

FACT SHEET

ABT RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2013

The *Abt Railway Development Amendment Bill 2013* amends the *Abt Railway Development Act 1999* to provide for the Abt Railway Ministerial Corporation (the Corporation) to operate the Abt railway as an alternative to arranging a person to operate the railway.

The effect of the proposed amendment will be to allow the Corporation to operate passenger and freight services on the Abt railway as an interim measure while the Corporation continues its endeavours to arrange an alternative person to operate the railway.

The underlying principle behind the legislative change is to ensure the Abt railway continues to provide stimulus to the Tasmanian west coast economy.