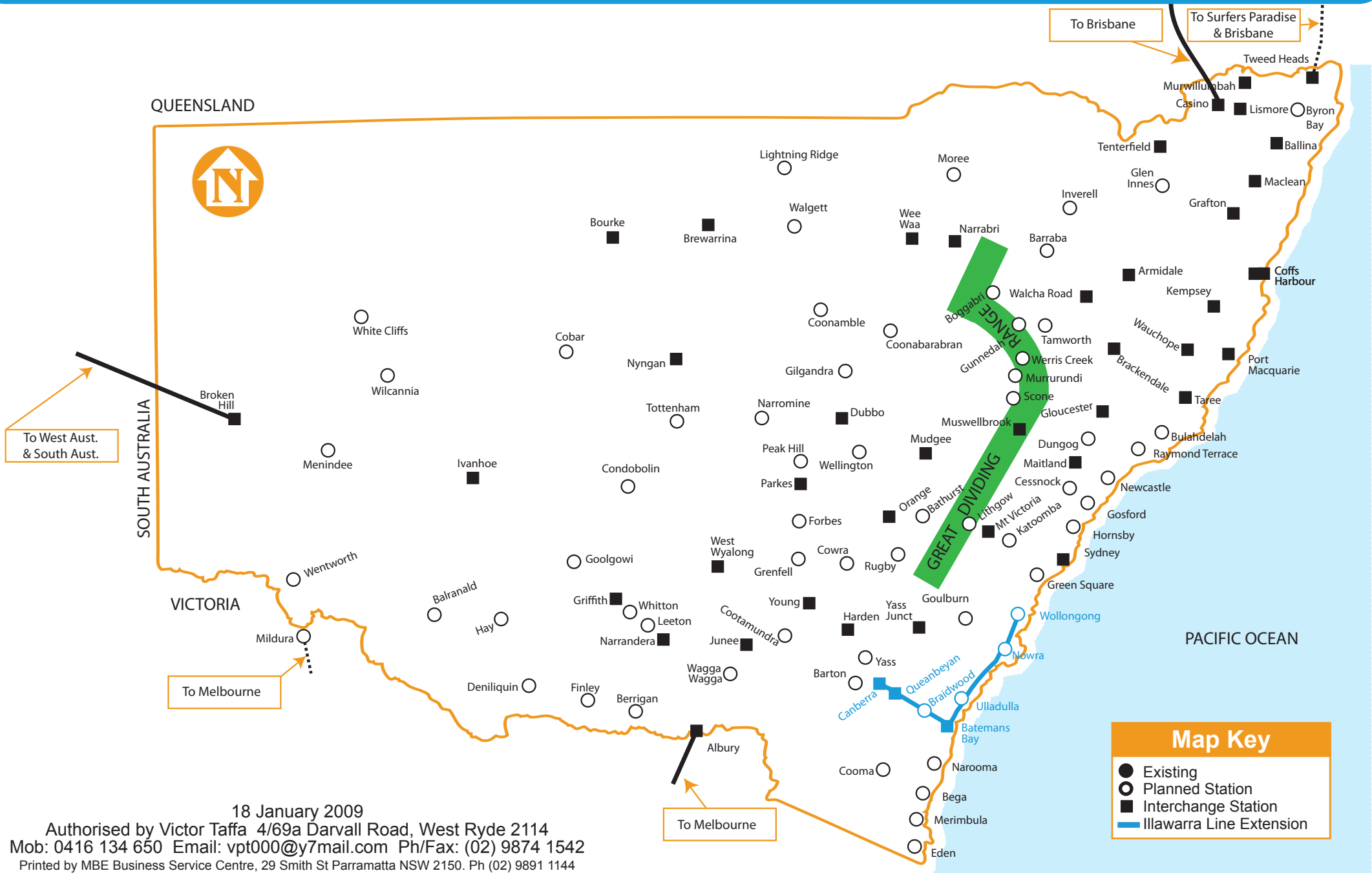


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Map Key	
●	Existing
○	Planned Station
■	Interchange Station
—	Illawarra Line Extension

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Community Benefits and Concerns

- The Illawarra Line Extension will provide the residents of the Illawarra and South Coast for a fast new rail service to Canberra.
- The Illawarra Line Extension 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 Illawarra Line from Sydney to Wollongong has had numerous rail accidents notably the Coalcliff and Waterfall accidents. The Illawarra Line would be reconstructed to provide a straight safe alignment and allow for a better service for commuters.
- The Illawarra Line Extension and existing lines would be electrified and duplicated entirely. The Illawarra Line between Hurstville and Wollongong would be quadrupled and connected to the newly constructed Princes Line.
- Travel times between Sydney and Canberra would be reduced to 1½ hours and Sydney to Melbourne in four hours.
- The Line to Canberra would be extended to Albury and there would be a new railway station at Canberra named Barton after Australia's first Prime Minister.
- 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.
- Historic Braidwood would have a new railway station with a strong heritage design in its outlook.
- 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 Sydney, Wollongong, Nowra, Ulladulla, Batemans Bay, Braidwood, Queanbeyan, Canberra and Barton.
- Batemans Bay, Queanbeyan and Canberra would be Interchange stations and commuters and tourists will be able to change trains for the South Coast and Southern Line Extension 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 Illawarra Line Extension.
- The Princes, Hume, Kings, Barton, Monaro and Snowy Mountains 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**.

Illawarra Line Extension

Sydney via Princes Line

Green Square
Alexandria
Cooks River
Brighton Le Sands
Monterey
Ramsgate
Sandringham
Sylvania Waters
GyMEA Bay Road
Engadine

Kiama
Gerrington
Berry
Nowra
Ulladulla

Batemans Bay via

Braidwood
Queanbeyan
Canberra
Barton

Heathcote

Waterfall

Helensburgh

Otford

Stanwell Park

Coalcliff

Austinmer

Thirroul

Bulli

Woonona

Bellambi

Corrimal

Towradgi

Fairy Meadow

North Wollongong

Wollongong

Coniston

Unanderra

Kembla Grange Racecourse

Dapto

Albion Park

Oak Flats

Shellharbour

Minnamurra

Bombo