



## **TAYLOR TO ARGUE FREIGHT RAIL GOOD FOR HUME**

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Angus Taylor, the Liberal Candidate will present a session on the future of freight rail in Australia at a fast train and freight rail forum being hosted in Goulburn this Thursday.

Mr Taylor will present at the forum in his professional capacity, rather than as the candidate for Hume. However he says solving the freight rail problems in the way he envisages will be "very good for Hume and very good for regional Australia."

Mr Taylor has worked on many freight projects in the course of his career as a business consultant with a focus on agriculture, resources and logistics. He is a recognised as an authority in this area, and has advised leading agricultural companies, miners and logistics companies on rail and infrastructure issues.

Mr Taylor says:

"For many years I have been making the case that freight rail has an important role to play in making roads safer, and less congested, whilst reducing the cost of Australia's fast growing freight task. As fuel and labor costs have risen, the trucking industry has faced challenges that need to be addressed – long haul rail can take some of the pressure away

Mr Taylor will tell forum participants that freight rail can only succeed on the East Coast of Australia as part of a four part strategy which involves:

- Firstly, the upgrade of existing rail lines on the East Coast of Australia;
- Second, the establishment of well located, world class intermodal freight hubs through the eastern seaboard states, including near Goulburn; and
- Third, the commencement of work on an inland rail route from Melbourne to Brisbane, which will support the reopening of some closed lines such as Blayney to Demondrille.
- Finally, alignment of road and rail charges and investment criteria.

Mr Taylor said:

"If we do these things, we can expect the private sector to provide much of the required investment, delivering faster, cheaper, long haul freight solutions and

much safer, less congested roads. And you needn't worry that we will be putting truckies out of work – their jobs are secure for shorter haul and express work. This is an issue worth fighting for.”

Please contact Angus Taylor on 0413 963 113 for further information.