

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE RETURN OF TRAIN SERVICES TO THE LISMORE-
YELGUN RAIL CORRIDOR**

Date:

Name of Business:

Email and phone:

To: Secretary, Northern Rivers Railway

I am writing to you, expressing our strong support for, and commitment to, the proposed restoration of rail services on the Lismore to Yelgun railway line, with initial services operating between Byron Bay and Mullumbimby.

This proposal will provide the community and visitors alike with alternatives to private vehicles or limited bus transport, assist with de-congesting key local roads, and improve multi-modal transport links. These initiatives will address the significant transport challenges currently faced by our region.

Why this project is important for our community:

1. It will enhance connectivity and provide access to services for residents, including the youth, the elderly and those with disabilities who struggle with reliable access to education, employment centres and to healthcare and professional facilities.
2. This project will improve efficiency for local businesses and industries, enhancing the competitiveness of local businesses and support current and future jobs.
3. It will reduce reliance on private transport as local roads are highly congested.
4. The proposed services will incorporate safety and infrastructure, directly contributing to the national objective of reducing road related accidents and fatalities, reducing DUI incidents, and making our community safer for all users.
5. It will foster social inclusion by helping connect residents and visitors to social, recreational, and cultural events, which is essential for overall community health and wellbeing. We can contribute our support, where we feel it will provide the best fit, through any of the following resource options:
 - A. In-kind support: e.g. volunteer hours, surveys, promotion through local networks
 - B. Sponsorships, vouchers or donations
 - C. Expertise/collaboration: willingness to collaborate with project partners & government

We believe this project is a crucial investment in the future of our region. Its alignment with regional development, safety, and productivity makes it ideal for funding and support. We wish NRRL every success with this vital project and are available to provide any further information required.

Yours sincerely,

Business or Organisation representative's name and role: