



SUPER SATURDAY SURVEY DRAWS SUPER RESULTS!

As Australians in five Federal Electorates were forced back to the polls on July 28 because of political and bureaucratic stuff-ups, we gave you an opportunity to vote and express your opinion on the political and bureaucratic stuff-ups over regional and rural train services, which affect ALL SOUTH AUSTRALIANS!

SIMPLY, WE ASKED ...'DO YOU WANT TO SEE A RETURN OF RURAL RAIL SERVICES TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA?'

Well! Our FaceBook page and our website lit up like the proverbial Christmas Tree in the middle of winter, taking our combined 'hits' to both sites to more than 5,500 for the month of July!

The results? Here's a snapshot:

Of those who responded to our survey, 11% were aged 19-25; 26-35, 22%; 36-50, 19%; and over-50's, 48%. We even had one respondent aged 13-18! Well done, Tom from the Barossa!

Respondents came from all over the State, principally from the Mid North, the Barossa, the Murraylands, the Iron Triangle and the South East.

See just some of the comments responders gave, below.

tell us about your decision:

Josh, Mid North

It's about the need not the want, we need regional trains.

Samuel, Mid North

South Australia needs a decent reliable rail for many reasons that would benefit our State.

Garry, Barossa

Having lived in the Hunter Valley in NSW for a year I was impressed at how effective train services are there (despite good road services); which surprised me why aren't train services in my own home town in the Barossa.

Steve, Mid North

Trains are needed in rural areas.

Judy, Barossa

I have used rural trains and would definitely again.

Tom, Barossa

It must be restored to bring life back to struggling country towns.

Greg, SA/VIC border regions

Essential to enable safe travel throughout the vast state and remove large trucks from the roads.

Julia, Mid North

Been all around the world, rail is the best way to travel across the land.

Brett, Fluerieu Peninsula

Trains should return to the Barossa and Mt Barker.

James, South East

Cities like Mt Barker, Mt Gambier, Whyalla and Broken Hill are constantly growing in population and have been seriously neglected by previous Labor governments.

Lisa and Nick, Mid North

Rail should have never stopped in country SA, what is wrong with our governments? we need these services to help grow business and to be able to get around in comfort, please make our governments put rail back on the agenda to help grow our State.

Russ, Barossa

Rural SA has been forgotten for too long.

Ashton, Mid North

Doh, it creates employment, gives people a chance to apply for jobs in other towns, better for our roads.

Paul, Mid North

Safer than the roads. More sociable than the roads. For freight and for passengers. Will bring people out of Adelaide to see more of South Australia.

Vaughan, Barossa

Growth of regional centres without suitable public transport now, or planned.

Anne, Barossa

Take pressure on local air services and why shouldn't rural communities have more options on public transport, not everyone drives.

Sam, Barossa

Easier to get to work and footy matches in the city.

Kathy, Barossa

The only top tourism area in Australia that doesn't have transport to the city.

Caldarola, Iron Triangle

Far safer and vastly more comfortable way to travel.

Alison, Mid North

The Northern rural area has been forgotten!! I live in Hamley Bridge, a once thriving rural community when the train was running through. Since its closure, our town has almost become redundant, businesses have closed down, unemployment is rampant. Because of distance between major towns, some people have settled here because they know they will receive benefits because distance travel is too great. We have become isolated due to lack of transport choices into Adelaide, with the "locals" finding it difficult to attend meetings or appointments with Health Professionals. We are desperately in need of reinstatement of the rail, for both personal and financial opportunities. I am currently in the process of establishing a major Tourist Attraction here and have had exceptional help to proceed from The Tourist Bureau in Adelaide. It had meant travelling into Gawler to catch the train and walking to appointments. The Northern area has definitely forgotten, I believe because members of Parliament live South and have been "feathering their own nests", pushing through efforts in those areas. It's our time now and we really need this to happen. I am both passionate and BRAVE and will assist in any way to see this happen.

