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Two state-of-the-art bioethanol-fuelled buses will soon hit the ground in Mackay as part of a 12-month trial run by TransLink and the Department of State Development .

Piloted by TransLink delivery partner Mackay Transit Coaches from December 2021, the Scania-owned buses will run on bioethanol fuel produced from locally-grown sugarcane in Mackay.

Bioethanol fuel is more environmentally-friendly than traditional diesel fuel used on many buses, with Scania research indicating that their bioethanol buses can reduce carbon emissions by up to 90 per cent.

Construction of the two buses began last month at BusTech on the Gold Coast, with the upcoming trial the latest example of the State Government's commitment to a greener bus future.

Every new bus in South East Queensland will be zero emission from 2025, with regional implementation to begin between 2025 and 2030.

The two new buses, which will run on fuel produced by Wilmar Bioethanol Australia's refinery in Sarina, will operate across the entire Mackay bus network.

The 12-month trial is being funded by Scania and the Queensland Government.



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