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## MPs briefed on inland rail options

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Australia's only private sector proponent for an inland rail solution has commenced a strategic briefing program of MPs in Queensland, NSW and Victoria.

National Trunk Rail Pty Ltd (NTR) has written to 45 federal and state MPs along its rail route to offer briefings on the latest developments and to outline the modal transformational uplift that delivers economic and employment prospects for their communities.

NTR Chairman Martin Albrecht AC said all parties agree that domestic land freight was expected to double over the next 20 years and triple by 2050. The solution is needed now in order to deliver full potential.

The 1,600-kilometre, high-performance, standard-gauge freight rail corridor proposed by NTR will traverse 27 federal electorates and 18 State electorates in the eastern states (*see list over page*).

Mr Albrecht said it was important for elected officials along the proposed rail corridor to be fully briefed about the NTR proposal. Former Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson, and Chair of the Inland Rail Implementation Group concluded that "inland rail has significant merit and, in my view, should be built now".

"NTR's inland freight rail is transformational. Productivity uplift of the logistics supply chain in the eastern states will allow commerce, industry, mining and agribusiness to capitalise on domestic and export opportunities," Mr Albrecht said.

"We have invested more than \$10 million to develop our plans for a rail system that is shorter, flatter and straighter than that proposed by the Federal Government's Australian Rail Track Corporation and delivers lowest life cycle operating cost/tonne of freight movement."

Mr Albrecht said, post approvals, the NTR solution could be delivered end to end in less than six years, which was an essential ingredient to capture private sector interest and deliver the modal transformation from road to rail.

"Decisions need to be made soon on the implementation of inland rail and it would be a tragedy for Australia if we do not deliver the best economic and engineering solution for a project that will stand for more than 100 years," Mr Albrecht said.

"Every politician with an electorate along our proposed route needs to be aware of our solution, and we will be encouraging them to support our call for a Public Private Partnership process to help see this nation-building project realised within 6 years from commencement."

*The National Trunk Rail group ([www.nationaltrunkrail.com](http://www.nationaltrunkrail.com)) combines decades of engineering, economic and policy experience among its members. Besides Mr Albrecht, it also includes former Queensland Rail CEO Vincent O'Rourke, former CEO of Queensland Investment Corporation Dr Doug McTaggart and former CEO of Queensland Treasury Mark Gray.*

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**Federal electorates along the NTR route, including estimated route kilometres across electorate**

Qld	Bonner	Ross	Vasta	<50km
Qld	Griffith	Terri	Butler	<10km
Qld	Moreton	Graham	Perrett	<10km
Qld	Oxley	Bernie	Ripoll	<10km
Qld	Rankin	Jim	Chalmers	<10km
Qld	Forde	Bert	van Manen	<10km
Qld	Wright	Scott	Buchholz	>50km
Qld	Blair	Shayne	Neumann	<50km
Qld	Groom	Ian	Macfarlane	>100km
Qld	Maranoa	Bruce	Scott	>250km
NSW	New England	Barnaby	Joyce	<50km
NSW	Parkes	Mark	Coulton	>500km
NSW	Calare	John	Cobb	>100km
NSW	Hume	Angus	Taylor	<50km
NSW	Riverina	Michael	McCormack	>100km
NSW	Farrer	Sussan	Ley	>100km
Vic	Murray	Sharman	Stone	>100km
Vic	McEwen	Rob	Mitchell	<50km

**State electorates along the NTR route, including estimated route kilometres across electorate**

Qld	Lytton	Joan	Pease	<10km
Qld	Bulimba	Di	Farmer	<10km
Qld	Chatsworth	Steve	Minnikin	<10km
Qld	Greenslopes	Joe	Kelly	<10km
Qld	Mansfield	Ian	Walker	<10km
Qld	Yeerongpilly	Mark	Bailey	<10km
Qld	Sunnybank	Peter	Russo	<10km
Qld	Algester	Leeanne	Enoch	<50km
Qld	Logan	Linus	Power	<10km
Qld	Lockyer	Ian	Rickuss	>100km
Qld	Ipswich West	Jim	Madden	<10km
Qld	Toowoomba North	Trevor	Watts	<10km
Qld	Nanango	Deb	Frecklington	<50km
Qld	Condamine	Patrick	Weir	>100km
Qld	Warrego	Ann	Leahy	>100km



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**State electorates along the NTR route, including estimated route kilometres across electorate (cont)**

Qld	Southern Downs	Lawrence	Springborg	>100km
NSW	Northern Tablelands	Adam	Marshall	>100km
NSW	Barwon	Kevin	Humphries	>300km
NSW	Dubbo	Troy	Grant	>50km
NSW	Orange	Andrew	Gee	>100km
NSW	Cootamundra	Katrina	Hodgkinson	>100km
NSW	Albury	Greg	Aplin	>50km
NSW	Murray	Adrian	Piccoli	<50km
Vic	Ovens Valley	Tim	McGurdy	<10km
Vic	Shepparton	Suzanna	Sheed	>50km
Vic	Euroa	Steph	Ryan	>100km
Vic	Yan Yean	Danielle	Green	<50km

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