

AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD

Director-General  
Department of Planning  
23-33 Bridge Street  
SYDNEY 2000

12 April 2006

Dear Director-General

**Subject: Southern Sydney Freight Line - Major project**

The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) proposes to carry out development, comprising construction of a freight track in the existing RailCorp Main South Line rail corridor between Macarthur and Sefton in southern Sydney. Further details of the proposed development are set out in the attached Project Application form.

We understand that the proposed development is, in the opinion of the Minister, a development of a kind described in clause 23 of schedule 1 to the *State Environmental Planning Policy – Major Projects 2005* and therefore requires the Minister's approval under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

This letter and the attached application form constitute an application for approval to carry out the project under section 75E of the EP&A Act and a request for environmental assessment requirements for the project to be issued under section 75F.

If you have any queries about the proposal please contact Michael Magney on 02 8259 0727.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michael Magney', written over a horizontal line.

Michael Magney  
Project Manager, Southern Sydney Freight Line

# Major Projects application



NSW GOVERNMENT  
Department of Planning

Date received: 12/4/06

Project Application No. 05-0089

## Before you lodge

This form is required to apply for the approval of the Minister to carry out a Project to which Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (the Act) applies.

Before lodging this application, it is recommended that you consult with the Department of Planning concerning your Project. A Planning Focus Meeting (PFM) may need to be held to identify the matters to be assessed in the Environmental Assessment. The PFM would involve the Department, relevant agencies, Council or other groups identified by the Department. If a PFM is required, you will need to present project details at the meeting. If a PFM is held, the Department will issue the Director General's requirements for the Environmental Assessment following the meeting.

An electronic copy of the Application must be sent to - [assessment@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:assessment@planning.nsw.gov.au)

An Application may also be lodged with the Director-General by courier or mail including an electronic version of the application.

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## 1. Details of the proponent

Company/Organisation/Agency

Australian Rail Track Corporation

ABN

75 081 455 754

First name ☒ Mr ☐ Ms/Mrs ☐ Dr

Michael

Family name

Magney

Position

Project Manager

POSTAL ADDRESS (or mark 'as above')

Unit/street no.

Street name

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Carrington Street

Suburb or town

Sydney

State

NSW

Postcode

2000

Email

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Telephone

02 8259 0727

Fax

02 9279 4539

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0407 900 452

## 2. Identify the land you propose to develop

(a) STREET ADDRESS (where relevant)

Unit/street no.

Street or property name

(b) SUBURB, TOWN OR LOCALITY

The project comprises of a single bidirectional track, 36 kilometres in length within the Main South Line railway corridor, extending from south of Macarthur to east of the Sefton Park Junction

Postcode

(c) LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

Campbelltown, Liverpool,  
Fairfield and Bankstown

(d) STATE ELECTORATE

Auburn, Fairfield, Cabramatta,  
Granville, Liverpool, Macquarie  
Fields, Campbelltown, Camden

(e) REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (where relevant)

NA

Note: The real property description is found on a map of the land or on the title documents for the land. If you are unsure of the real property description, you should contact the Department of Lands. Please ensure that you place a slash (/) to distinguish between the lot, section, DP and strata numbers. If the Major Project applies to more than one piece of land, please use a comma to distinguish between each real property description.

(f) MAP OF THE LOCALITY

Refer to Figure 1 of the  
Project Description Report

(g) MAP OF THE SITE

Refer to Figure 2 of the Project  
Description Report

3. Proposed Major Project – Description and other Requirements

Provide a brief title for your Project.

Southern Sydney Freight Line

PROJECT APPROVAL

If you are applying for a **project approval**, include in the project title all significant components for which approval is being sought. If the application relates to only part of a Project, the title of the project should relate the part for which approval is being sought.

Is the application for a Project approval?

Does the application relate only to a part of a Project?

