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\$7.6 MILLION FOR ETTAMOGAH RAIL HUB

The Ettamogah Rail Hub will receive \$7.6 million for increasing siding capacity by more than five kilometres as part of the NSW Government Fixing Country Rail Program.

Member for Albury Greg Aplin said the project will substantially increase freight capacity at the terminal.

“The siding upgrade will improve rail efficiency, capacity and management by enabling longer trains of up to 1,200 metres in length to be loaded off the main line,” Mr Aplin said.

“The use of longer trains will cut delivery times and allow more goods to be transported by rail, reducing costs for both producers and consumers.

“During the Cabinet visit to Albury in November last year, I arranged for the Premier to visit the Ettamogah Rail Hub where she saw first-hand the importance of the project and the long-term benefits for our region.

“I am absolutely delighted to see this project gain substantial State Government funding to significantly boost productivity at the Hub and open new opportunities to move more freight to port, said Mr Aplin.”

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, Melinda Pavey said Fixing Country Rail aims to relieve bottlenecks by upgrading parts of the regional rail network currently constraining effective freight movement.

“Regional NSW produces an estimated 210 million tonnes of freight a year and this is expected to increase by 25 per cent in the next 40 years,” Mrs Pavey said.

“Economic growth in rural areas relies on food, produce and raw materials which feed and power NSW, being able to move to market efficiently. Transport from paddock to port can be 18 per cent of the cost of grain sold by regional farmers.

“Fixing Country Rail supports jobs, growth and economic productivity in regional NSW by reducing the cost of getting goods to market. As costs come down consumers benefit at the till of their local supermarket and exporters become more competitive.”

The Fixing Country Rail program complements the successful Fixing Country Roads initiative, improving freight infrastructure and efficiency across the state. Mr Aplin said more than \$9 million has already been allocated to 12 projects in the Albury electorate under the Fixing Country Roads program.

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