

MOUNT ISA TO TENNANT CREEK RAILWAY

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Location: Barkly region, Northern Territory, Australia

Sector: Freight

Investment type: Greenfield

Estimated total project cost: \$2-3 billion

Project status: Conceptual



Project description:

The Mount Isa to Tennant Creek Railway Project aims to link the existing Tarcoola to Darwin Railway with the Great Northern Line operating from Mt Isa to Townsville.

The Northern Territory Government considers a rail link connecting the Northern Territory to north-western Queensland as critical for regional and national economic development and the creation of regional employment opportunities.

The project would provide rail connectivity to the Port of Darwin for the potential development of phosphate, agriculture, gas/ liquids and other mineral exports along the rail corridor. The Port of Darwin has excellent rail and road access and capabilities to handle bulk and container freight.

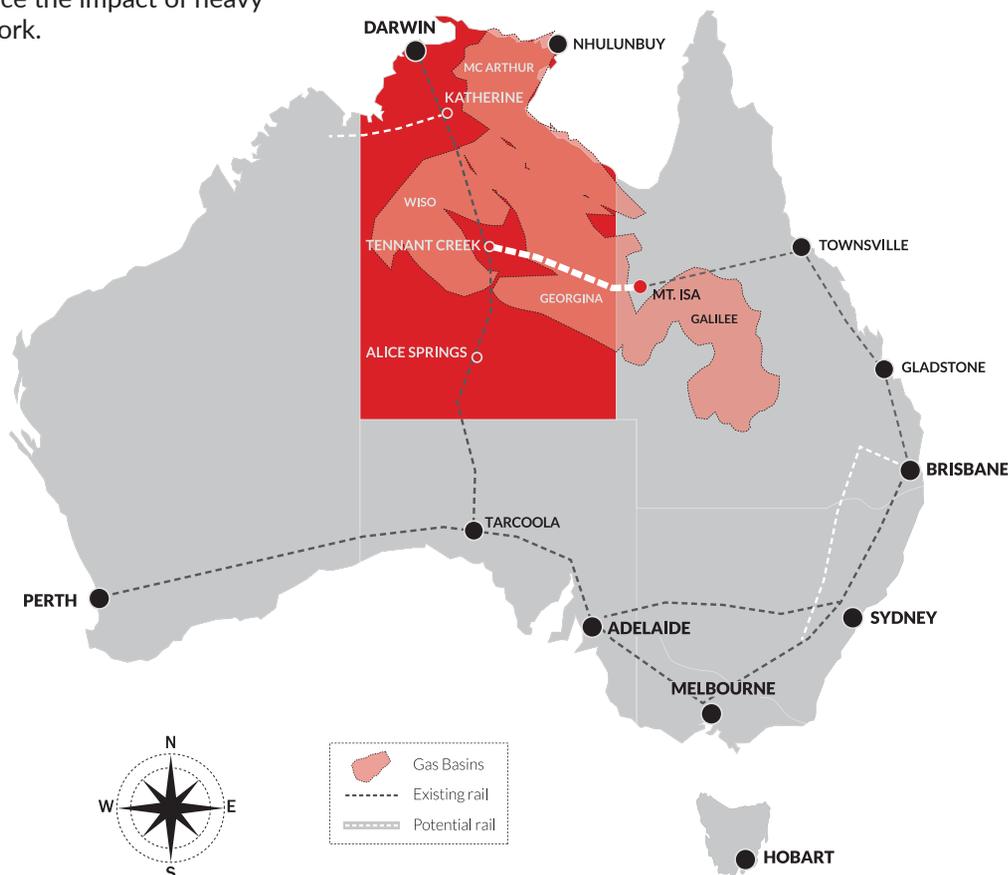
The project would also provide additional rail connectivity into the Mt Isa region to support existing and potential mining and processing opportunities. General freight between the Northern Territory and Queensland would also be able to move to rail and reduce the impact of heavy vehicles on the interstate road network.

Current status:

The Northern Territory, Queensland and Australian Governments are investigating into the project to understand the economic, commercial, technical, environmental and engineering requirements that will need to be addressed as part of any future development of the railway as part of the Darwin to Townsville transport corridor.

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