

STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT 2018-21

ARA Purpose

Creating vibrant cities, thriving regions and a connected nation.

ARA Strategic Imperative

Facilitating the growth and capability of the rail industry while collectively adding to the social, economic and competitive fabric of Australia and New Zealand through:



- Freight rail, as the backbone of the nation's supply chain, connecting to domestic and international markets,



- Passenger rail, as the spine of multi-modal travel, connecting people within cities and to regions,



- Suppliers, manufacturers and consultants capitalising on the opportunities to engage and deliver, and



- Contractors, underpinning the delivery of rail infrastructure.

All benefiting from a diverse, capable, well trained workforce.

ARA Strategic Priorities



Safety: continued improvements and regulatory reform

- Technology enhancements for safer networks
- Rail safety data
- Fatigue management
- Drug and alcohol management
- Cost recovery



Policy: advocate consistent policies for our national industry

- Removing jurisdictional differences
- Driving national freight and supply chain strategy and associated infrastructure investment
- Road/rail pricing
- Accessible passenger rail systems
- Embracing new technologies
- Environmental benefits of freight on rail and passenger electric journeys
- Support the improvement of supplier's competitive capabilities
- Improve tendering and procurement practices

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Workforce: a diverse, capable, well trained workforce

- Skills gap analysis
- Supporting a national approach to roles, training, courses and competency requirements and management
- Rail industry worker card
- Diversity in rail
- Promoting careers in rail
- Young rail professionals



Future: ensuring rail continues to provide the backbone of transport networks

- Smart Rail
- Land preservation for freight and passenger rail corridors and intermodal terminal precincts
- National pipeline of rail projects
- Separation of passenger and freight
- i-Trace
- Rail optimisation



Members: supporting industry needs through targeted and responsive engagement

- Collaborative and sustained effort on driving ARA's purpose and strategic priorities
- Knowledge sharing, networking and value
- Events to support advocacy agenda
- Cross industry initiatives

