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INLAND RAIL MISSING LINK FAST-TRACKED

The announcement today of the missing link for the Inland Rail between Moree and Toowoomba being granted Major Project Facilitation (MPF) status by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, The Hon Anthony Albanese, has been welcomed by the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor, as a major step in fast tracking the project.

Mr Windsor is delighted that the Federal Government is going to assist in helping the Australian Transport and Energy Corridor Ltd (ATEC) in their efforts to link Melbourne and Toowoomba and further north. He believes that the project is long overdue and with this assistance, bureaucratic red tape should now be able to be cut significantly.

“ATEC and Everal Compton have been beavering away for over 15 years to convince all levels of Government, particularly State and Federal levels, that this project is a visionary and important link in our transport infrastructure. I congratulate Mr Compton for his commitment and tenacity in moving the proposal to this stage.

I also congratulate the Government on their decision to support the development of this project and I look forward to the benefits that it will bring to inland Australia” Mr Windsor said.

Further information about the project can be obtained by contacting Everal Compton on (0407) 721 710 or Tony Windsor on (0427) 668868.

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