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Progress on Rail Reform Inquiry
Productivity Commission

Rail does not provide a "door to door" service and nor could it. I am concerned that in planning of rail infrastructure, this is not given the importance it warrants.

Ultimately this inquiry is about improving the productivity of Australia's rail infrastructure. Part of that must taking into account the freight and commuters get to the freight terminal/station by other means.

I am particularly concerned about commuters as one myself but obviously what I say also applies to freight.

I ask that the inquiry also consider what commuters are using the system for.

If it is for shopping, why not plan new rail routes with the station inside or next to the shopping complex.

If rail is to carry commuters to work, as well as secure car parking, why not provide facilities for storage of push bikes and carriage of bikes on trains during all hours, feeder bus service, etc.

If Australians are to use trains more for commuting, it must be quick and easy to get to and from stations as well as being safe, quick and cheap form of travel.

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