

IMPROVE REGIONAL AND RURAL RAILWAYS

Central Western Line

Community Benefits and Concerns

- The Central Western 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.
- The Central Western 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 Central Western 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.
- Parkes, Dubbo, Orange, Yass Junction and Canberra would be upgraded to include additional full length platforms and a station roof to protect passengers from the elements similar to Calais or St. Pancras Railway Stations.
- This new line will connect Broken Hill with Cobar, Nyngan, Narromine, Dubbo, Orange, Yass, Yass Junction, Parkes, Forbes, Grenfell, West Wyalong, Harden and Canberra.
- Broken Hill, Nyngan, Narromine, Dubbo, Orange, Yass Junction, Canberra, Harden, Grenfell, Parkes, Young, and West Wyalong would be Interchange stations and commuters and tourists will be able to change trains for the Broken Hill, Narromine, Raymond Terrace, Riverina 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 Central Western Line.
- The Barton, Newell, Mitchell, Mid Western, Barrier and Cobb 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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Bourke
Byrock
Coolabah
Gilambone
Nyngan
Narromine
Dubbo
Geurie
Wellington
Orange
Rugby
Yass Junction
Yass
Murrumbateman
Canberra

Dubbo via

Peak Hill
Parkes
Forbes
Grenfell
Young
Harden
Yass
Canberra

Broken Hill via

Menindee
Darnick
Ivanhoe
Euabalong West
Condoblin
Lake Cargelligo
Tullibigeal
Ungarie
West Wyalong
Grenfell
Young
Harden
Yass
Canberra

Broken Hill via

Wilcannia
Emmdale
Cobar
Boppy Mountain
Hermidale
Nyngan
Narromine
Dubbo
Geurie
Wellington
Orange
Rugby
Yass Junction
Yass
Murrumbateman
Canberra