

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Nash

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Question:

Before you get to the objectives, could you just take on notice what all those comparative proposals were — the ones that led you to the decision that this was the most appropriate one for government?

Answer:

Twenty five technical and commercial options were considered against their potential to achieve the Australian Government's project objectives. The technical options had regard to, and varied according to, freight demand, rail access, track layout and site plan, environmental and geotechnical considerations, road access and operational requirements. Various technical options were considered against a variety of commercial delivery options.

The business case evaluated these options in terms of the costs of construction and operation, and the benefits to New South Wales and national productivity. This process recommended the proposal that was announced by Government.

The private sector proposal on the adjacent site was explicitly considered as part of this process. The process determined that the private sector proposal would not deliver on the productivity and freight outcomes set by Government.

The extensive business case that underpinned the Government's decision is available on the Finance website.