

# Tweed Valley Business Community Survey

## PRESERVING THE MURWILLUMBAH TO CRABBES CREEK RAILWAY LINE

Dear Business Owner/Manager,

### HAVE YOUR SAY

In the ongoing debate about the Tweed section of Rail Trail there has NEVER been a thorough and effective community consultation to determine what our local business community wants in regards to the railway tracks.



In a report by Council submitted for the Feb 2018 Council Meeting, Council admits that “the Rail Trail has not benefitted from any specifically targeted shirewide consultation and therefore cannot adequately demonstrate categorical community support”.

Our Community Group, We Can Ride Together, supports the investigation into light rail services using the EXISTING railway line between Byron Bay and Murwillumbah, and beyond. Neighbouring Byron Shire Council have proven it is possible by their recent independent feasibility study.

<https://tinyurl.com/ky7jvfd9>

To repair our track in Tweed Shire and then run light rail, as in Byron Shire, need not be prohibitively costly. On the contrary – it will open the way to destination Murwillumbah and bring in visitor dollars. The Cross Border Commissioner recently commented on ABC Radio National of the importance of bringing the Gold Coast Airport train to Tweed Heads. When Byron Shire brings light rail to our border at Yelgun, how silly will we look having ripped up the tracks in between? Retaining the tracks could provide an incredible opportunity to tap into the 2.5 million visitors to Byron Bay each year. If just 2% of them visit destination Murwillumbah on a day trip, that could equate to 50,000 visitors per year to our town! The Rail Trail ONLY option, with the Stafford Group Research Report, predicts only 27,000 visitors after 10 years of operation.

	Yes/No
1. Do you support the Rail Trail ALONGSIDE the EXISTING railway tracks?	
2. Would a light rail service from Byron to Murwillumbah help grow your business?	
3. Do you believe a regular, light rail community transport service between the villages along the track would benefit the wider community?	
4. May we list your business name as being supportive of light rail with the Rail Trail built ALONGSIDE the railway tracks (this may include local and/or national media)?	

NAME OF BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME & SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_ For further information call Marie Luxford: 0401 833 164