Fixing Country Roads and Fixing Country Rail are NSW Government programs providing almost $1 billion of targeted Restart NSW funding for regional freight infrastructure projects. The program aims to improve freight connectivity and effective freight movement.

Food, produce and raw materials feed and power the State – and their efficient movement to market is critical to economic growth in rural areas. In 2016, there were around 255 million tonnes of freight in regional NSW. This is forecast to increase by 12 per cent to 286 million tonnes by 2036.

Fixing Country Roads and Rail supports regional NSW jobs, growth and economic productivity 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.

Projects with clear freight benefits, solid business cases and industry support are prioritised.

**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.
- Applications can be made at any time.

Fixing Country Roads funding is $543 million of which $386.8 million* has been made available for 302 projects.

Fixing Country Rail funding is $400 million of which up to $210.9 million** has been made available for 20 projects.

* Including Fixing Country Truck Washes
** Fixing Country Rail Pilot Round had an additional $15 million made available for 10 projects.
Fixing Country Rail 2019 has an additional $815K Business Case Funding amount made available for 13 projects.

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.

More information on the Fixing Country Roads and Fixing Country Rail programs is available online or via email

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Fixing Country Rail

- Provides targeted funding to rail infrastructure owners and managers, for projects to 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.

- Fixing Country Rail 2019 funding decisions will be informed by the Regional Rail Corridor Strategy and NSW Freight and Ports Plan 2018-2023 developed by Transport for NSW. Suggestions for projects can be emailed to freight@transport.nsw.gov.au

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

Fixing Country Roads, Rail and Truck Washes - successful projects

Applications can be received at any time

Technical Panel reviews and provides expert advice

Regional Independent Assessment Panel reviews and recommends projects

Outcomes announced

Funding decision by NSW Government

Infrastructure NSW recommends list of projects to Treasury

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