

This is a sample socio-economic and industry profile for a hypothetical train maintenance facility project.

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## Regional town

### Legend

**Labour Force Participation Rate:** People in the labour force employed or actively looking for work

**Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA):** The SEIFA index is derived from attributes that reflect disadvantage, such as low income, low educational attainment, high unemployment, and jobs in relatively unskilled occupations. A lower score indicates a greater level of disadvantage. The average for Australia is 1,000. Areas with an index above 1,000 are above the Australian average and so relatively less disadvantaged, while index figures below 1,000 indicate areas of relatively greater disadvantage when compared to the nation.

Project specifications	
Project	Train maintenance facility for the regional rail fleet – construction and maintenance of the facility, and maintenance of the new regional rail fleet
Value	\$700 million
Timeline	Construction phase – 2 years Operations phase – 15 years
Jobs created	Construction – 300, including professional (engineers), technical, trade and plant operatives Operations– 60, including engineers, mechanical and electrical trades, and logistics
Geography	
Brief introduction to area	This is a regional town where historically land was used largely for agriculture, particularly sheep and cattle grazing and wheat and wool production, with some crop, cotton and vegetable growing and viticulture. Skills shortages exist, particularly in engineering, trade and technician occupations, and are being further exacerbated by the infrastructure pipeline of work.

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Demographics	
Estimated Resident Population (ERP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ERP is 51,007, and between 2011 and 2016 the population grew at a rate of 6%.</li> <li>The Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander population makes up 12.8% of the general population, a much higher rate than that of the region (4.7%), the state (2.9%) and Australia (2.8%).</li> </ul>
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The median age of 36 years is lower than that of the region (41 years), the state (38 years) and the nation (37 years).</li> <li>The Aboriginal median age is 21, indicating a low life-expectancy for this group.</li> </ul>
Socio-economic status	
SEIFA index of disadvantage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The town scores 977, marginally higher than the region (969), but lower than the entirety of the state (1001).</li> </ul>
Local employment	
Unemployment - All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The unemployment rate is 4.2%, lower than both region (5.65%) and state (5.1%).</li> </ul>
Labour force participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Labour force participation is 61.5%, higher than the regional rate (56.4%).</li> </ul>
Relevant occupations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevant occupations for the train maintenance facility are professionals (17.5%), technicians and trades workers (14.1%) and managers (13.4%).</li> </ul>
Education	
Educational attainment - General population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>39.8% of the general population aged 15 and over hold educational qualifications, and 47.6% have no qualifications, compared with 41.5% and 46.8% respectively for the region, and 45.8% and 42.8% respectively for the state.</li> <li>28% of Aboriginal people in the town have completed Year 12 compared to the state (28.4%)</li> </ul>
Local industry	

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Relevant industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>6.4 % of the population work in manufacturing, similar to the regional rate (6%). 7.1% work in construction, slightly lower to the region (8.7%).</li></ul>
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