



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

High Speed Rail Authority

The Australian Government is committing to high-speed rail through the October 2022-23 Budget and with legislation in Parliament to establish the High Speed Rail Authority.

The Authority will build on previous foundational work including the comprehensive study on east coast High Speed Rail, commissioned under former Infrastructure Minister and now Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.


A high-speed rail network could allow passengers to travel between major cities and significant regional cities at speeds exceeding 250 km/h.

The Authority will provide independent advice to Government on high speed rail planning and delivery, and will lead the coordination with States and Territories.

The Authority will have a CEO and be overseen by a Board, drawn from experts in the rail and infrastructure sector.

The first priority of the Authority will be planning, corridor protection and early works for the Sydney to Newcastle section of the high-speed rail network, with a \$500 million investment by Australian Government to this fast-growing region of the east coast.

Faster rail will continue under the Authority, with the functions of the National Faster Rail Agency absorbed into the Authority and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.



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recognises the
importance of
prosperity in our
regions