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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your further correspondence about the Train to Cessnock initiative. I note you also wrote to the Member for Cessnock about this matter. I trust you will accept this response to both approaches.

I appreciate your continued advocacy of the Train to Cessnock proposal and note your request to have a feasibility study conducted prior to the completion of the Hunter Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan which is expected to be finalised in 2025. Upon receipt of your correspondence, I sought information from Transport for NSW.

Transport for NSW has advised that there is currently no funding to look at this corridor prior to 2025. The current priority for investigations for this region is passenger rail services on the existing operational Hunter Line, noting this supports the Anambah to Branxton growth corridor.

Transport for NSW values your feedback and suggestions, and has confirmed it will continue to look at the potential future of the Maitland to Cessnock rail corridor. However, any detailed investigations will be post 2025 and subject to funding availability.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. I genuinely appreciate the effort you have made to raise this matter with the Government.

Yours sincerely,



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The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP
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