

30 August 2021

The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP
Premier of New South Wales
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Via email: premier@dpc.nsw.gov.au

Dear Premier,

Notice of Council Resolution – Canberra-Eden Rail Line

At its meeting of 26 August Snowy Monaro Regional Council, on a Notice of Motion from Cr John Last, passed the following resolution:

That Council recommends to the NSW Government via the Premier on the basis of the referenced Review and Articles that:

- A. The economic and financial findings of the referenced Feasibility Study should be set aside; and
- B. An independent and expeditious economic and financial assessment of the referenced four-part Concept Plan should be prepared on transparent terms of reference

Council therefore respectfully recommends that your Government sets aside the previous feasibility study for the proposed Canberra to Eden heavy rail line and commission a new study with new terms of reference.

Council is also an active supporter of the Monaro Rail Trail proposal allocating \$90,000 in this year's Operational Plan to further the development of detailed plans. Following consultation with a variety of groups Council is satisfied that both the heavy rail and the rail trail could comfortably co-exist.

The local community, through the Cooma-Monaro Progress Association, has been very active in developing concept plans and costings, including:

1. *Concept Plan for Canberra to Eden Railway* by Edwin Michell, published 2018 in four parts in print and at www.coomansw.com.au by Cooma and Monaro Progress Association.
2. *Canberra to Port of Eden Rail Feasibility Study, Executive Summary* dated May 2020, published September 2020 on the Transport for NSW website and reproduced in the below *Review*.
3. *Review of Feasibility Study on Canberra to Eden Railway* dated 9 March 2021, published
4. April 2021 in print and at www.coomansw.com.au
5. Articles by Edwin Michell published at www.hotrails.net :

Canberra-Eden Rail needs another look, 11 May 2021

Errors in the Canberra-Eden Railway Feasibility Study, 16 May 2021.

Other weblinks to the references are listed in the attachment.

Council looks forward to working constructively with the State to progress what would be an important economic driver for South East NSW.

Yours faithfully



Peter Bascomb
Chief Executive Officer

CC: The Hon. John Barilaro, Deputy Premier and Member for Monaro

Attachment:**Snowy Monaro Regional Council
Other Weblinks to References on Proposed Canberra to Eden Railway**

Abbreviated Name	Weblink	Year of Publication
Concept Plan	https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-1543273573/view	2018
Concept Plan Part 2	https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-1549998015/view	2018
Concept Plan Part 3A	https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-1549998154/view	2018
Concept Plan Part 3B	https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-1549998296/view	2018
Review CMPA	https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2957843456/view	2021
Reviews Michell	https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2981322979/view	2021
