

FACT SHEET:

FASTER RAIL IN NSW



Highways travelling to and from Sydney are already reaching capacity – and further traffic gridlock is looming as metropolitan and regional populations grow. There is a significant opportunity for faster rail to provide a step change in capacity, making centres like Newcastle and Wollongong just a 1-2 hour train journey from Sydney.

TRAVEL TIMES ON KEY ROUTES

The NSW Government is developing a fast rail strategy to examine potential routes along four key corridors. Fast rail services would make rail journeys competitive with road travel times and make it easier for people living in the regions to commute to and from work in the CBD.

Estimated Fast Rail travel times vs car/coach



IMPROVING TRACK CONDITIONS MUST BEGIN NOW

NSW's rugged terrain means some rail lines that are not designed for speed. Track improvements will be needed to deliver faster rail services.

In some cases, improvements to the existing network will deliver significant improvements to travel times and reliability. New alignments may be required in some places to achieve faster speeds.

POTENTIAL FAST RAIL ROUTES

Southern Inland Corridor

- Goulburn
- Canberra

Southern Coastal Corridor

- Wollongong
- Nowra

Northern Corridor

- Central Coast
- Newcastle
- Taree
- Port Macquarie

Central West

- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange/
Parkes