Nathan, South East

It would make sense to stop being inefficient with long haul trucks and use freight trains. It would save money spent on road repairs and would make the roads safer as there would be less traffic.

Julie, Barossa

Be great for the Barossa.

Kevin, Iron Triangle

We had an effective transport system that the clever people destroyed. The basis is still there. Let's start to resurrect the systems.

Sharon, Barossa

We need efficient transport to & from Adelaide.

Adele, Adelaide

Not everyone can afford to fly!!

Michelle, Mid North

The trains should never have been stopped in rural areas.

Janet, Adelaide

Would love this.

Tim, Adelaide

For so many reasons, including road safety.

Tim, Hamley Bridge

To re-build country towns, a way to get to work, take big trucks of narrow country roads that were never meant for them!

How would a return of rural rail services benefit you?

Vivienne, Mid North

Health problems needing attendance at RAH has left us depending on availability of community car. Rail would make life much easier.

Peter, Mid North

It would allow me to get out and about visiting family and friends as a loss of licence due to age or illness leaves myself and many others stranded without any form of transport. Would also allow fellow pensioners to commute to other areas not accessible at the moment.

Lisa and Nick, Mid North

I have elderly parents who would love to be able to visit, at the moment bus travel is too uncomfortable, and driving scares the hell out of them with the massive trucks on the roads, and these days it is so scary because of the reports recently of many truck drivers and others on the roads taking Ice, very concerning - please we need a passenger train from Adelaide to the country regions now more than ever.

Russ, Barossa

Regional rail transport services, and a return of a Barossa tourism train, would benefit SA's premier wine region, creating jobs and boosting the Barossa economy. What is it that the State Government doesn't get?!!!

Ashton, Mid North

Being unemployed it would give me a chance to apply for other job vacancies in other towns, especially when I haven't always got the money to drive, I also have a question, why hasn't the new Liberal Party elected run a poll like this in the media? they are all about looking after the regions, well prove it, show some intelligence and start listening to the people who elected you in and bring back the trains - is it that bloody hard?

Paul, Mid North

Can get to the airport without relying on other people. Can travel to Adelaide as a group and have fun on the way. Can drink more than one glass of wine. Can read on the way, if alone.

Chloe, Barossa

Be able to travel to uni everyday independently rather than driving 40 minutes to the Gawler train.

Daniel, Murray Bridge

I live in Murray Bridge. Need a good way to get to the city.

Liam, Barossa

Work, ability to get to Adelaide for appointments with no car. More tourists up in the Valley!!

Anne, Barossa

I'm OK where I live but I could travel and visit some other places in comfort. My options would be more open. It would encourage more tourists to visit if public transport was more readily available for them.

Sam, Barossa

I work in the city so a train service would make it a lot easier to get to work.

Kathy, Barossa

Easy access to Adelaide especially for the elderly or people who don't drive. Much cheaper and easier to get to the airport. We don't have the luxury of chauffeurs.

Mel, Barossa

Will help a lot with tourism and also offer a way for locals to head into town.

Greg, Barossa

You could use the Former Barossa Wine Train and use it as a Passenger Train running between Nuriootpa/Tanunda to align with the Gawler trains going to Adelaide.

Caldarola, Port Pirie

Safe easy accessible and comfortable way to travel.

Alison, Mid North

Open up opportunities and promote access to Health Care, standard of living, communication and lifestyle. It would make travel much safer too.

Benjamin, Murraylands

It would bring tourists to my region and bring affordable public transportation probably take less than two busses from Murray Bridge to Adelaide 3hrs on a bus.

Nathan, South East

It would benefit me by allowing the roads to be in better condition for commuting locally as large trucks would be replaced by rail freight. It would also offer a good commuting service to get to other regional towns and would also encourage me to get to Adelaide as it would be very easy to get into Adelaide with a passenger service.

Julie, Barossa

Having driving issues would be great for commute to Adelaide to the RAH. Plus it would bring revenue to our region a big plus.

