

IMPROVE REGIONAL AND RURAL RAILWAYS

Grenfell Line

Community Benefits and Concerns

- The Grenfell Line is named after the famous Australian Henry Hertzberg Lawson. Henry Lawson was born at Grenfell in 1867 and died in 1922.
- The Grenfell Line will open up central New South Wales and allow for trains to connect from Albury and join the Hunter Valley of New Wales at Raymond Terrace.
- The Grenfell Line 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 Grenfell 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 world famous 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 Grenfell Line.
- The Riverina, Sturt, Newell and New England 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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Albury
Narrandera
Leeton
Whitton
Griffith
West Wyalong
Grenfell
Forbes
Parkes
Peak Hill
Dubbo
Gilgandra
Coonabarabran
Narrabri
Barraba
Walcha Road
Brackendale
Nowendoc
Gloucester
Dungog
Raymond Terrace