

# GET THE COMPETITIVE EDGE WITH RAIL

## GRAIN AGRI BUSINESS REGIONAL FREIGHT HUNTER VALLEY NETWORK



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### About ARTC

The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) plays a critical role in the transport supply chain and in the overall economic development of Australia. By providing rail access and train management we move a range of commodities across our network including general and containerised freight, bulk minerals and agricultural products as well as coal, iron ore and other commodities.

### ARTC's Hunter Valley and Inland NSW network

Our network consists of more than 1600km's of track, extending to Parkes via Dubbo in the Central West of NSW to North Star in the far north of the state. Our network is high performing, efficient and proven:

- › We will haul around 35 billion gross tonne kilometres in 2015, equivalent to 125,000 loaded B Triple return trips from Melbourne to Brisbane.
- › We have capacity available today for new agricultural freight
- › We can increase the length of general freight trains and deliver the equivalent of an additional 30,000 TEU through the Hunter Valley from NW NSW using the same number of train paths.
- › We can run heavier, longer grain trains than ever before: 1200-1350m or 70+ wagons long
- › Our network from Moree to Newcastle offers the opportunity for growers to double or potentially triple payloads.

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# THE BENEFITS



Get more out of your supply chain: Longer, heavier trains, allows greater productivity and our network operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Available capacity for agricultural freight today: We have invested more than \$1.4bn over the last 7 years extending and upgrading our Hunter network to improve safety and reliability and cut transit times.



Direct savings at the farm gate: Bigger payloads and faster cycle times mean we can reduce your costs by at least \$5 a tonne, even more.



Reinforce the sustainability credentials of your product to market by using a cleaner, greener freight alternative that is three times less carbon intensive and three times more fuel efficient than road.



Proven network: We move more than 1 million tonnes of agricultural product across our Hunter Valley network every year. That's equal to 25,000 heavy vehicle movements.



Safer roads: Each day we deliver trains carrying around 23,000 tonnes of freight per hour, the equivalent of a B Triple every ten seconds - without the safety impacts or damage to local roads.

We believe rail offers agri-business and grain producers a great opportunity to realise significant supply chain savings.

Now, after years of investment thanks to coal industry demand to build and grow our rail network, there is opportunity for agricultural producers to take advantage of our world-class, heavy haul network.

ARTC serves a number of markets across the Hunter and inland NSW, including non-coal markets and is a strong supporter of regional Australian business. By running more efficient, longer and heavier trains directly into the Port of Newcastle precinct, we can improve the entire supply chain, and cut costs for producers.

Our rail network connects to all major domestic capitals, ports and markets and this includes direct access into the Port of Newcastle which has multiple grain terminals; a shipping channel which can handle double the current trade volume and storage facilities totalling 240,000 tonnes.

Getting more of your freight on to rail can only be a good thing for business, communities and jobs. Call us today to find out how rail might benefit your supply chain.

## Find out more:

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