

The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP
Minister for Regional Transport and Roads



Ref: LA PETITION

Ms Helen Minnican
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Re: LA PETITION - 10,000+ MR ADAM MARSHALL - PASSENGER TRAINS

Dear Ms Minnican,

I write in response to the petition lodged in the Legislative Assembly on 23 November 2023, by the Hon. Adam Marshall MP, regarding the reintroduction of passenger train services on the Great Northern Railway between Armidale and Jennings/Wallangarra.

I am advised that there are currently no plans to reintroduce passenger train services on this section of the Great Northern Railway. The corridor was considered extensively to be reopened as part of the planning and business case for the Inland Rail, however, it was ruled out by the Australian Government.

The government has committed to delivering Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans. These plans will reflect the needs of regional communities and will include detailed evaluations of the communities transport needs now and into the future. They will include actions and initiatives that are costed to enable funding decisions to be made based on priorities.

To determine whether the passenger train services on the Great Northern Railway between Armidale and Jennings/Wallangarra could be made operational again, Transport for NSW would need to review the proponent's business case. I invite the Hon. Adam Marshall MP to contact Transport for NSW directly should he have any further queries in relation to the matter.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to the Government's attention.

Sincerely,



Jenny Aitchison MP
Minister for Regional Transport and Roads