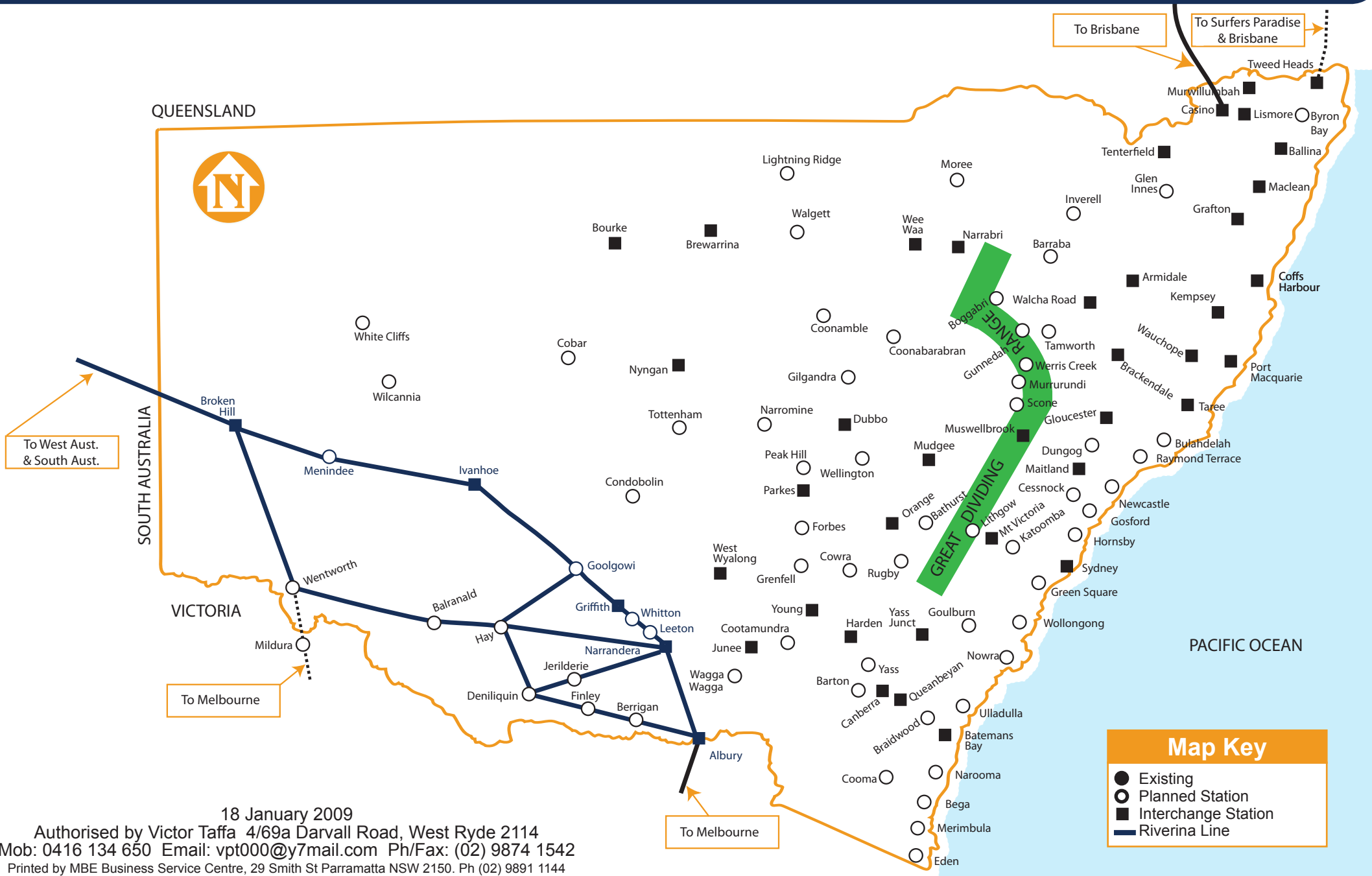


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Community Benefits and Concerns

- The Riverina Line will open up Southern New South Wales and allow for trains to operate South Australia to Victoria via Albury.
- The Riverina Line will see the restoration of Whitton as a commissioned railway station. Whitton Station was formerly on the Hay branch line and opened as Hulong in 1881 and renamed Whitton after the legendary Engineer-in-Chief of the New South Wales Railways John Whitton. The station was decommissioned some years ago. Whitton station would contain two full length platforms.
- The Riverina 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 Riverina 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.
- Albury and Broken Hill 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 Griffith, Narrandera and Albury.
- Broken Hill, Ivanhoe, Griffith, Narrandera and Albury would be Interchange stations and commuters and tourists will be able to change trains for the Broken Hill, Central Western, Grenfell, Narromine, Raymond Terrace, South Coast, Southern Line Extension 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 Riverina Line.
- The Barrier, Cobb, Sturt, Mid Western, Newell, Olympic and Hume 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**.

Riverina Line

Broken Hill

Menindee

Darnick

Ivanhoe

Goolgowi

Griffith

Whitton

Leeton

Narrandera

Albury

Broken Hill via

Wentworth

Balranald

Hay

Narrandera

Albury

Broken Hill via

Wentworth

Balranald

Hay

Deniliquin

Jerilderie

Narrandera

Albury

Broken Hill via

Wentworth

Balranald

Hay

Deniliquin

Finley

Berrigan

Albury