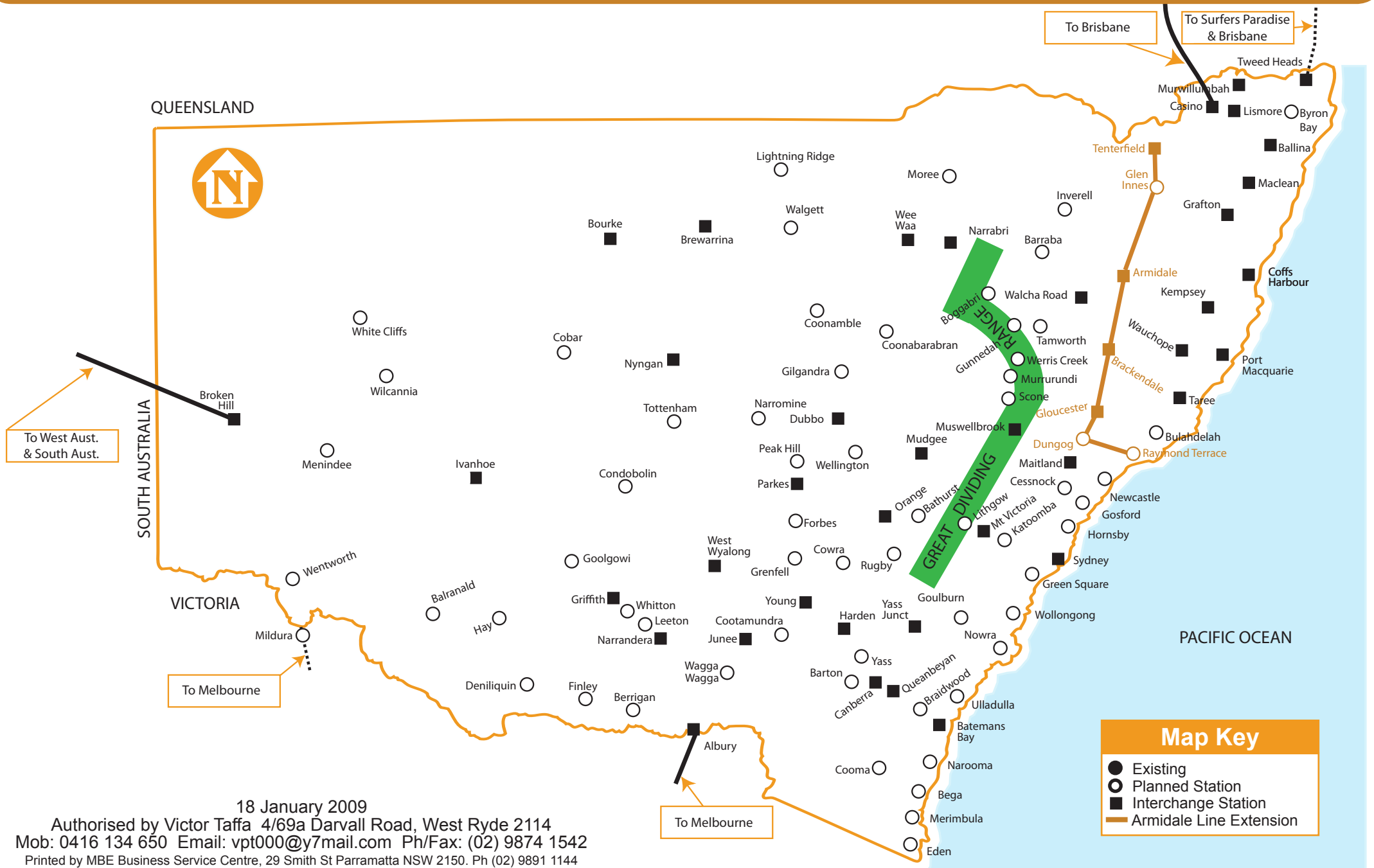


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Armidale Line Extension



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Map Key

- Existing
- Planned Station
- Interchange Station
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Community Benefits and Concerns

- The Armidale Line Extension is not simply a reopening of the Railway to Tenterfield rather it connects Northern New South Wales to Raymond Terrace in the Hunter Valley and would be on both the existing alignment and a new direct straight route so as to produce a better service for commuters and tourists.
- The Armidale Line Extension and the existing line would be electrified and duplicated entirely.
- Concrete sleepers would be laid so as to reduce track expansion in times of extreme heat.
- Irrigation pipes would be laid along the line so as to channel waters into inland New South Wales and 'drought proof' our great state. This is particularly important in view of the floods in Queensland and bush fires in Victoria both in 2009.
- All existing Railway stations would be upgraded to allow for platforms capable of servicing an eight car train as would all new railway stations. The heritage aspects of existing railway stations would be enhanced.
- This new line will connect Tenterfield with Glen Innes, Armidale, Gloucester and Raymond Terrace.
- Glen Innes, Armidale, Gloucester and Raymond Terrace would be Interchange stations and commuters and tourists will be able to change trains for the Broken Hill, Grenfell, Raymond Terrace, Whitton, Pacific and Northern lines with additional platforms built at Interchange stations for intersecting lines, through service and terminating trains.
- 'Diamond' and 'T' Junction and Grade separations would be constructed along the line.
- The car, taxi, bus and coach industries will not be adversely affected by the construction of the Armidale Line Extension.
- The New England and Oxley Highways will become safer to use.
- Road fatalities will be reduced and as a result car insurance premiums will fall.
- Truck drivers and couriers will be able to deliver goods more easily.
- Introduction of a multi-modal charge card for train, bus and ferry travel similar to the E-Toll account or Cab charge card.
- Enable commuters to purchase train, bus and ferry tickets on the internet.
- Separation of railway line planning from urban planning.
- Financing of this railway will come from public, private and **RAILWAY BONDS**.

Armidale Line Extension

Tenterfield
Bungulla
Deepwater
Dundee
Glen Innes
Glencoe
Liangothin
Guyra

Armidale via

Brackendale
Nowendoc
Upper Bowman
Copeland
Gloucester
Dungog
Raymond Terrace