Cale, Barossa

Tourists, visitors and wine region. Wine freight could also use the rail line.

Kevin, Iron Triangle

It would give me the satisfaction that South Australia has a chance to be great again.

Richard, Barossa

Obviously it would give me another transport option besides using the car. It would be cheaper than driving into Adelaide (petrol, parking etc). I would probably go to Adelaide more often if there was a rail service available which would benefit businesses in Adelaide and it would also bring more people from the city into regional areas which would benefit businesses in those areas.

Milton, South East

Visits to the city for health services that are not provided here.... more comfortable than the bus for a bigger person and cheaper than air travel.

Sharon, Barossa

As a "Senior" it would make the trip by train much easier as driving in the city & metro area is becoming daunting. Also far more economical travel by train versus private car running costs and parking fees. Difficult for pensioners or those on fixed income.

Adele, Adelaide

Yes. Travel between Adelaide and Broken Hill and all the way to Sydney.

Michelle, Mid North

For young parents with children or the elderly, to just be able to travel without tackling all the road traffic. How wonderful that would be!

Janet, Adelaide

What a great way to show off and celebrate our regional areas, People love trains - put some great South Aussie wines and food on them, even better!

Haydn, South East

It would allow safe and economical travel to Adelaide.

Tim, Adelaide

Improve road safety by giving an option for travel, and in particular rail should be the primary mode of choice for medium to long distance freight.

Derylie, Mt Barker

I have a train-mad grandson I would love to take on them.

Lisa, Tanunda

It would help facilitate travel to the city so I wouldn't have to drive and deal with (expensive) parking.

Tim, Hamley Bridge

WOULDN'T HAVE TO DRIVE TO WORK AND GAWLER FOR SHOPPING !

Vivienne, Mid North

Health problems needing attendance at RAH has left us depending on availability of community car. Rail would make life much easier.

Tell us your experiences battling road-trains on regional roads....

Paul, Mid North

Worst of all is the turbulence travelling behind them and the wall of air when they pass oncoming. At speeds already in excess of 110km limit, I've had them sit a metre behind me. I've been run off the road once with them behind me.

Daniel, Murray Bridge

More freight is pushed on the road causing severe deterioration.

Caldarola, Iron Triangle

It's just plain dangerous - no rural road other than highway one has been designed that volume freight with safety as its main concern.

Nathan, South East

The roads get chopped up and are in constant need of repair. Log trucks are getting onto and off the highway on blind bends and bottoms of gullies causing highway speed to be reduced in those areas to 40kmh and most of the forest they are logging used to have temporary rail heads set up to cart logs by rail.

Sharon, Barossa

B-Doubles & road trains should not be allowed on regional roads close to cities. They need long distances to stop quickly. They do not adhere to speed limits & if they are below limits are often difficult to overtake due to size and length. They destroy road surfaces causing undulations, pot holes and broken edges. This is a huge financial impost to maintain roads.

Tim, Adelaide

A bias for putting larger freight vehicles on roads is counter-intuitive when considering future road transport volumes for light vehicles/passenger transport. It also does nothing to solve heavy vehicle driver fatigue issues and heavy vehicle regulation.

Tim, Mid North

I drive on Owen Rd from Templers to Hamley Bridge. That road is very narrow and when you have one of those big grain trucks go past at 100km, on a narrow road a bit scary, also not much better on Horrocks Highway.

Vivienne, Saddleworth

We live on the Barrier Highway with road trains and bits of wind turbine trundling past all day. Enough said!

THANKS TO ALL WHO RESPONDED!

REMEMBER TO KEEP AN EYE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, AS WE RAMP-UP OUR EFFORTS TO SEE A RETURN OF REGIONAL AND RURAL RAIL PASSENGER AND FREIGHT SERVICES TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA!

...and remember, alert all your friends to our efforts. That way we can keep the pressure on our politicians!

