

Rail service blasted

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■ Commuters demanding more trains

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RAIL users are bonding online to air grievances and organise action groups to tackle local issues.

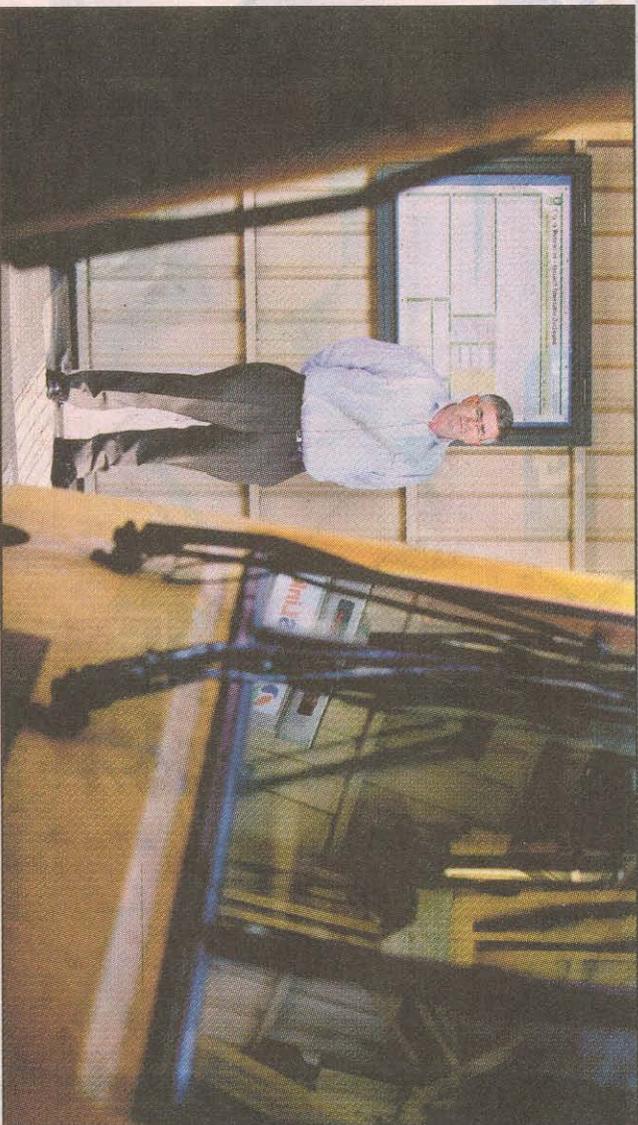
A web-based community support group RAIL Back on Track is proposing an imaginative revamp of the Translink train timetable between Ipswich and Rosewood. Online contributors claim the trains running from Ipswich to Rosewood during peak hours do not service patrons effectively.

Trains leave Ipswich station for Rosewood at 3.13pm, 3.41pm and then not until 4.38pm and 5.49pm.

RAIL Back on Track website administrator Robert Dow said the service was just not efficient for people who worked or studied in Ipswich.

"During the day the trains run every hour and that is fine," Mr Dow said.

"But there is a big gap for



RIDE ON TIME: RAIL Back on Track website administrator Robert Dow would like to see an increase in the number of train services on the Ipswich/Rosewood line.

those finishing work at 4.30 or 5pm who have to wait until 5.49pm for the next train."

Mr Dow said the group hoped a timetable change would increase commuters using the train services and get them off the roads, and also ease other train services.

Councillor David Pahlke said the service to Rosewood was

second rate and required better co-ordination to Ipswich.

"I really think the timetable and lack of infrastructure are dictating the amount of patrons using the line," Cr Pahlke said.

Member for West Ipswich Wayne Wendt said while he believed the patronage to be quite low on this train service, he supported the request for trains

to run more frequently during peak hours. Concerned rail users can contact Cr Pahlke on 0419 705 376, email davidp@gil.com.au or see what others are saying at www.backontrack.org

■ Tell us about your experience with the Ipswich to Rosewood train service.

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