

Hi,

Hope all is well.

I am running a community engagement program for the federal seat of Wright. Part of my work is to provide information to the estimated 4000 homes in the “catchment” of the proposed Inland Rail route through Gatton and Forest Hill.

Many people I have spoken to already are not aware of the implications of using the existing alignment, mainly around noise. The WHO noise limit for uninterrupted sleep is 44db, a number that will be difficult to achieve.

Through consultations with various parties, I am also aware that proposed alternatives to the route will see Inland Rail terminate at Toowoomba. This makes sense for a number of reasons:

- **Exorbitant costs of tunnelling for the down range section of the line.**
- **Noise considerations – there are many more than 4000 homes that will be affected by this project, making the consortium vulnerable to compensation claims.**
- **Viable alternatives such as the Rail / Road option using the Toowoomba terminus / Warrego Highway freight corridor upgrade.**

We all want to see the project go ahead. I am happy to meet to discuss options.

Regards,

Andrew South