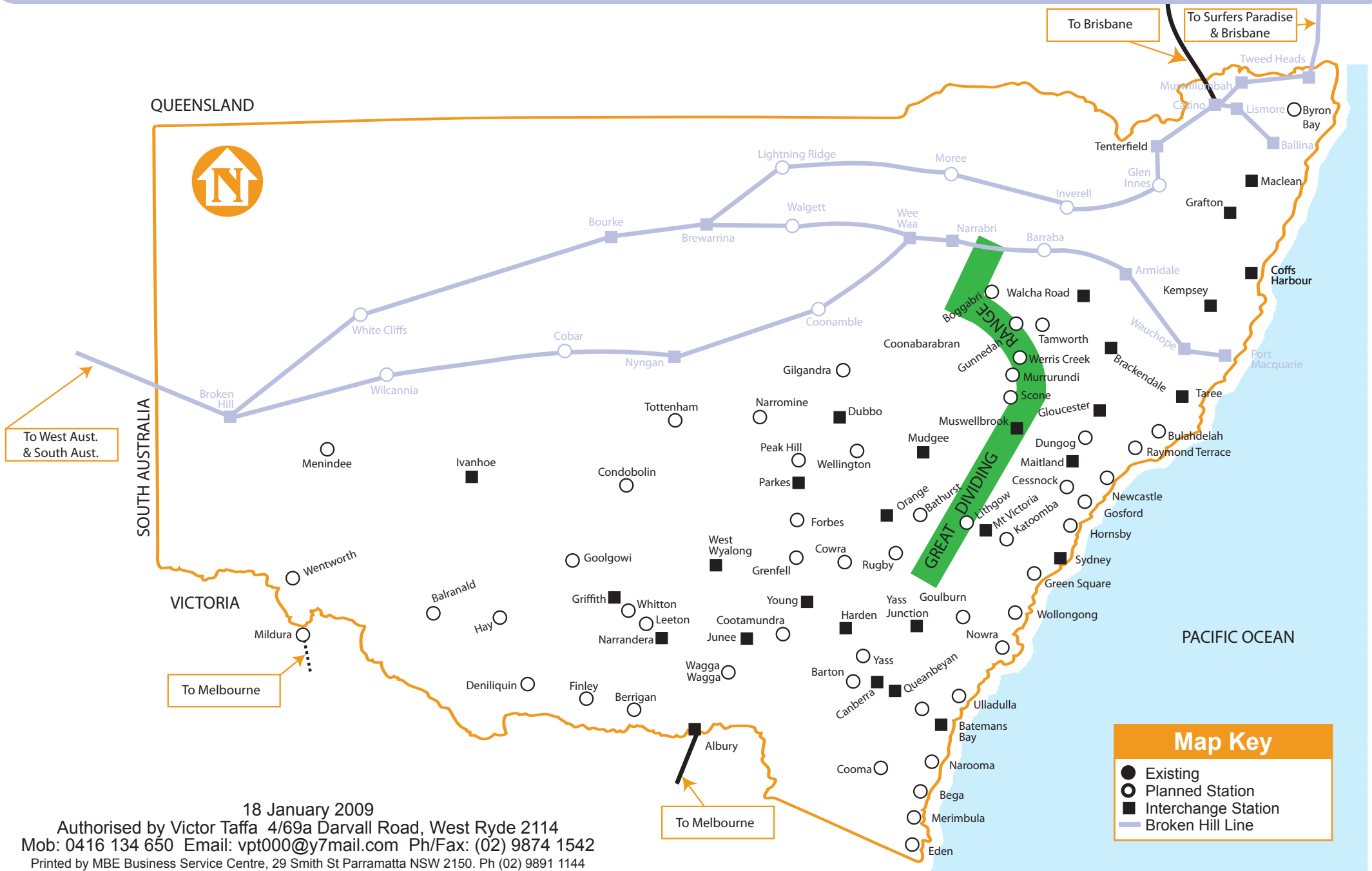


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Community Benefits and Concerns

- The Broken Hill Line will open up the far north and west of New South Wales and allow for trains to join South Australia with Queensland and the North Coast of New Wales at Port Macquarie.
- Negotiations with the Queensland Government would begin to connect Tweed Heads to Brisbane's Roma Street station on a dual standard gauge line.
- The Broken Hill Line would diverge at four different points and there would be either a new alignment or a new route in a straight line so as to produce a better service for commuters and tourists.
- The Broken Hill Line and existing lines 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 Broken Hill with Bourke, Brewarrina, Nyngan, Moree, Narrabri, Glen Innes, Armidale, Port Macquarie, Tenterfield, Casino, Ballina and Tweed Heads.
- Broken Hill, Bourke, Brewarrina, Nyngan, Wee Waa, Glen Innes, Casino, Armidale, Ballina and Port Macquarie would be Interchange stations and commuters and tourists will be able to change trains for the Central Western, Grenfell, Narramine, Northern, Pacific, Raymond Terrace and Whitton 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 Broken Hill Line.
- The Barrier, Mitchell, Castlereagh, Gwydir, Newell, Bruxner, New England, Pacific 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**.

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Broken Hill
White Cliffs
Bourke
Brewarrina
Lightning Ridge
Moree
Inverell
Glen Innes
Tenterfield
Casino
Murwillumbah
Tweed Heads

Casino via

Lismore
Ballina

Brewarrina via

Walgett
Wee Waa
Narrabri
Barraba
Armidale
Wauchope
Port Macquarie

Broken Hill via

Wilcannia
Emmdale
Cobar
Boppy Mountain
Hermidale
Nyngan
Coonamble
Wee Waa
Narrabri
Barraba
Armidale
Wauchope
Port Macquarie