☒ Yes ☐ No  
☐ Yes ☒ No

CONCEPT APPROVAL

If you are applying for a concept approval, include all components for which approval "in concept" is being sought. If the application relates to approval of Project, the title of the project should relate the part for which approval is being sought.

Is the application for a Concept approval?

Is a project application being made concurrently for an approval of part of the site?

☐ Yes ☒ No  
☐ Yes ☒ No

4. Project Description

ESTIMATED PROJECT CAPITAL INVESTMENT VALUE

Please indicate capital investment value of the project including plant and equipment but excluding the land value.

\$192 million

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT JOBS

Please indicate the number of jobs created by the proposed Major Project. This should be expressed as a proportion of full time jobs over a full year.

Construction jobs (full-time equivalent)

300

Operational jobs (full-time equivalent)

12

You are also required to provide a Project Description (based on the outline in Schedule 1 attached) and address any matters required by the Director-General in accordance with s75E of the Act. Failure to do so may lead to your application being rejected.

Is a Project Description addressing matters in Schedule 1 attached:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the Project Description include any additional matters required by the Director-General under s75E of the Act?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Note: An electronic copy is required as all applications must be provided on the Department's website. You should contact the Department on the correct electronic format. Eight (8) copies of all paper documents (including plans) are required.

5. Approvals from state agencies

Does the proposed Major Project require any of the following: (tick all appropriate)

- ☐ an aquaculture permit under section 144 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*
- ☐ an approval under section 15 of the *Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961*
- ☐ a mining lease under the *Mining Act 1992*
- ☐ a production lease under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*
- ☒ an environment protection licence under Chapter 3 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (for any of the purposes referred to in section 43 of that Act)
- ☒ a consent under section 138 of the *Roads Act 1993*

## 6. Application fee

You are required to pay a fee for the assessment of a Major Project. This fee is based on the estimated cost of the Major Project.

Usually the fee is payable prior to the exhibition of the Environmental Assessment. However, the Department may require you pay a proportion of the total fee with this application. You should consult with the Department before lodging this application to determine if a proportion to be paid.

## 7. Notification or Landowner's Consent

**A. LANDOWNERS CONSENT.** Where landowners consent is required under Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, a Major Project cannot be determined without having the signature of the owner of the land.

As the owner(s) of the above property, I/we consent to this application being made on our behalf by the Proponent:

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|-----------|--|-----------|--|
| Land      |  | Land      |  |
| Signature |  | Signature |  |
| Name      |  | Name      |  |
| Date      |  | Date      |  |

### B. NOTIFICATION WHERE LANDOWNERS CONSENT NOT REQUIRED

(a) For Linear projects and Mining or petroleum projects  
Newspaper(s) where notice to be advertised

Sydney Morning Herald, The Fairfield  
Champion, The Liverpool Champion, South  
Western Rural Advertiser, The Camden  
Advertiser, The Bankstown-Canterbury  
Torch and The Campbelltown Macarthur  
Advertiser.

Proposed date(s)

19 April 2006  
(Sydney Morning  
Herald)  
19 April 2006 (all  
other newspapers)

(b) For Critical Infrastructure projects and other cases  
Landowner(s) to be notified

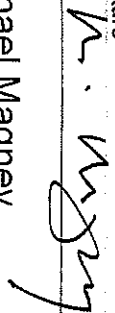
Proposed date

## 8. Proponent's Signatures

As the proponent(s) of the proposed Major Project and in signing below, I/we hereby:

- provide a description of the proposed Project and address all matters required by the Director-General pursuant to Section 75E of the Act, and
- apply, subject to satisfying Clause 8D of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, for the Director-General Requirements for the Environmental Assessment pursuant to Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and
- declare that all information contained within this application is accurate at the time of signing.

Signature



Name

Michael Magney

Company/Organisation/Agency

Australian Rail Track Corporation

Position

Project Manager

Date

12.4.06

In what capacity are you signing

as above

## **Schedule 1 – Project Description Report**

A Project Description Report for the proposed Southern Sydney Freight Line is attached.