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Nationals back away from Cobb's Inland Rail announcement **Cobb says delivered – Vaile non-committal**

The Inland rail link between Melbourne and Brisbane is again showing how the National Party can't get their act together.

Minister for Community Services John Cobb when asked on ABC Radio New England North West recently what the National Party had delivered to country people, he replied they had delivered 'the Inland Rail'.

Today in Parkes, Mr Vaile was less committal to the project.

"National Party Member for Parkes John Cobb announced that the National Party had delivered the Inland Rail Project to country people – he said it loud and clear and without qualification in answer to a question on ABC New England North West.

National Party Leader, Deputy Prime Minister and now Minister for Transport and Regional Services, Mark Vaile today backed away from Mr Cobb's announcement indicating to a conference in Parkes on the Inland Rail project that it was not a fait accompli.

Mr Vaile's comments seem to indicate that the Inland Rail project might happen by 2019.

That's 13 years away and could hardly be claimed as being delivered as Mr Cobb has done.

It's another snow job by Mr Cobb trying to con country people into believing that the National Party is delivering for country people.

Country people are starting to see through the veil of promises made by National Party MPs like John Cobb thinking that they won't be held accountable for their words.

If Mr Cobb is hanging his hat on the Inland Rail project, he's just had it blown away by his own leader," Mr Windsor said.