

Support for Rainbow Line Welcomed

The Rail Freight Alliance (RFA) welcomed Minister for Ports and Freight, Melissa Horne's announcement to support the Rainbow to Dimboola Line.

This line was closed at the beginning of the 2019 grain harvest, leaving an estimated 150,000 ton of grain stranded from the interstate network and global market via rail. This was grain destined to drought ravage farmers in New South Wales, utilising the ATRC network to transport grain via rail.

RFA welcomes Minister Horne's responsiveness in rectifying the situation once she was made aware of the issue and removing the uncertainty many producers and grain accumulators faced.

Rail maintenance is a vital to ensure Victoria has the safest, most environmentally and cost-effective mode of transport available to utilise freight movements both intrastate and interstate. It is vital that business that invest in rail are provided certainty in their investments.

The Alliance congratulates Minister Horne, this is a great announcement. The continuation in future rail maintenance budgets will ensure certainty around any investments these operators make.

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