



Track Duplication – South of Hay Point

A key project of the Goonyella Rail Expansion Project

Aurizon, Australia's largest rail freight company, is working closely with industry partners to improve Queensland's vital coal supply chain and meet growing global demand for Queensland coal, especially from Asia.

Aurizon is currently investing \$130 million in the Goonyella Rail Expansion Project. The projects will lift coal haulage capacity from 129 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) to 140 mtpa on the Goonyella System, the single largest export coal network in the country.

A major track duplication project south of Hay Point near Mackay is one of the first projects to be approved under the Goonyella Rail Expansion Project.

The 924 km Goonyella Rail System in Central Queensland services 30 coal mines in the northern Bowen Basin. Coal is railed to the Port of Hay Point, south of Mackay, where it is exported through the Hay Point Services Coal Terminal operated by the BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) and the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal operated by DBCT Management.

The rail system upgrade by Aurizon will support proposed development of port facilities. The construction timetable for the 7 km long track duplication south of Hay Point will align with BMA's expanded port facilities due to come on line in early 2014.

The track duplication will occur parallel to the existing main line south of the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal and Hay Point Coal Terminal balloon loops.

Safety

Aurizon has a **ZEROHARM** policy. The safety of staff, contractors and the community is critical to all its rail operations, including all work undertaken as part of the Goonyella Rail Expansion Project.

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Estimated project value:
\$73 million

CONSTRUCTION START:
End 2011

CONSTRUCTION END:
End 2013

Benefits

The duplication works will benefit operations at both existing coal terminals, providing:

- » safer train movements and greater operational flexibility
- » additional holding capacity for trains waiting to enter and leave the port unloaders
- » streamlined operations.

Managing safety and traffic issues associated with the duplication works are key priorities, and Aurizon will address any potential impacts in close consultation with local communities.

The Goonyella Rail Expansion Project also includes a feeder station at Wotonga plus Track Sectioning Cabins (TSCs) in Carborough Downs and Grosvenor that will improve rail operations and power system reliability. This work will start at Wotonga in early 2013 for completion by early 2014 and commissioning by mid 2015.

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