

Q Is the Department working on corridors and related projects for the very fast train? Is that far enough advanced that are you starting to work out what is happening with that?

A The Department is not actively working on a high speed rail or corridor proposal. However the draft Metro Strategy indicates the entry and exit lines for a potential high speed rail for the Metro area.

Q Why another 12 to 18 months for the Murray regional strategy just to get to a discussion paper? Is this the worst case scenario? Are you prepared to clarify with a question on notice?

A The original timeframe was to have the Discussion paper for the Murray Regional Growth Plan on exhibition by June 2014, however due to resources being diverted to the introduction of the New Planning System for NSW, the previous timeframe may now be ambitious, although exhibition in 2014 is still expected.