

Southern Sydney Freight Line



Client Australian Rail Track Corporation
Date 2010-2012
Value \$650 million

Description

The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) undertook a program of works to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of rail freight services along the North-South Rail Corridor between Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane called the Southern Sydney Freight Line.

Previously, a major bottleneck in the rail freight network existed in southern Sydney, where freight trains were required to share existing rail lines with the Sydney metropolitan passenger services. To alleviate this bottleneck, ARTC constructed the Southern Sydney Freight Line (SSFL), a dedicated freight line for a distance of 36 kilometres in southern Sydney allowing passenger and freight services to operate independently.



Approach

Comacon were engaged by ARTC as the Stakeholder and Communication Manager, and the various contractors and later alliance partner. This proved very effective for maintaining relationships with key stakeholders when construction was suspended for a period.

Highlights

The 36-kilometre freight line traversed four Local Government Areas in south western Sydney; Bankstown, Fairfield, Liverpool and Campbelltown. In Fairfield alone, over seventy different languages are spoken. Four highly successful Community Liaison Groups were established to enable ongoing targeted information for and consultation with residents, organisations and community groups.

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