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To whom it may concern,

Premium Solar and Electrical are excited by the prospect of the current proposal that seeks to extend train services back to the Northern Rivers railway line between Lismore and Yelgun, at the top of Byron Shire.

To have a frequent, reliable and sustainable rail service in the Northern Rivers would be a game changer for the people we work with and that we support through our organisation.

The recent introduction of a rail trail in the Northern Rivers would be greatly enhanced with the introduction of a tourist and commuter rail service. Riders could park their car (start at a station) i.e. Byron, Mullum etc and then ride to another one and then get the lovely train back to where they started from. I think it would be wonderful and would also significantly increase the usage of the train and the experience of the riders.

It will be a win/win for the whole community and for the visitors to our region, with a bike path built beside a train service running on the tracks. With well over two million visitors to our region per year looking for alternative experiences, the return of a train service would spread the tourism dollar and opportunities throughout our region.

Thousands of tourists in Byron and beyond would go on the train, it could easily be pitched as a must do attraction to check out some of the neighbouring towns and villages, as well as workers in Byron could live in other towns/villages and commute. Students could easily travel to Southern Cross Uni and other higher education centres (like they used to many years ago). Other businesses etc could also form and leverage the rail trail service for additional economic development, job opportunities, experiences for both locals and visitors alike.

The whole team at Premium Solar and Electrical support the return of a low emissions train service to our region to service our locals and tourists' non-road transport needs.

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With increasing advances in Solar panels and Batteries, the future light rail services can be powered predominantly by clean energy.

With Governments spending many billions of dollars on motorways and tunnels in the capital cities, for a fraction of that cost we could transform our region. Many of our local roads are congested and in poor condition. Population growth is also expected to continue.

I fully support the local railway companies, Northern Rivers Railway and the Northern Regional Railway Company. They are working to fix the line and bring rail services back to our region. For the elderly, the disabled, the youth, commuters, tourists & us all, we would like train services to return to the Northern Rivers.

Yours sincerely

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