

Fixing Country Roads and Rail: improving regional freight connectivity




Freight is worth
\$66 billion
to the NSW economy



Regional NSW* produces
255 million
tonnes of freight a year

Transport from paddock to port is
18%
of the cost of grain sold by regional farmers



Regional NSW* freight will
grow by 12%
between 2016 and 2036

Fixing Country Roads and Rail is a NSW Government program providing targeted infrastructure funding worth almost \$1 billion from Restart NSW for regional freight projects. The program aims to relieve bottlenecks constraining effective freight movement.

In 2016 there was an estimated 255 million tonnes of freight in regional NSW* and this is forecast to increase by 12 per cent to 286 million tonnes by 2036. Economic growth in rural areas is critical to ensure the food, produce and raw materials that feed and power the state are able to move to market efficiently.

Fixing Country Roads and Rail supports jobs, growth and economic productivity of regional NSW by reducing the cost of getting goods to market. As costs come down consumers benefit at the till of their local supermarket and exporters become more competitive.

Applications can be made at any time and projects are prioritised with clearly articulated freight benefits, solid business cases and industry support.

Fixing Country Roads


- Provides targeted funding to local councils in regional NSW for road projects which improve freight connectivity on Regional and Local roads.
- Helps fund vital road and bridge upgrades to better connect State Roads and key freight hubs such as silos, saleyards and distribution centres.
- Includes truck washes as well as bridge and route load assessments.




Every 100km out of a truck driver's way costs \$200.
Unnecessary diverted freight travel will cost NSW businesses almost \$1 billion over the next 20 years.



Fixing Country Roads funding** is
\$543 million of which
\$252 million has been made available
for 244 projects



Fixing Country Rail funding*** is
\$400 million of which up to
\$138 million has been made available
for 13 projects



* Regional NSW refers to outside of the Greater Sydney Area

** Including Fixing Country Truck Washes


*** Fixing Country Rail Pilot Round had an additional \$15 million made available for 10 projects



6,400km
of NSW rail lines



92%
of road network is
Local and Regional
roads



8,000
local government
bridges



40% of the
population live in
Regional NSW

Fixing Country Rail

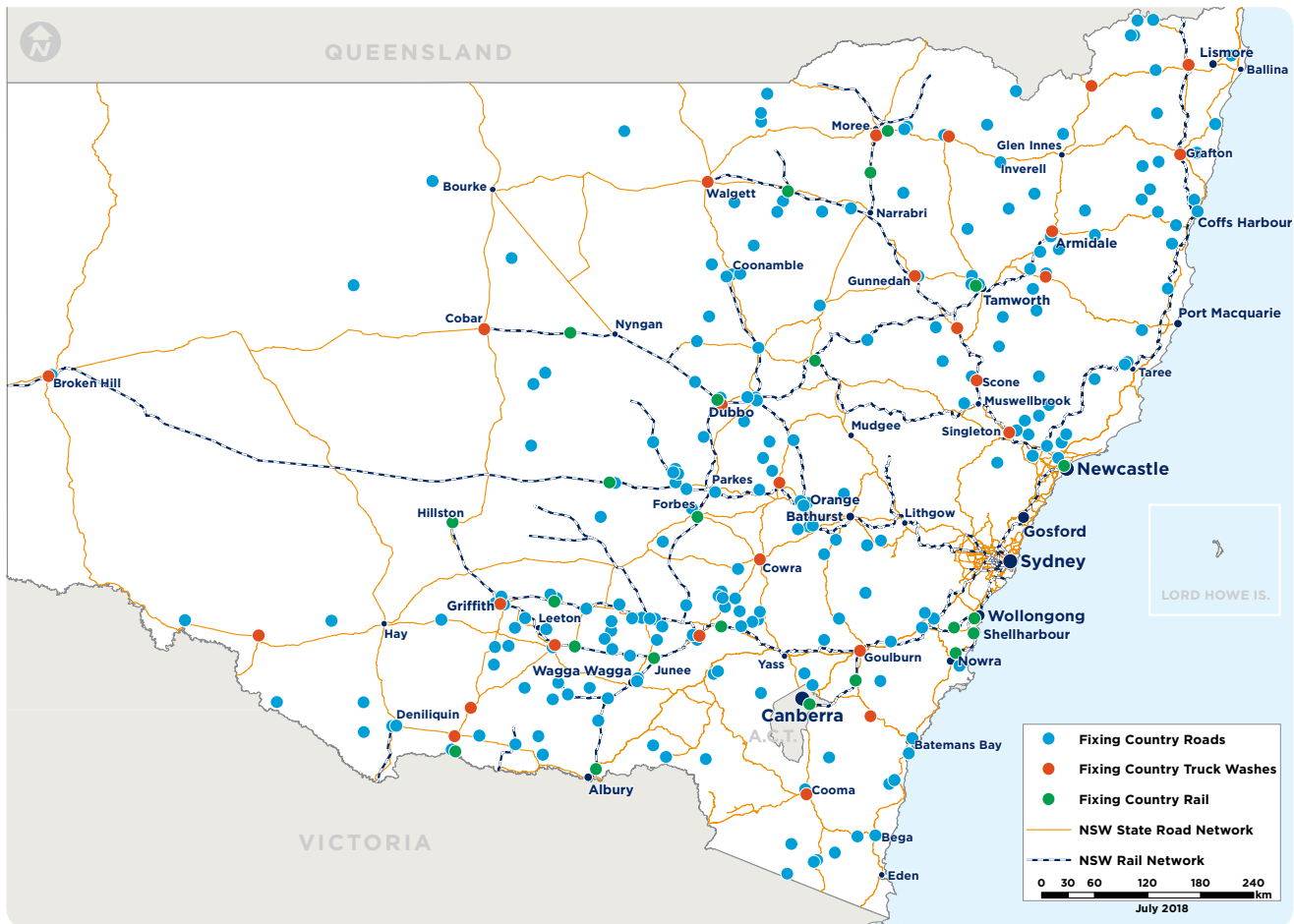
- Provides targeted funding to rail infrastructure owners and managers for projects which improve freight connectivity on the regional rail network.
- Funds projects such as new or extended rail sidings, the opening of non-operational rail lines and network enhancements which allow the use of faster, longer and heavier trains.
- Applicants can submit a Fixing Country Rail project but funding can only be awarded to the rail infrastructure owners and managers.



53% of all freight moved in regional NSW is moved by rail and an average container train carries 120 TEU which removes over 80 truck movements from our roads.



Fixing Country Roads, Rail and Truck Washes



Open Application Process

