**The Money Train, Light Rail Investigations near $12 million.**

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On Friday October 9, the Sunshine Coast Daily ran a great article on the Light Rail project. Entitled "The Money Train, Light Rail Investigations near $12 million", the article highlights exactly how much money has been spent on this project since 2011. Written by Scott Sawyer, the article states:

*"Almost $12 million has been spent or committed to light rail and mass transit investigations since 2011, as work continues on an options analysis for the estimated $2 billion project."*

The article quotes Cr Natoli:

*"Division 4 Councillor Joe Natoli expressed some concern with the level of spending to-date on the mass transit project, fearing federal support for a heavy rail (fast rail) business case would leave the light rail project "dead in the water".*

*"He questioned where the remainder of the 200,000 more people estimated to move to the region would be accommodated, if not along the mass transit corridor, and voiced his concern that the extra public consultation may prove to be a "public snow job propaganda campaign".*

The article also includes details of the latest press release by Mtag

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*"The Mass Transit Action Group this week called on council to reveal the "real number" of people being planned for the corridor. The group claimed based on numbers in the PwC report released in January 2020, the urban corridor could have up to three times more people per hectare than the Gold Coast light rail corridor, by 2041.*

*David Wilson, who prepared the data for the group, said the interim report had shown a clear intention to put the majority of the region's infill target in the urban corridor."*

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