PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

The Tasmanian railway network is an interconnected system of rail lines that collectively deliver rail freight services across Tasmania to support business and industry. The network is made up of the Western, Southern and Bell Bay lines, which are on the National Land Transport Network and the Melba, Fingal and Derwent Valley lines, which are off the National Land Transport Network.

Major failures of rail assets due to their age and condition significantly impact on TasRail’s ability to meet its customer requirements. This results in revenue losses and both direct and indirect consequential costs, such as reactive unforeseen maintenance. Improving the quality of assets will allow for planned stabilising maintenance, which is a more efficient use of resources.

The Tasmanian Freight Rail Revitalisation Program Tranche 3 will continue to raise the quality of the major lines on the Tasmanian rail network through selective re-sleepering and track replacement. Culverts will be strengthened, drainage and formation works undertaken and level crossings upgraded. These works will build on upgrades under Tasmanian Freight Rail Revitalisation Tranche 1 and 2. The Tasmanian Freight Rail Revitalisation project consists of two projects - one for Tasmanian rail lines on the National Land Transport Network (the Network), and one for those off the Network (Off-Network).

This investment is expected to be funded on a 50:50 basis with the Tasmanian Government and is expected to support 576 direct and indirect jobs.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Improve freight efficiency, connectivity and travel time.
- Improve travel times and service reliability.
- Improve freight rail services.