

COMPLETE THE MALDON-DOMBARTON RAIL LINK FOR BOTH PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT!



A LINE TO NOWHERE? Part of the unfinished Maldon-Dombarton rail line.

The NSW Greens are calling on the NSW government to complete the unfinished Maldon-Dombarton rail line and to ensure that the rail line carries both passengers and freight.

The \$600 million expansion of Port Kembla demands a simultaneous upgrade of transport infrastructure. This makes completing the Maldon-Dombarton rail line a necessity.

Without a rail link hundreds of tonnes of freight will be forced onto roads, multiplying the risk of road accidents and deaths in the Illawarra area.

Growing the port without building additional rail infrastructure is like building a new suburb without schools, childcare or public transport.

Completing the Maldon-Dombarton rail line would also boost the Wollondilly Shire's access to essential and recreational services, and improve access to higher education.

With investigations underway into completing the Maldon-Dombarton railway, there are rumours that the government is looking into a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) to fund the project, with reports of interest from Walker Corporation, Toll and Macquarie Bank.

The NSW government's disastrous PPP track record with the Cross City Tunnel and Sydney Airport Link mean that the people of NSW cannot risk yet another government blunder.

The Greens are calling for the Maldon-Dombarton rail link to remain in public hands.

WRITE A LETTER TO PREMIER NATHAN REES

Call on the NSW government to:

- Complete the abandoned Maldon-Dombarton railway
- Ensure that the rail line carries **passengers** as well as freight
- Keep the project in public hands

Remind Premier Rees that at this time of rising petrol prices and climate change, the government should be prioritising rail and public transport options.

Send your letter to:

**Premier Nathan Rees
Level 40
Governor Macquarie Tower
1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000
thepremier@www.nsw.gov.au**

Send a copy to Planning Minister Kristina Keneally, your local state MP, and Greens MP and transport spokesperson Lee Rhiannon.

WHERE IS THE MALDON- DOMBARTON RAIL LINK?

South Coast Rail line branching from the Unanderra line at Dombarton, connecting to Maldon, east of Picton.



TIMELINE

- 1983: Line commenced by NSW Liberal Wran Government; \$600m spent. Continued under Unsworth.
- 1988: Greiner Government terminates construction before railway completed, citing economic reasons.
- 1998: Premier Carr pledges \$37 million if the Federal Govt. completes the work. Funds never forthcoming.
- 1990s: Carr Govt indicates it would consider completing the line in a PPP.
- 2006: Greens launch campaign to finish Maldon-Dombarton railway.
- 2007: Federal Labor promises \$300,000 for pre-feasibility study.
- 2008: Line's completion remains uncertain.

THE GREENS CAMPAIGNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

THE ERA OF CHEAP OIL IS OVER

Easily accessible oil stocks are dwindling while prices skyrocket. Climate change means we must move away from road transport to more sustainable rail.

The peak oil phenomenon, the rapid expansion of the Illawarra population and Port Kembla freight operations highlight the need for more public transport options in this region.

The Greens campaign to complete the Maldon-Dombarton rail line as a passenger and freight service is a key plank of the party's work for an ecologically sustainable future.

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EXPAND NSW SOUTH COAST PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPTIONS

SUPPORT THE GREENS CAMPAIGN TO GET THE MALDON-DOMBARTON RAIL LINE RUNNING FOR PASSENGERS



A BRIDGE TO NOWHERE? An unfinished bridge on the Maldon-Dombarton railway

- DEVELOP A PASSENGER AND FREIGHT RAIL SERVICE
- RETAIN IN PUBLIC HANDS
- CALL FOR FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING

