

# Railway Goods Sheds (Queensland)

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Monto Yard  
2003

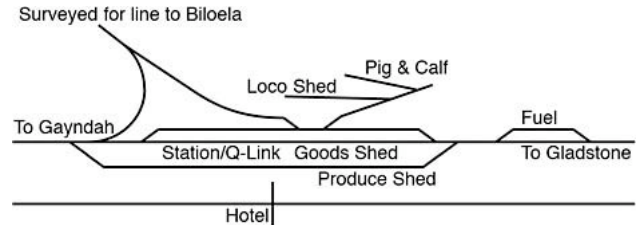
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## Monto: A QR Branch Line Goods yard in 2003

Goods sheds haven't totally disappeared from the QR scene. The yard at Monto, for example, still has a functioning goods shed, albeit most of the freight goes via Q-Link or special handling and some of the QR-built buildings are likely leased to local businesses.

The photographs were all taken in 2003, the site plan shows some lines (eg Loco Shed, Pig & Calf) that no longer exist.



### Monto Town

Monto yard as it existed some years ago when the town was a major QR centre with loco shed and crew accommodation. A survey for a line to Biloelia was done but the line was never built. Drawing not to scale.



Weighbridge (left), Monto station (centre) and Q-Link freight (road transport) terminal (right). Lynn Zelmer photo.



Standard large goods shed (above and on following page). Note the bulk product handling facilities, general clutter and the modern metal shed (far end). Lynn Zelmer photos.





Privately owned produce shed, Monto (above and left). At one time fertiliser was stored in the closest third, then baled hay, with general produce on far end. Lynn Zelmer photos.

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Ex-Pig and Calf Yard, now part of the timber yard (above and below). The pole storage yard (below) is to the right and beyond the building above. Lynn Zelmer photos.

