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UQ's School of Economics discusses sale of Queensland Rail

Some of Queensland's most prominent economists will join the Chief Executive of Queensland Investment Corporation to discuss the contentious sale of Queensland Rail at an event in July.

Queensland Rail is one of the commercial assets the State Government is planning to sell in order to reduce public debt. The sale can have important ramifications for Queensland's economy and would see a significant change in the ownership of Australia's transport infrastructure.

On July 7, 2010, Professor Flavio Menezes, Head of the UQ School of Economics, will host a panel discussion at UQ's Customs House, 399 Queen Street Brisbane from 11am to 2.30pm (inclusive of lunch) to explore this sale.

Members of the panel will be:

Dr Doug McTaggart, Chief Executive of Queensland Investment Corporation, will present the case for the sale of Queensland Rail.

Professor John Quiggin, Professor at UQ's School of Economics and Australian Research Council Federation Fellow, will present the case against selling Queensland Rail.

Professor Flavio Menezes, Head of UQ School of Economics, will introduce some of the challenges involved in selling Queensland Rail.

For additional information on this event and details on how to register please visit The School of Economics website: www.uq.edu.au/economics or contact Louise West, at louise.west@uq.edu.au or telephone (07) 3365 4482