

(No. 36.)



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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

N A T I O N A L R A I L W A Y.

PETITION FOR INITIATION.

Presented by Mr. Fysh, August 11 ; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
August 12, 1868.



To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Citizens of Hobart Town and Colonists of Tasmania.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners feel assured that the time has arrived for the introduction of a judicious scheme of Railways in Tasmania ; and that further delay on the part of the Legislature in adopting a National Railway Policy must very seriously retard the best interests of this Colony, by withholding from it the only practical and universally recognised means of stimulating progress and encouraging enterprise.

That your Petitioners believe that the introduction of a National Railway Policy should have for its primary object the construction of a line of railway which shall connect Hobart Town and Launceston.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable Council will be pleased to take the necessary steps for initiating a National Railway Policy, by which the Northern and Southern capitals may be more closely connected, and the material interests of the Colony advanced by increasing the facilities for developing its natural resources.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 4154 Signatures.]

ABSTRACT OF THE FOREGOING SIGNATURES.

Hobart Town	2743
Launceston	373
Huon	116
Ross	11
Green Ponds	99
New Norfolk	122
Glenorchy	25
Oatlands	83
Brown's River	70
Sandy Bay.....	68
Selby	3
Brighton	26
Campbell Town	111
Fingal.....	2
Risdon	16
Richmond	79
Perth	29
Little Swanport.....	6
Sorell	69
New Town.....	24
Bothwell.....	24
Glamorgan.....	7
George Town.....	12
Latrobe	36
Total Number of Signatures to Petition	4154
Number of Freeholders.....	949
Number of Householders, &c.	3205
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