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I wish to voice my support for an alternative rail corridor for freight in the adelaide hills, I have read the report and it appears that the existing line offers no opportunity for increasing, in the long term, the freight tonnage per day. The existing line is totally unsuited in grade and curvature for freight traffic. Having worked in heavy rail haulage for a WA mine railroad I find the figure of 3500 ton for rail freight somewhat laughable, it cannot be economic. It seems to me that option 1 is very short term thinking and has inadequate expansion capability.

Option 4 is the best long term solution however I would support option 3 as the best compromise of cost and efficiency.

If you continue to run freight on the existing line or a realigned version of it eventually there will be another serious accident. Also the noise and traffic disruption will be totally unacceptable.

Relocating the line will allow the local road network to be upgraded, it will reduce waiting time and pollution levels.

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