

Chairman: Cr Phyllis Miller, Mayor Forbes Shire Council

14 December 2010

Maldon to Dombarton Rail Link Feasibility Study  
Nation Building Infrastructure Investment Division  
Department of Infrastructure and Transport  
GPO Box 594  
**CANBERRA ACT 2601**

**Subject: *Maldon to Dombarton Rail Link Feasibility Study Submission***

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Dear Sir/Madam

Centroc represents over 236,000 people covering an area of more than 70,000sq kms comprising Bathurst Regional, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Harden, Lachlan, Lithgow City, Oberon, Orange City, Parkes, Upper Lachlan, Weddin, Wellington and Young Councils and Central Tablelands County Council.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to respond to the feasibility study for the Maldon Dombarton Rail Link.

Centroc supports the completion of this link as it

- provides a linkage for freight rail into Port Kembla for Central NSW where our GDP is greater than that of Tasmania;
- recognises that over time and as climate change becomes more manifest, the use of rail in NSW will only increase with anticipated carbon pricing and peak oil;
- progresses the use of freight rail thereby removing trucks from member Council roads improving both the safety of these roads and their longevity and
- provides more opportunity for the rail lines coming in from the west into Sydney.

Centroc members would like to draw attention to the work being undertaken in the region to re-open grain rail lines. This work is intensive with local producers in various sectors and is showing that well managed rail services will be supported above expectations.

Further, assuming these rail lines and others open up in the region along with the extension of Port Kembla, the need for the Maldon Dombarton link will be increased.

We commend to you the approach taken in the Cowra Rail line Network Revival Study undertaken by SAMROM Pty Ltd in 2009 which also addressed the following issues we found material:

- Road maintenance
- Accident costs
- Greenhouse emissions
- Air pollution
- Noise pollution

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this project. Please contact the Centroc Executive Officer. Ms Jenny Bennett at any time regarding the above on 0428 690 935.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phyllis Miller', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

Phyllis Miller OAM  
**Chair**