

# Save Our Trains Petition.

## What Are We Trying to Achieve?

We call on the Government and KiwiRail to commit to maintaining existing intercity passenger rail services. Furthermore, we ask for a comprehensive national strategy for future passenger rail services built around concerns for climate action, accessibility, and economic development.

## Why is this important?

Trains connect communities and are an important part of climate change action. Yet state owned enterprise, KiwiRail, has announced the permanent termination of same-day intercity services between Auckland/Wellington and Picton/Christchurch. It will be replaced by a luxury multi-day rail cruise. This effectively means the termination of most of New Zealand's national passenger rail network after more than 100 years of service.

This announcement comes at a time when the Government has said it is committed to climate action and reducing inequality.

Generations of people have a personal connection to trains. They have connected friends and families for graduations, weddings, tourism, and business. They have connected towns with cities and brought our country together. But trains have an even more important place in our future.

- Rail provides a more sustainable and climate considerate method of transport across the country.
- Rail can invigorate the social and economic life of small communities by making them accessible to remote workers and tourists.
- Trains can bring our diverse country together by connecting people and landscapes across wide distances.
- Trains provide an accessible method of point-to-point transport for the elderly and disabled.

**Rail is an important part of our past, but it should also be part of our future. Join the campaign to support the retention and growth of a national passenger rail network.**

## What Can You Do?

Here are some ways we can work together to save our national rail network...and build a better one.

- **Sign the petition** to Hon. Michael Wood, Minister of Transport, and KiwiRail.
- **Share the petition through your network.**
- **Talk to your local MP, Mayor, or Councillor.**

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