vision of the future pipeline of funded work, industry will invest, local jobs will be secured and we can deliver excellent outcomes under budget for this great state."

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