

Site

- **76 ha site selected; only one to meet all six selection criteria**
- **Soil tested**
- **Surveyed; topography and site boundary**
- **Subdivided, purchase option agreement exercised and in process of being acquired (May 2026)**

Planning

- **Rapid appraisal prepared by Dept of Transport confirming the need for the new intermodal**
- **Business case and costings completed**
- **Local planning policy framework assessment undertaken**
- **Traffic assessment has been prepared**
- **High level site design completed – includes future proofing**

Community and Industry support:

- **The Sunraysia Mallee Port Link intermodal project is included as a high priority in the Ouyen Inc Community Plan**
- **An extensive number of businesses attended numerous meetings (e.g. DOT stakeholder meeting March 2018, meetings with politicians), have provided letters of support and were involved in the development of the Sunraysia Mallee Port Link business case**
- **The Australasian Railway Association (ARA) and Freight On Rail Group (FORG) listed it as a critical infrastructure gap project in their joint submission to the Victorian Freight Policy Review in 2024**

Anchor tenants:

- **a hay exporter** who is poised to invest \$10 million in constructing an export hay facility

Construction - Local content –aim:

- **3,000+ recycled plastic sleepers manufactured in Mildura**
- **earthworks, plumbing, buildings, electrical, concrete, fencing, roads, landscaping**

'Shovel Ready'—but awaiting reinstatement of the direct rail link to the Port of Melbourne

- **Prior to the commencement of the Murray Basin Rail Project, trains on the Yelta/Mildura to Maryborough rail corridor travelled direct to port via Ballarat and Gheringhap (Nth Geelong).**
- **Now they are detoured via the Grampians, adding an extra 130 km in each direction of travel.**