

MAJOR PROJECT PROPOSAL

Southern Sydney Freight Line

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| Reference | 05-0089 |
| Location | The Southern Sydney Freight Line (SSFL) would comprise a single dedicated rail freight track, extending from south of Macarthur to east of the Sefton Park junction. |
| Proponent | Australian Rail Track Corporation |
| Council area | Campbelltown, Liverpool, Bankstown and Fairfield |
| Approval authority | Minister for Planning |

Description of proposal

The Australian Rail Track Corporation is proposing to construct, operate and maintain the SSFL. The SSFL would provide a third bi directional track for freight services, which would allow passenger and freight services to operate independently. The new track, 30km in length within a 36km railway corridor, would be located on the western side of the existing RailCorp passenger lines between Macarthur and the junction with the East Hills Line at Glenfield. At Glenfield it would cross over via a new grade-separated interchange, known as the Glenfield flyover, and continue through to Sefton on the eastern and southern side of the passenger lines. This will require construction and/or modification of road and rail bridges, retaining walls and embankments. Upgrades will also be required at six railway stations and their surrounding precincts — Leumeah, Minto, Casula, Warwick Farm, Cabramatta and Sefton.

Major Project

The Minister for Planning formed the opinion pursuant to Clause 6 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Projects) 2005* that the project is a Major Project under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* on 10 April 2006. An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared by the proponent to support the application.

Exhibition

The EA will be on exhibition from **3 May 2006 until 2 June 2006** during regular business hours, at the following locations:

Department of Planning

- Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney

Australian Rail Track Corporation*

- Level 15, 60 Carrington Street, Sydney

Nature Conservation Council of NSW

- Level 5, 362 Kent Street, Sydney

Bankstown City Council (Customer Service Centre)

- 66-72 Rickard Road, Bankstown

Campbelltown City Council (Administration Centre)

- Corner Queen and Broughton Streets, Campbelltown

Fairfield City Council (Administration Centre)

- 86 Avoca Road, Wakeley

Liverpool City Council (Administration Building)

- 1 Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool

For more information on the proposal, alternative exhibition locations, translation service and information days, contact the Proponent's Project Information Line 1800 998 781 (toll free).

*Copies of the Environmental Assessment and CDs are available for purchase at this location.

You may view a copy of the EA at www.planning.nsw.gov.au or www.ssfl.artc.com.au

Submissions

You are invited to make a written submission on this proposal. This submission should include:

- your name and address;
- the name and reference number of the proposal;
- a statement on whether you support or object to the proposal; and
- the reasons why you support or object to the proposal.

Your submission must reach the Department of Planning by close of business on **2 June 2006** and should be addressed to:

Major Infrastructure Assessment
Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Under section 75H of the Act the Director-General is required to send copies of submissions or a report of the issues raised in those submissions to the proponent, other parties and any other authorities the Director-General considers appropriate, but the names and addresses would be withheld.

Enquiries

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