

FACT SHEET

Strategic Infrastructure Corridors (Strategic and Recreational Use) Bill 2016

The Dorset Council has developed a proposal for a multi-use North East Rail Trail between Coldwater Creek and Scottsdale, using the non-operational North East Line corridor of the Tasmanian Rail Network.

The purpose of the *Strategic Infrastructure Corridors (Strategic and Recreational Use) Bill 2016* is to establish a framework to facilitate the alternative use of non-operational rail lines on the Tasmanian Rail Network for recreational purposes and to provide for their ongoing management, while maintaining these corridors for potential future strategic use.

The *Strategic Infrastructure Corridors (Strategic and Recreational Use) Bill 2016* is not specific to the North East Rail Trail project, although it is required for that project to proceed. Rather, the arrangements established under the *Strategic Infrastructure Corridors (Strategic and Recreational Use) Bill 2016* will be able to be applied to other non-operational rail lines should the Government determine to facilitate alternate use in the future

The *Strategic Infrastructure Corridors (Strategic and Recreational Use) Bill 2016* has three broad objectives:

1. It enables land to be transitioned from its status as railway as part of the Tasmanian Rail Network, to be used for recreational purposes while retaining the land as a strategic infrastructure corridor for future use;
2. It provides a framework for how the land will be managed following its change in status once it is no longer a railway; and
3. Where practicable, continues the existing policy settings applying to the relationship between the corridor and adjoining landowners established under the *Rail Infrastructure Act 2007*.

In order to fulfil these objectives, the *Strategic Infrastructure Corridors (Strategic and Recreational Use) Bill 2016* performs a number of key functions:

- It protects the former rail corridor as a strategic infrastructure corridor, including vesting any corridor land that is not currently owned by the Crown, in the Crown;
- It provides appropriate compensation arrangements for landowners affected by vesting;
- It provides a framework for management of the strategic infrastructure corridor;
- It enables the alternative use of the corridor for recreational purposes and the appointment of a corridor manager for this purpose;
- It provides a framework for the management and use of the corridor by a corridor manager; and
- It establishes the rights and responsibilities in relation to the corridor land for land use planning, service infrastructure, fencing, safety and corridor crossings.