

The Railway Sector in Australia

Launch of a detailed report for UK companies

Thursday 8th April at 10:00am
BIS Conference Centre
No.1 Victoria St, London
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UK Trade & Investment are pleased to announce that a detailed report exploring trade opportunities in the railway sector in Australia will be officially launched on Thursday 8th April at the BIS Conference Centre in Westminster.

The report is based on a fact-finding visit to Australia by UKTI, the Rail Industry Association and company representatives. It included a series of meetings with key officials and senior rail industry personnel arranged by the UKTI office in Sydney.

The Australian rail industry is dominated by heavy freight and suburban passenger lines. But there is growing demand for general and regional freight services as the environmental benefits of rail are increasingly recognized. The passenger sector is served mainly by commuter and metro lines, and there are various expansion plans underway to modernise the networks and create additional capacity.

The need for investment in both freight and passenger lines, as well as reform of the regulatory system, is widely recognised as necessary to maintain economic growth and meet the future transport needs of the country.

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The authors have identified the following opportunities for the UK rail industry in Australia:

- Enhancing connectivity and productivity of mainline networks
- Creating additional metro capacity and integrating transport modes
- Signaling and design
- Consultancy, project management, safety and regulatory services
- Sustainable development including energy efficiency and cost savings
- Training and skills
- Supply chain provision

The presentation will begin at 10.00am, following which there will be an opportunity to question the authors about the market. The session will finish at 11.30am. All participants will receive a copy of the report at the meeting.

Companies attending the seminar will also have an opportunity to meet UKTI's railway sector team to discuss rail priority markets and export promotion activity in 2010-2011.

The seminar is free but delegates are asked to register in advance to ensure admission.

Please register your intention to attend by e-mailing:

Andrew.Thomas@ukti.gsi.gov.uk with 'Australia Report Launch' in the subject line, or by phoning 0207 215 2400 or 4773.