



30 July 2015

Ms Jenny Leaman, Inquiry Secretary,
Legislative Council, Parliament House,
HOBART, TAS 7000

Dear Jenny,

Re: Legislative Council Inquiry

I have an interest in establishing rail tourism on the main line throughout Tasmania. Although not envisaged as a significant financial benefit to TasRail directly I believe rail tourism would make a significant contribution to the visitor experience and Tasmanian economy.

My proposal for rail tourism is different to the conventional means of rail transport in that it incorporates a Hy-Rail vehicle fitted with a bus body for the transport of passengers both on and off rail. The proposal is currently with the Premier's office and TasRail for consideration.

Without going into detail this venture would compliment current rail activities including West Coast Wilderness Rail and Don River Railway as well as linking with the many and varied tourist destinations both close to and distant from the rail line all in the one unique vehicle, such is the versatility of my proposal.

Don River Rail are working hard to gain accreditation for access to the main line so it is paramount that TasRail continue to operate. TasRail need to be flexible in their thinking however and give due consideration to other options that can contribute to tourism and State economic growth.

Without TasRail in operation there could never be tourist rail activities taking advantage of the magnificent scenery and destinations that the main line has to offer.

Please accept this brief submission and apologies if it not quite what you were asking for but I hope that it may support other tourist rail operators that may have also contributed.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin J Brown