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International Trade



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Rail Outward Mission to New Zealand and Australia

UK railway suppliers are invited to join a Railway Industry Association (RIA) trade mission supported by UK Department for International Trade (DIT) to New Zealand and Australia. Participants will meet key players and find out more about opportunities in these booming railway markets.

In partnership with:



**Railway Industry
Association**

The voice of the UK rail supply community

Mission Dates

Tuesday 29 November 2022
to Monday 05 December 2022

(AusRAIL 06 – 07 December 2022
Voluntary activity)

Costs & Travel

£995 plus VAT per company for a DIT OMIS charge (£600) & RIA Management Fee (£395)

Delegates will be responsible for their own flight bookings and related costs including hotels. A detailed programme will be provided along with a mission brochure.

With any overseas travel, RIA recommends that those travelling always check the latest travel advice issued by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) before committing to travelling and again before travelling.

Australia

Australia has fared better than most countries from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, with GDP figures holding stronger than many Western economies. Infrastructure spending as a stimulus package remains high, with major works continuing to be funded particularly in Western Sydney and Greater Melbourne, with plenty on the horizon with the announcements for the 2026 Commonwealth Games to be hosted in regional Victoria and the 2032 Olympics to be in Brisbane.

The rail focus is twofold: heavy rail for freight, primarily overland, and rail for metro systems. New metro systems are underway in Sydney and Melbourne, including links to Melbourne's existing International Airport and Sydney's new second International Airport. Underpinning this growth is a strong demand for rolling stock and maintenance. All State Governments are regularly releasing contracts to supply new rolling stock for current projects, as well as, refreshing existing fleets. Additionally, there is a focus on upgrading regional railway systems, both passenger and freight, particularly in NSW and Victoria.

New Zealand

Auckland's City Rail Link (CRL), the country's first underground rail loop currently under construction, is set to be followed by the Auckland Light Rail project's CBD-Auckland Airport line. The Government is also investigating additional heavy rail capacity in the Upper North Island, including a spur line from the main freight rail corridor north of Auckland to the port of Whangarei and a rapid regional rail network to link Auckland to the fast-growing city of Hamilton.

UK-Australia and UK-New Zealand Free Trade Agreements

The UK signed a free trade agreement with Australia in December 2021 and New Zealand in February 2022. The new trade deals will lower tariffs, improve mobility and simplify trade and investment regulations, making it easier to do business in Australia and New Zealand.

Outline Programme (Draft)

The mission will visit multiple cities with a site visit, roundtables, and a reception in each location:

Tuesday 29 November – Auckland, New Zealand (a.m. flight to Melbourne 30 Nov)

Wednesday 30 November & Thursday 01 December – Melbourne, Australia

(Midday flight to Sydney 1 Dec)

Thursday 01 December & Friday 02 December – Sydney, Australia

Saturday 03 December & Sunday 04 December - Free weekend, make own way to Brisbane for 9 a.m. Monday start

Monday 05 December – Brisbane, Australia

Tuesday 06 December & Wednesday 07 December - Brisbane, Australia. Voluntary attendance at AusRAIL. For more details

visit the [AusRAIL](https://www.ausrail.gov.au) website.

Registration

The event is open to all UK registered companies – 2 delegates per company limit.

A minimum of ten companies are required for the mission to go ahead. Applications are open until full or Friday 30 September. Click the button below to register.

REGISTER HERE

Please note you will be first required to create an account if you have not used the RIA booking system before.

On successful registration delegates will receive an automated email confirmation.

Contact

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