

> High speed rail in Australia

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Siemens has welcomed the latest reports about renewed interest in the construction of a high speed rail (HSR) network in Australia.

As one of the global leaders in high speed rail, Siemens is ready to support the infrastructure needs of a HSR project in Australia. Infrastructure remains a key enabler for investment from allied industries.

Investment required for this project presents enormous opportunities. A recent economic study sponsored by Siemens for the US showed that the required investment in high speed rail connections would pay off, become profitable and encourage growth in the relevant regions within a few years.

Our international experience show HSR links better integrate regional and metropolitan communities, ease congestion on roads and at airports, and substantially reduce carbon pollution.

HSR network could boost tourism, increase the pool of available workers and help create economic and social hubs in cities and regional areas.

In Spain for example, Siemens supplied the Velaro trains for the busy Madrid to Barcelona high speed rail route. It achieves 99.95 percent punctuality and has resulted in a 50 percent reduction in air travel within 12 months, making a significant reduction to greenhouse gas emissions.



[Read more information about the Siemens Velaro trains here.](#)

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