

## 7.4 LMM 26/03/2024 - NEWCASTLE'S HIGH-SPEED RAIL STATION LOCATION

### MOTION:

That City of Newcastle:

1. Notes that the Federal Government's High Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) recently announced that it was seeking tenders for work that will support it to deliver a business case for the Sydney to Newcastle section of the high-speed rail network by the end of 2024.
2. Notes that the work will help inform important elements of the business case including proposed alignment, station locations, fleet, cost estimate and future construction timeframes. Delivering a business case is critical to the success of this project.
3. Writes to Chief Executive Officer of the HSRA, Mr Tim Parker regarding Broadmeadow, which is the only viable location in the Greater Newcastle region for consideration as Newcastle's station location, due to its strategic placement and planned redevelopment. This position is supported by the project's inclusion in Infrastructure Australia's Priority List which highlights how the precinct supports multiple objectives of government.
4. Highlights within that correspondence Broadmeadow's benefits, and it being best placed to meet the HSRA's objectives, including due to its identification in local and state strategic plans for large scale urban renewal and planned future housing supply of at least 17,000 new dwellings, inclusion of Hunter Park sport and entertainment precinct, and connections with current and future public transport facilities, arterial roads and significant NSW Government owned lands.
5. Acknowledges the Federal Albanese Government has committed \$500 million for the planning and corridor protection of the Sydney to Newcastle section, established the High Speed Rail Authority and determined the business case will be done by the end of 2024.
6. Notes our support for the project, and acknowledges the enormous economic benefit that the project will deliver to the local and state economies, in addition to providing increased public transport options for commuters.

### BACKGROUND:

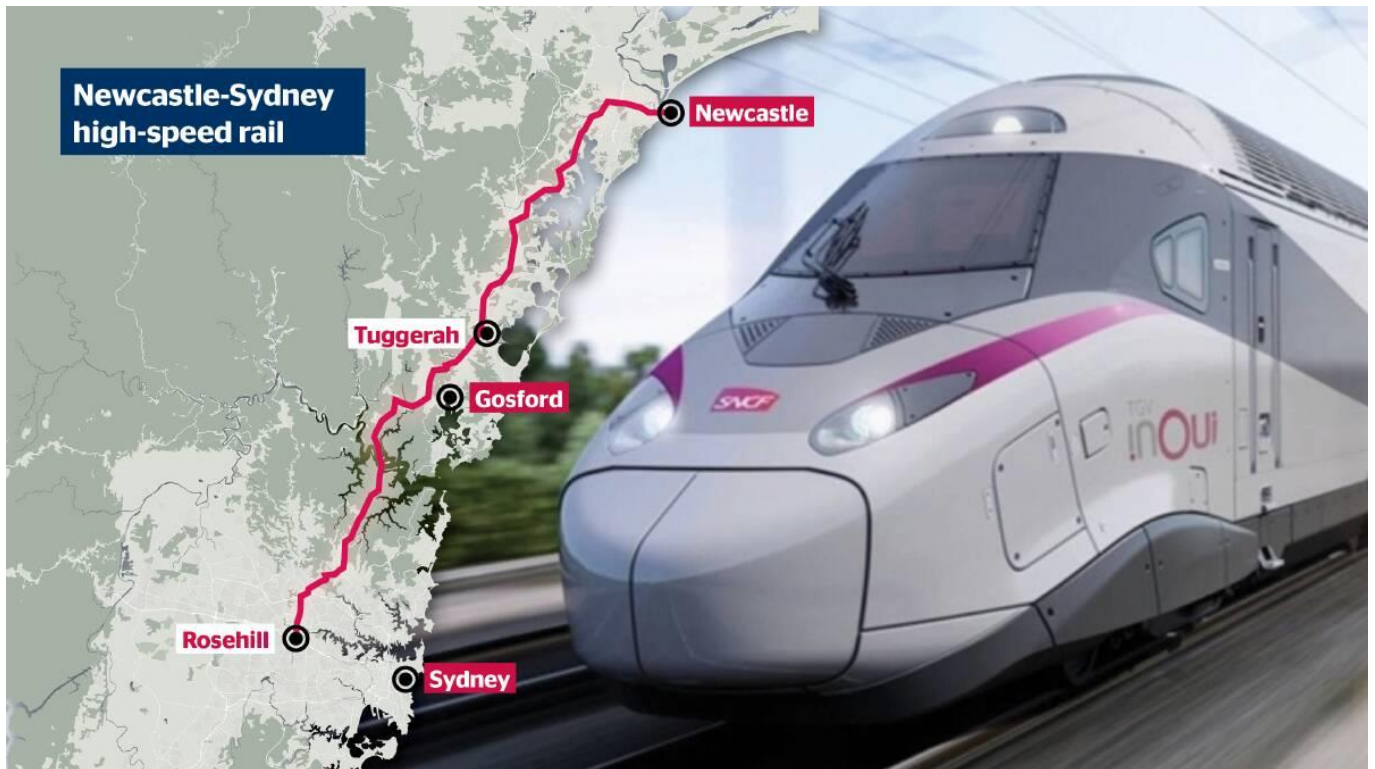
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## **TENDERS TO DEVELOP BUSINESS CASE FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL NETWORK**

18 March 2024

The High Speed Rail Authority is seeking tenders to help develop and plan the first stage of a high-speed network from Newcastle to Sydney.

The federal government is inviting tenders for eight work packages, which will allow the authority to deliver a business case for the Sydney to Newcastle section of the high-speed rail network by the end of 2024.



The eight packages include project controls (costs, schedule and risk), rail operations planning, First Nations participation and engagement, and commercial, delivery strategy and industry engagement.

The work will inform elements of the business case, including proposed alignment, station locations, fleet, cost estimate and construction time frames.

The federal government has committed \$500 million for the planning and corridor protection of the Sydney to Newcastle section.

A statement from Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Catherine King, said delivering a business case was "critical to the success of this project and getting it right from the start will be of enormous benefit to the Australian economy".