

Fixing Country Rail

Improving Regional Freight Connectivity

Fact sheet

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One 600-metre-long freight train carries the equivalent load of at least **54 trucks**.



There are **6,700km** of rail lines in NSW with **70%** of all freight moved by rail in regional NSW

About the Program

Fixing Country Rail is a Restart NSW program providing \$400 million of targeted funding for regional freight infrastructure projects. The Program aims to improve freight connectivity and effective freight movement.

The efficient movement of food, produce and raw materials feed and power the State is critical to economic growth in rural areas. 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 their local supermarket and exporters become more competitive.

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

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 reinstatement 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 NSW Freight and Ports Plan 2018-2023 developed by Transport for NSW. Suggestions for projects can be emailed to freight.projects@transport.nsw.gov.au

The vision of the Strategy is to improve reliability, capacity and interoperability for higher productivity trains.