Australasian Railway Association

- **Who we are:** The peak body for rail in Australia and New Zealand

- **Our structure:** A member-based association that represents over 140 organisations across the rail industry

- **Our vision:** A world-class rail industry that contributes to a liveable and sustainable society that benefits all

- **Who we represent:** passenger and freight operators, private and government, track owners and managers, suppliers and manufacturers of rollingstock and components, contractors, consultants and other rail-related organisations
ARA Four Core Member Groups

ARA Board

- Passenger
- Freight
- Manufacturing & Suppliers
- Contractors
The ARA - What We Do

- **Advocate:** promoting the development of our industry, its benefits and achievements to create a better environment for rail
- **Provide business development / networking opportunities:** we run multiple events throughout the year – conferences, courses, dinners, forums, CEO lunches etc
- **Facilitate information sharing:** committees / working groups create consultative forums to share knowledge and collaborate for improved operational and productivity outcomes across industry
- **Lobby:** providing one voice to influence Federal, State and Territory policies and decisions
Australia has the 6th largest rail network in the world at 44,262 kms.

New Zealand’s rail network is over 4,000 kms.
Our Customers

- **203 million** light rail journeys
- **696 million** heavy rail journeys
- **1.2 billion tonnes** of freight

**Total:**

- **899 million** customer journeys
- **17 million** trains trips every week or **2.5 million** people daily!
Projected Population Growth

Australia’s population is projected to double to 46 million by 2075

Source: Infrastructure Australia analysis of Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2013
Australia’s current freight task is forecast to:

- Double what it was in 2006 by 2020, and
- Triple by 2050.
Bow Wave of Opportunities

Macromonitor – major rail projects in Australia

Major Rail Construction Projects in Australia*
(FY2006 – 25F)
Billions of Dollars

* The Inland Rail project is excluded
Opportunities Create Challenges

• It’s a great time to be in rail. Forecast rail infrastructure work valued at almost $100b up to 2030.

• Rail is a safer, greener, cleaner solution.

• It’s critical that as an industry we grasp these opportunities and work closely with all governments to capitalise upon them via a National Rail Industry Plan.

• There is a skills and resource shortage.

• Essential to grow the capabilities of companies and individuals – especially growing a much younger diverse workforce.
Questions?