

IMPROVE REGIONAL AND RURAL RAILWAYS

Pacific Line

Community Benefits and Concerns

- The Pacific Line will open up the far North Coast of New South Wales and allow for trains to operate from Broken Hill and South Australia with Queensland and the North Coast of New Wales at Port Macquarie, Taree and Raymond Terrace. Clear top carriages would be used on the Pacific Line.
- Negotiations with the Queensland Government would begin to connect Tweed Heads to Brisbane's Roma Street station on a dual standard gauge line.
- Travel times from Sydney to Brisbane would be reduced to four hours.
- The Pacific Line would diverge at five 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 Pacific 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 Glen Innes, Armidale, Grafton, Port Macquarie, Tenterfield, Casino, Ballina, Tweed Heads, Wauchope and Taree.
- Broken Hill, Bourke, Brewarrina, Nyngan, Wee Waa, Glen Innes, Murwillumbah, Lismore, Casino, Armidale, Ballina, Tweed heads, Grafton, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Gloucester, Walcha Road, Maitland, Wauchope, Port Macquarie, Taree and Raymond terrace would be Interchange stations and commuters and tourists will be able to change trains for the Armidale Line Extension, Broken Hill, Northern 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 Pacific Line.
- The Pacific, Gwydir, Newell, Bruxner, 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**.

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Tweed Heads
Brunswick Heads
Byron Bay
Ballina
Broadwater
Woodburn
Macleay
Tyndale
Pillar Valley
Grafton
Coffs Harbour
Sawtell
Urunga
Nambucca Heads
Macksville
Eungai
Kempsey
Wauchope
Port Macquarie
Kendall
Taree
Bulahdelah
Raymond Terrace
Newcastle
Sydney
Tweed Heads via
Murwillumbah
Lismore
Grafton
Coffs Harbour
Sawtell
Urunga
Nambucca Heads
Macksville
Eungai
Kempsey
Wauchope

Port Macquarie
Kendall
Taree
Bulahdelah
Raymond Terrace
Newcastle
Sydney
Armidale via
Brackendale
Nowendoc
Upper Bowman
Copeland
Gloucester
Dungog
Raymond Terrace
Maitland
Newcastle
Sydney
Armidale via
Uralla
Walcha Road
Kootingal
Tamworth
Werris Creek
Quirindi
Willow Tree
Murrurindi
Scone
Aberdeen
Muswellbrook
Singleton
Maitland
Newcastle
Sydney