

Legislative Council Government Administration Committee
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North-East Rail Corridor

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I first ask you to note that I am in no way involved with L&NER, my interest is personal, My Grandfather, C.G.C Wayne, General Manager Tasmanian Rail in the 50s, from there commissioner West Australian Rail (built the standard gauge rail from Perth to South Australia, Indian-Pacific, Back to Tasmania, was instrumental in Launceston to Bell Bay link, and I would be quite sure he would be very upset at the loss of all that infrastructure,

I also cannot comprehend the loss of all that infrastructure forever, without thought at all for our future Generations. The opportunity gone forever to have another world class heritage rail, that can be enjoyed by all age groups, international rail enthusiast, even the disabled. At a very reasonable cost.

Yes it will be difficult, (time and money) our Government spend a lot of time and money to attract a wide range of tourists including local, subsidising many.

I have many questions and wish I had attended sooner, not enough hours in day

1/ Where is the Launceston City Council in all this, very quiet. Most paying passengers will start their rail adventure in Launceston, L&NER will benefit Launceston greatly, or does LCC prefer to spend Millions on CBD Northbank, AFL, etc, With no regard for outlying ratepayers. Knowing that Launceston & NER proposal is for exactly same reasons

2/ I notice in one of the reports that the bike trail (rail trail, very clever) bike trail needs to go from Scottsdale to Lalla??, where all the shops and cafes are, in order for the bike trail to be Viable !!!, there appears to be a lot of spin in report, they quote problems with adjacent land owners and that not a problem, they quote

Tumbarumba-Rosewood „Tamworth-Manilla,,,,as far as I know these are both proposals „and of course councils are not going to admit to any problems with ,!!!!!!!

I just cannot believe their figures stake up ,, I congratulate Derby on their success with MOUNTAIN BIKES ,but the bike trail is not for mountain bikes ,and is a completely different form of bike riding ,which Dorset have failed to explain ,although A report says grandparents will be able to ride from Scottsdale to Lalla and back on dusty gravel ,with toilet break Lilydale ,providing weather ok ,is parking going to be available near crossovers if they decide cannot make trip in one day

3/ What is the story with toilets ,how is that going to be contained ,no wonder the adjacent landowners worried ,climbing their fences ,damage ,stock loss, does it give me permission to relieve myself (quiet sure Dorset will not pay , ?? and just a thought,, insurance ,how does that go ,I may be well wrong ,but I believe councils are self insured ,scenario „somebody (and it will you get him,her out, is ratepayer happy to pay out ½ million dollars ,I did not see insurance mentioned in report

4/ How are you going stop motor bikes (and it will happen)
and allow ambulance,fire ,police etc etc in .

5/ read in one of reports ,that they going to crush blue metal on site .
Masses of dust ,Basalt dust ,silt,that will find its way to adjacent land ,clogging water ways ,water catchments ,summer winds blow dust everywhere ,

Bike riders and adjacent land owners will have to be given free face masks, glasses

6/Presume, that if ballast is crushed and that landscape is changed ,for bike trail that all will have to be surveyed & engineered (cost not in report) drainage into neighbouring will have to be altered (cost ,not in any report) and I would be quiet sure adjacent land owners Will tie up bike trail for years to come

7/ Scottsdale to Tonga bike trail ,would like to see actual figures on numbers ,with out spin ,yes the locals would use ,reasonable trip ,

Would be good to spend day there ,find out correct figures and response from users ,(maybe 2 days)

another thought I do think weather ,season, was not mentioned in any reports , !! based on 364 days a yr ,, Tasmania

8/ Mr Gutweins solution , ½ each , which is not half ,,,, he now makes both proposals ,not viable I wonder whether he has read all the

reports ,or really put any thought into the benefits of heritage rail for the benefit of our children and Tasmania , the infrastructure is there ,in reasonable condition ,do not destroy it ,we are all Tasmanian and have no intention of allowing our HERITAGE to be destroyed

9/ Read one of the reports regarding costing for L&NER proposal

Absolutely flabbergasted at 2 off ,first one was fish plates ,joints in rail, rusted ,,nearly 1 million dollars to replace ,repair , where did they get that figure from ,there is no way cost that much ,ask L&NER how much ,it will be,, very small fraction of nearly 1 Million dollars ,if cannot figure I will do (to Standard) No Charge

\ The second ,,crossovers ,flashing lights ,(fair enough they have to be approved ,standards etc ,BUT \$300,000 each , with the technology that is available today ,NO , you must Question other costing in report which I have not time for at moment ,I still in shock from above

IDEAL OUTCOME

,my thought

Give L&NER all the support POSSIBLE ,

Launceston City Council

Dorset Council

Tasmanian Government

Tas Rail ,appreciate private company,,, Tasrail expertise,,

sleepers ,maybe there is track repair equipment about ,destined for scrap metal ,,sure the volunteers of L&NER would love to restore .

Van-Ec maybe donate some expertise on bridges ,maybe help with right price

Ideal ,work for dole ,programme ,long term ,where are they currently going

Read the reports

Yes it not going to be easy ,nothing is ,

I may be off mark ,and complicate things further ,but believe L&NER should think about changing stage 1 and strongly feel after reading all

reports ,that stage 1 should be from Lilydale to Lilydale Falls ,imagine what it would do for area ..and I could start very soon .

Stage 2 Karoola to Wyena (if you look back in history Karoola was the proposed rail hub ,station,town, for north east ,you only have look Titles office ,L.I.S.T ,,many small blocks), Karoola –Wyena ,very scenic , Imagine childrens faces going thru Tunnel

Stage 1 Lilydale to Lilydale falls ,test volunteers ,engines ,etc

Stage 2 Karoola to Wyena ,Falls ,Tunnel ,Scenic

Stage 3 Karoola to Scottsdale VERY important ,that the infrastructure be retained to allow for future development for future generations and not be destroyed forever ,I just cannot believe that our politicians will allow this to happen with no thought for the future generations ,(example the old LGH now the Charles)

I just cannot believe that the Bike trail will be long term benefit ,will raise all sorts of issues ,huge risk ,track will be ripped up ,then adjacent land owners will not allow it to happen ,costs will blow out ,Government will not provide any more money .etc etc ,

Will only benefit select few ,not vast majority and end up being white elephant ,with very little use ,It is not a mountain bike track ,

Put the Millions (and it will be) put the Millions into Heritage Rail

Far more long term benefit to all of Tasmania and it,s children.

Sincerely

Signed

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