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Project Cost: \$239.2 million

Estimated AG funding: \$119.6 million, including \$59.8 million for Tranche 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Freight Rail Revitalisation program is improving freight rail links to key domestic and export markets in Tasmania. The project is delivering two tranches of works across Tasmania's freight rail network, targeting critical track infrastructure that is nearing end of life to ensure the network continues to run efficiently and safely. Works include installing new sleepers, track replacement, drainage and formation works, and level crossing and bridge upgrades.

Related/complementary projects

The Australian Government previously committed \$59.8 million to Tranche 1 of the Freight Rail Revitalisation project, which is expected to be complete in mid-2019.

The Australian Government is also investing \$400 million towards the \$500 million upgrade of the Midland Highway, and \$400 million towards the upgrade of Tasmanian roads under its Roads of Strategic Importance initiative, including the Bass Highway. These projects will the safety and efficiency of these road corridors and facilitate forecast increases in freight and passenger movements.

PROBLEM

Tasmania's freight rail network is a key facilitator of Tasmania's growth and prosperity, carrying high volumes of freight. TasRail hauls more than three million tonnes of freight on rail each year. TasRail moves approximately 70 per cent of the contestable freight on the primary corridor between Hobart and Burnie and handles approximately 20 per cent of domestic Bass Strait freight volumes. This funding will ensure that critical infrastructure upgrades can be delivered across the freight rail network, increasing the efficiency, safety and reliability of the network, and supporting Tasmania's economic growth.

BENEFITS

Improved Efficiency and Travel Times:

- Shorter travel times for freight trains carrying high volumes of freight to and from ports

Improved Safety

- Boost safety outcomes by improving the condition of rail at targeted locations

Improve Network Reliability

- Reduce the likelihood and consequence of major failures on the rail network

Support regional and local economic development

- Support the continued growth and prosperity of local industries in Tasmania.

Project Map

