



# IMPROVE REGIONAL AND RURAL RAILWAYS

## Southern Line Extension

### Community Benefits and Concerns

- The Southern Line Extension would see a high frequency express service to Sydney, Canberra and Albury on a new track alignment.
- The Snowy Mountains will also be benefited with an increase in tourism with the opening of the South Coast Line.
- Negotiations would commence with the Federal and Victorian Governments to connect Canberra to Victoria.
- The Southern 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.
- 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.
- Albury 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 Sydney, Wollongong, Nowra, Ulladulla, Batemans Bay, Moruya, Narooma, Bega, Merimbula, Eden, Cooma, Queanbeyan, Canberra, and Barton with Albury.
- Goulburn, Queanbeyan, Canberra and Albury would be Interchange stations and commuters and tourists will be able to change trains for the Central Western, Grenfell, Illawarra Line Extension, Raymond Terrace, Riverina, South Coast 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 Southern Line Extension.
- The Princes, Hume, Barton, Monaro, Federal, Kings 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**.

### Southern Line Extension

Goulburn  
Tarago  
Bungendore  
Queanbeyan  
Canberra  
Barton  
Tumut  
Rosewood  
Albury