

Two More Trains For Singleton

A campaign for two additional daily passenger rail services from Newcastle to Singleton

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Major Project Assessments
Department of Planning
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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission - Nundah Bank Third Track Project (MP 10_0094)

Two More Trains for Singleton wishes to make a submission in response to the exhibition of the proposed Nundah Bank Third Track near Singleton. The proposal is to add 4 km of additional railway track.

Two More Trains for Singleton is a community group seeking additional daily CityRail services between Singleton and Maitland. The group has an interest in ensuring that current public transport is substantially enhanced to support expected additional urban development and expected future growth in rail passenger demand.

The group has reviewed the proposal, and makes the following comments:

- 1 The provision of additional track capacity is supported, provided that it enables additional passenger rail services to be provided to Singleton and the Upper Hunter Valley in the future as well as increased coal trains.
- 2 The environmental assessment report fails to recognise relevant proposals in the Singleton Land Use Strategy 2008. The strategy identifies a proposals for a future road crossing of the Main Northern Railway line at the southern (Singleton) end of the proposed additional track, and also a potential future Singleton Heights Railway Station location (Figure 6.3). This Strategy has been adopted by both Singleton Council and the NSW Government for future land use planning purposes.
- 3 Given that the third track is to have a 100 year design life, an assessment must be undertaken of suitable locations for proposed future infrastructure (ie road crossing and station). It must review the implications of the third track on these proposals and ensure that the new track must make provision for the future road crossing and station to be constructed in future. Consideration should be given to undertaking earthworks and drainage for a railway station as part of the present proposal.

The group requests that conditions of approval be imposed on the project to ensure that the above matters are resolved as part of any project approval.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.

yours sincerely

for **Two More Trains For Singleton**
