

Cooma and Monaro Progress Association (CMPA)

Concept Plan for Canberra to Eden Railway Progress items from May 2018 to March 2019

In May 2018, CMPA intended to give more attention to the possibility of a Canberra to Eden railway. CMPA engaged engineer and economist Edwin Michell to make a Concept Plan for the railway.

Then, with a grant from Snowy Monaro Regional Council, CMPA engaged Edwin Michell to make a Preliminary Estimate of Cost of the railway and two cost/benefit analyses. All four documents were published on CMPA's website:

- Concept Plan, 5 July
- Preliminary Estimate, 24 August
- Financial Cost/Benefit Analysis, 28 September
- Socio-Economic Cost/Benefit Analysis, 23 November.

Edwin Michell presented the Concept Plan to :

- ACT Major Projects Conference, 29 August
- Engineers Australia, Canberra (35 attenders and 160 webinar registrants), 4 October
- Snowy Region Construction and Development Conference, 15 November
- Engineers Australia, Sydney (65 registrants), 7 March 2019.

The NSW Government on 22 August announced it would commit one million dollars towards a feasibility study into Canberra to Eden railway. Three speeches at the announcement in Cooma were placed on CMPA's website on 30 August. Tenders for the feasibility study were invited in January 2019 and closed on 27 February.

CMPA representatives met the NSW Minister for Transport in Bega on 28 September and 30 November, progressively providing more information on the railway.

Briefings on the railway were provided by CMPA representatives to:

- Snowy Monaro Regional Council, 5 July
 - South East Australian Transport Strategy, quarterly meeting, 9 November.
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