

# NATIONAL RAIL INDUSTRY PLAN FOR THE BENEFIT OF AUSTRALIA



Australia's population is increasing at a rate of 370,000 people every year. By 2060, both Sydney and Melbourne will have added approximately 3 million people to their population. This is roughly equivalent to adding the population of Brisbane and Adelaide to both of these cities.

This will mean:

- Private motor vehicles will grow from around 14.8 million today to around 28 million by 2050
- Freight will grow by about 88% in kilometres travelled by 2050 and increase in vehicle stock of some 2.5 million trucks and light commercial vehicles.

There is a growing need for a coordinated approach between Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments to ensure that we implement the right solutions to decrease the congestion in our cities and on our roads.

Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments are investing billions into rail, but we need to ensure that we are getting the best value for money.

RAIL MUST BE AT THE CENTRE OF RESOLVING  
AUSTRALIA'S TRANSPORT NEEDS



We Need a National Rail Industry Plan for the Benefit of Australia to:

1. Recognise the importance of rail for infrastructure development, urban planning and freight movements
2. Harmonise standards minimise regulations and maximise economies of scale
3. Grow capabilities of individuals and companies
4. Maximise opportunities for rail companies to grow jobs
5. Foster innovation, research and development.

Every Australian Government must embrace the plan and work with industry on implementation.



You are able to download the National Rail Industry Plan for the Benefit of Australia at [www.ara.net.au/national-rail-plan-benefit-australia](http://www.ara.net.au/national-rail-plan-benefit-australia).

# HIGHLIGHTS

## What is the value of rail to Australia?



\$26 billion in GDP

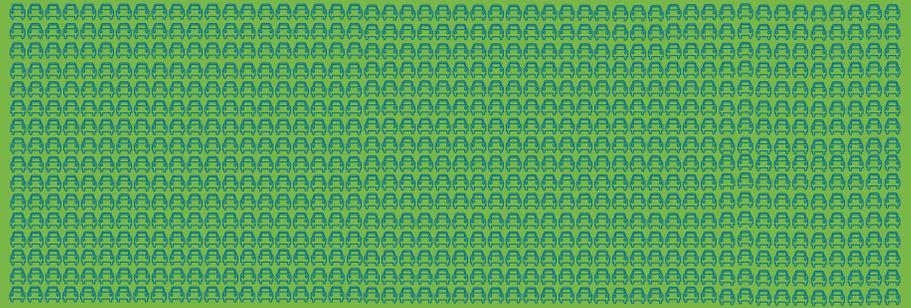


Over 140,000 workers and growing

1 peak hour Sydney train can get 800 cars off the road



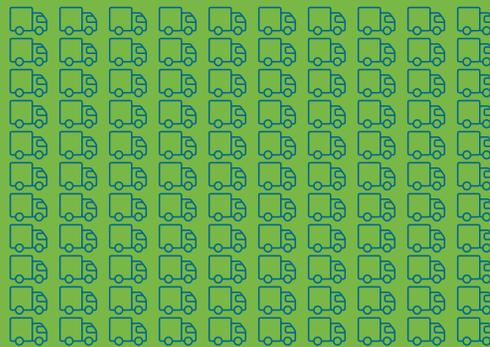
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1 freight train can get 110 trucks off the road



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## More benefits can be achieved through rail



Carbon emissions are 40% higher on road than rail each kilometre travelled



Road travel causes 8 times more accident costs per kilometre travelled



Every road journey replaced by rail can reduce time spent waiting in traffic by up to 27 minutes



Road freight produces 14 times more accident costs per kilometre than rail freight



Road freight produces 16 times as much carbon pollution as rail freight per tonne kilometre.