



## Riverina Sustainable Food Alliance

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To whom it may concern

The Riverina Sustainable Food Alliance (RSFA) is a group initially formed by farmers and stakeholders in the Riverina region.

As a group of concerned ratepayers and citizens of the Wagga Wagga region, we are deeply concerned with the proposal of Inland Rail which passes through Wagga Wagga on the Albury to Illabo section.

We believe that there should be a bypass for all heavy freight rail around the city. Australian Rail Track Corporation are proposing to use the existing old, single line viaduct which is 120 years old. It is already a congested track and more freight movements on this line will only exacerbate the problem.

Both hospitals and specialist health services are within a very short distance of the existing line. The rail proposal will effectively cut the city in two with the larger and more frequent freight. The response times with the level crossings will cause congestion and delay for response time.

Kind regards

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