

# Fixing Country Rail

## Improving regional freight connectivity

Fixing Country Rail is a NSW Government program providing \$400 million 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 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 network wide freight benefits, solid business cases and industry support are prioritised.

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- 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 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](mailto:freight@transport.nsw.gov.au)
- The vision of the Strategy is to improve reliability, capacity and interoperability for higher productivity trains.

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

\* 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.

Freight is worth <b>\$66 billion</b> to the NSW economy	Regional NSW produces <b>255 million</b> tonnes of freight a year
Transport from paddock to port is <b>18%</b> of the cost of grain sold by regional farmers	Regional NSW freight will <b>grow by 12%</b> between 2016 and 2036



**53% of all freight** moved in regional NSW is moved by rail.

<b>6,700km</b> of rail lines in NSW	<b>40%</b> of the NSW population live in Regional NSW
<p>A full regional container train, which is 1,200 metres long, will remove at least <b>134 truck trips</b> from our roads.</p>	

# Fixing Country Rail - successful projects

